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## 449 ASSINIBOIA

Built: 1913 - 1914  
 Built By: Isaac Wardell & Charter Members  
 Structure: Brick Church  
 Exterior Wall: Red Gloss Brick & Stone Foundation  
 Style: Gothic Revival  
 Current Owner: Congregation.  
 Present Use: Bonar Presbyterian Church  
 Original Use: Presbyterian Church  
 Address: 449 Assiniboia St.

### Architectural:

The layout of the church has not changed since its construction in 1913-1914. The basement of the church has been updated and renovated through the years to include new duct work, plumbing, paneling, drywall and new windows (Fig. 1). The main hall (Fig. 2) is almost entirely original, with the exception of the walls which were painted in the late 1950s. The trim and pine interior have not been altered except for necessary repairs to maintain them. Both the interior and exterior of the church are in excellent condition with no major structural deficiencies in either case. The original brick walls and stone foundation remain in excellent condition and have not been altered in any way (Fig. 3).

**Figure 1:** New windows.



**Figure 2:** View of the main hall.



**Figure 3:** View of the brick walls and stone foundation.



### Historical:

The largest contributor to the church has been Isaac Wardell, who donated his time, money, materials and his knowledge of masonry to the construction of the church. It has been suggested that Isaac built the church out of a spite toward a neighbor who had constructed a house that obstructed the view from Wardell's house. Though no documentation can be found for this suggestion, it is believed to be true by many members of the community.

A specific date of construction could not be established, however the first service was held September 27<sup>th</sup> 1914, indicating construction on the church likely began sometime in 1913. Making the church unique is its pipe organ, which the congregation procured from Knox Presbyterian church in 1925. The church also contains some artifacts from the S.S. *Manitoba* which all members of the congregation, and all of those who attend a service, remember and celebrate as a part of their heritage.

