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LOYALIST BURIAL GROUND

Credit: New Brunswick Museum (Circa 1875)



Saint John's original burial ground was established on this site shortly after the landing of the United Empire Loyalists in 1783. The first recorded burial is from 1784 (Conradt Hendricks) with its closure as a cemetery in 1848. The last interment was of William Henderson, a shoemaker. In fact, to honour his final wishes of being buried alongside his departed wife and family, his bereavement period was cut short in order to meet the closing deadline. After that, all burials were in the Rural Cemetery, the present day Fernhill, another historic cemetery well worth a visit located on Rothesay Avenue.

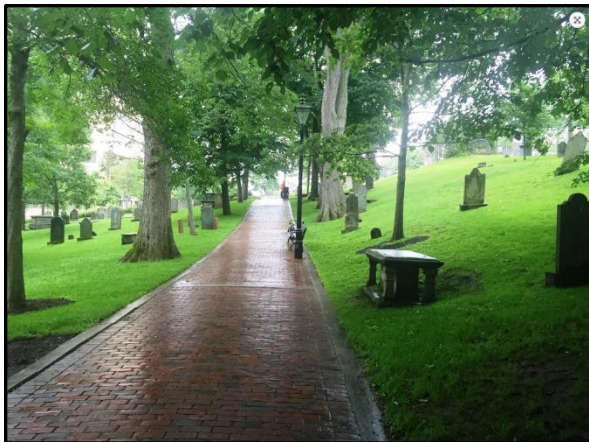
Today, the Loyalist Burial Ground is a memorial garden with tree lined walkways and flower beds.

In 1994 the Irving family undertook a restoration project as a gift to the people of Saint John. The project reflects the old, the new, the past, and the future. Specially cast memorial gates, trees, flowers, shrubs, walkways, etc were included in the update and the magnificent Beaver Fountain was created. The Canadian Beaver depicts the hard work, enterprise and tenacious resolve of the city's founders and those who followed. It is also believed the beaver symbolizes the strong work ethic of the Irving Family. Notice how often the beaver symbol appears throughout the park.



Credit: Tourism New Brunswick

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If you are interested in old graveyards, this site in the heart of uptown Saint John is a treasure trove of historic information from the dates of those interred to their ages to the relationships of the deceased. Visitors are often seen doing rubbings of the ancient stones. Can you find the stone that reads: *Within these Burial Grounds lie the remains of immigrants, rich and poor, who left their homes and arrived on our shores filled with courage and determination to establish for themselves and their children a way of life free from persecution and hostilities?*



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