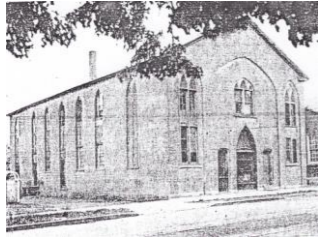


*This brochure takes a look at the many buildings and sites in Belleville that existed from the City's beginning up to 1940 that served a religious purpose, some of which continue to do so.*

*Designed with City Hall as the starting point. Approximate walking time: 2 hours.*

### 1. 132 Pinnacle Street

This was the site of the first church in Belleville, built in 1818 by the Methodist congregation. It was replaced in the 1830's by a frame structure and then replaced again by a much larger brick building in the late 1830s early 1840s. In 1870, it was deconsecrated and sold to the Free Masons who owned it until 1873 when it was sold to the Grand Trunk Railway. It was demolished in August of 1970.



### 2. St. Paul's Anglican Church

35 St. Paul St. Between 1874 and 1880 this building was erected by Rev J.W. Burke, rector of St. Thomas' church. It was originally a mission for the poor and the people arriving by boat in Belleville including the sailors. White stucco was applied to the exterior in the 1920's.



### 3. St. Thomas' Anglican Church

201 Church St. The St. Thomas congregation was formed in 1818 and the first church was built on this site in 1819-21. The congregation outgrew this church and it was replaced by a stone church in 1858. This church burned to the ground in 1876. It was reconstructed and opened in 1879. The church was again destroyed by fire in 1975, but was quickly restored and reopened in 1976.



### 4. Bridge Street United/Methodist Church

60 Bridge St.



This church was built in 1887, after the original sanctuary, which opened in 1865 on this site, was destroyed by fire. The church is a large stone building with a tower in the centre of the façade facing east, and stained glass windows. It is an example of an eclectic Gothic or Romanesque style. The church still has the foundation and the tower of the 1865 structure. The original building was the conference which laid the foundation for the union of most Canadian Methodist Churches.

### 5. Salvation Army Citadel

256 Pinnacle St.



The Salvation Army came to Belleville in 1884. The first meetings were held in the Metropolitan Hall which was located where the Royal Bank of Canada now stands on Front Street. This building was built in 1940 to house the growing numbers. The central opening now used as a display window, was the original entrance. In 1969, a new facility was built on Victoria Ave. They are now presently located on Bridge Street West.

### 6. Victoria Avenue Baptist Church

34 Victoria Ave.



Belleville's first Baptist congregation began meeting in parishioners homes in the early 1870's. In 1873, they began to use the Court House for Sunday services. By 1875, a church on the corner of Coleman and Moira Sts had been dedicated. The congregation outgrew this building and in 1896 moved to a building which had once been a roller skating rink on the corner of Victoria Ave and Pinnacle St. By 1906 the present church was opened on that site.

### 7. 54 Victoria Avenue

A small building resembling a church was located here as it appears on the 1874 map of Belleville. It was listed as the Congregational Church. It was most likely removed sometime before the turn of the century.

### 8. St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church

67 Victoria Ave.

In 1821, the government granted one acre of land to the Church of Scotland. The first church on this site was built in 1831. It was made of wood and in 1870-72 was replaced by a brick building which burned in 1894. The present structure was erected in 1895 on the foundations of the second church. The building has a large tower, spire and Tiffany window.



### 9. NE corner of John St. and Victoria Ave

This north east corner was once the site of John Street United/Presbyterian Church. It was constructed in 1852 in the Gothic Style, and was said to seat 500. It was built for the Free Presbyterian Church, which was under the leadership of Reverend William Gregg. An organ was donated in 1929 by R.J. Graham, a wealthy citizen, which led to some alterations and improvements to the church. The church burned down in October of 1936, and it was decided that it would not be rebuilt. The congregation merged with other city churches.



### 10. 305 Church Street

When the Tabernacle Church outgrew its facilities at 329 Church St. in 1877, a new church was built here in 1878. This building was demolished in 1996 when it was closed and purchased by the separate school board. The congregation amalgamated with that of Holloway St. United Church to form St. Matthew's United Church.



### 11. St. Michael's Catholic Church

296 Church St.



This Roman Catholic Church is built in a Gothic style of rusticated stone. The first church was built on this site in 1829 and was a small wooden structure. It was replaced by a stone church in 1837. A larger church was built on the site in 1885. It burned down in 1904, and was rebuilt to a similar design in 1905, under the leadership of Father Twomey who rests now beneath the tower. The 1905 structure is the structure used presently. This building was designated under the Ontario Heritage Act in 1989

### 12. 329 Church Street



The Methodist Episcopal congregation of Belleville built a chapel on this site in 1845. In 1865, the chapel was enlarged to seat 300, and believe it or not, the present building at this address is the 1865 Tabernacle Church. Although buried under many years of remodeling, the original building is still there. When the congregation outgrew this building they built Tabernacle Church at 305 Church St.

### 13. Bethel Chapel



333 Church St. This building was constructed around 1929 for an undenominational congregation of Christians. This group's first recorded meeting was in 1883 at the Metropolitan Hall where between 300 to 400 people attended.

### 14. 170 Station Street

At this address, now where Cannifton Rd. meets Station St., there once stood a small building used as a church. It is marked on an 1874 map as a Roman Catholic Church, and a reference is made to a St. George's on Station St. Not much is known about this building. It was demolished sometime in the late 1970's.

### 15. 193 Lingham Street

This house sits on parts of the original foundation of the Bleeker Street Wesleyan Methodist Church. Tobias Bleeker owned this land originally and when he died, he left provisions in his will for land for a church. The first church opened on Sun. Oct 2, 1859. It was destroyed by fire in 1865 and was rebuilt two years later. It was again destroyed in 1880, but again was rebuilt. The church appeared in the religious directory of Belleville until 1918.



### 16. 7 Cameron Street

This unique looking building was not originally built here as a church. Originally there was a frame house and shed at this location. In 1911, there was a fire that destroyed the house and shed and the present structure was assembled on the site by Mr. Aselstine who ran a stage coach line in the city. The supplies used to build the structure came from a country church which helps explain its unique characteristics.



### 17. 16-18 North Front Street

This building was originally the Bible Christian Church built in 1872. The first minister was Rev. John Gordon. The church closed its doors at this location in 1888.



### 18. 33 Moira Street West

The congregation that originally used this building began in 1922 at a mission on Dundas Street. This building was built in 1930 to accommodate the growing numbers of the Quinte Christian Alliance Church. This building also became too small and the congregation moved in 1982 to Bridge Street West.



### 19. St. Matthew's United Church

25 Holloway St.



The St. Matthew's congregation came into existence with the amalgamation of Holloway Street United Church and Tabernacle United Church in 1996. The Holloway congregation began in 1874, in a small frame structure built as an extension of Bridge Street Methodist Church. The corner stone of the present structure was laid in 1876, and the church was originally known as the West Belleville Methodist Church.

### 20. 50 Bridge Street West



This site was formerly occupied by St. John's Anglican Church which existed here from the 1880s until 1912. The church was originally built in 1875 and was located near Bridge Street West and Sydney Street, but was moved to this location later on. It was later absorbed by Christ Church parish and it was then determined that it could be of use to the Point Anne community. The building was moved in what is to be believed its entirety down the frozen bay to its new location.

### 21. Christ Church Anglican

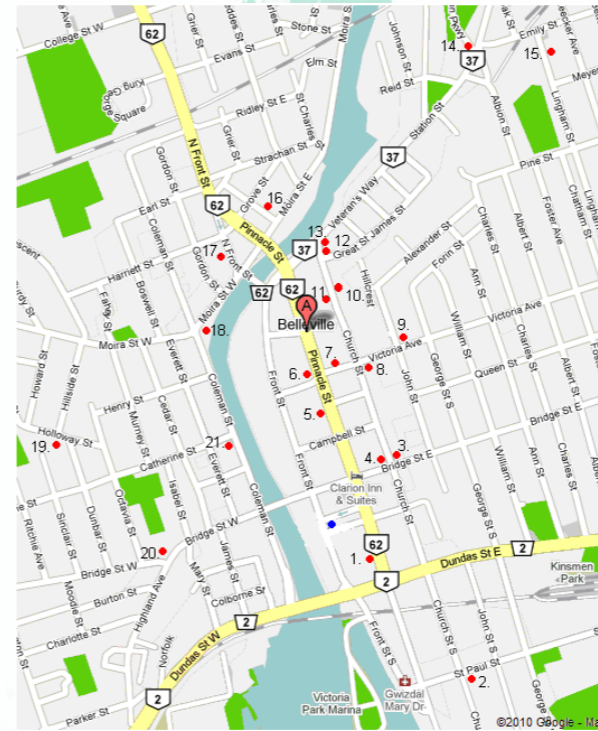
39 Everett St.



The Christ Church congregation split from St. Thomas' Church in 1863. In 1865 a church was built on West Moira St. almost directly across from 33 Moira St., next door to the present funeral home. This church on Moira St. burned down in 1881, and the present structure on Coleman and Catherine Sts was constructed. Inside the church is a piece of marble which is embedded with mementoes from shrines and tiles from ancient Celtic Churches in Great Britain.

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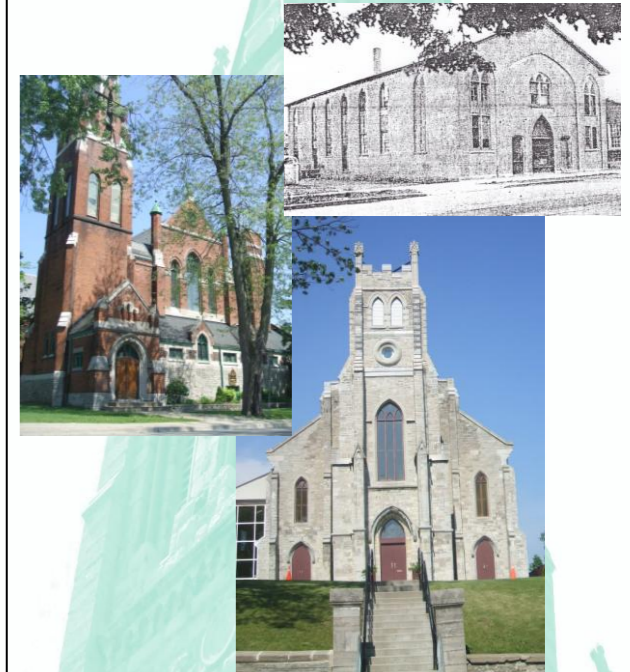


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