

MRS. GLADYS WINDRIM  
MRS. KATHRYN CARLSON

- (Richmond United Church)

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Mrs. Carlson joined church - 1934  
Mrs. Windrim " " - 1943

Mrs. Carlson came to the church when Reverend Archibald was minister. It was located on the corner of River Road and Cambie. Steps went up at the side and there was a wood shed at the back. There was no exit in back. Double doors led into a small vestibule. After a few years, leaks from the oil caused a small fire after its sale to the Municipality.

The church was well filled, but there were no Orientals at the time in the congregation. Some Sunday School teachers listed, and Superintendents.

At the time of Reverend Archibald, there were two changes - Richmond United and Brighthouse United.

Youth Groups were C.G.I.T. and Explorers. For adults there was A.O.T.S. (As One that Serves) and Woman's Missionary Society.

In the new church building there have been Brownies, Guides

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and Cubs & Scouts and a High C Group and Venturers.

Women have contributed greatly in running events like Strawberry Teas (end of June), chicken dinners, pot-luck suppers, teas, concerts and plays, latterly bazaars, and quilting bees - Mrs. Hall, Mrs. Gordon, Mrs. Cooney. Quilts given under quota, to people in need. Barrels of jam sent to northern churches.

"M.V. Crosby 1V" - Missionary ship supported wholly by United Church. Now up to "Crosby V", stops at Indian villages or Light-houses up inlet up to Port Simpson. Now a steel-hulled boat.

Presbytery - Mrs. Windrim has been representative now for about 6 years. Attends Conference, often held at Naramata or Langley or Victoria.

Rev. Charles Finnemore (1939 - 1945) - Diamond and Golden Jubilees celebrated during his tenure. Much loved Minister.

Rev. A. D. Carr -(1949 - 1954) - Has a prodigious memory of the Bible.

Rev. R. Evans (1954 - 1958) - Mrs. Evans, his wife, organized Gilmore Park congregation. Mrs. Evans had ministerial training in England but was never ordained.

Rev. A. Carmichael (1958 - 1964) - Mrs. Carmichael strong influence in Sunday School. During Rev. Carmichael's tenure the new building was constructed - (discussion of details of move) -

- move of population of Richmond
- move of municipality to put in railway

Property belonged to Mrs. Sexsmith.

- Sod turning ceremony
- Architects and construction company
- Opening ceremony very beautiful service in the United Church. Rev. Carr attended the ceremony. Well attended service - other churches attended.
- Comments on congregation settling into new pews.

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Reverend A. Adams (1964 - 1967) - Missionary prior to his coming to Richmond. 1965 First Fall Fair - very gala affair - now annual event.

Rev. A. Mundy (1967 - 1974) - Was student minister at Sea Island church then went to Okanagan. During his tenure the Sea Island Church was closed and congregation absorbed into Richmond United.

- comments on changing Richmond
- now Orientals in congregation
- comments on kind of migrant congregations as against some members
- comments on Reeve Grauer's support
- comments on change of use of church buildings from congregational to community use
  - Jewish kindergarten
  - Karate classes
  - A.A.

Rev. O. Levenne -(1974 - ) - Came from Banff. Congregation very happy with him and very busy wife.