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**Fort George (St. Philip's) Anglican Residential School
IAP School Narrative**

NAME IN THE SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT (Schedule E/F)

Fort George Anglican

OTHER NAMES KNOWN AS (AKAs)

1933 to 1968	Fort George (Anglican Church of Canada) Indian Residential School [FGA-001276; FGA-001277; FGA-001492-0000; FGA-000303; FGA-001711; FGA-001609; FGA-000050-0000; FGA-001627; FGA-001617-0001; FGA-001198; FGA-001147; FGA-000898]
1938	The Anglican School Fort George [FGA-000994]
1938 to 1963	Fort George Church of England Indian Residential School [FGA-000537; FGA-000528; FGA-001115; FGA-001105; FGA-001415; FGA-001280; FGA-000971; FGA-000993-0000; FGA-000876; FGA-000150-0000; FGA-000868; FGA-000022; FGA-000150-0000; FGA-001394; FGA-000195]
1942 to 1962	St. Phillip's (Indian) Residential School [FGA-001025-0000; FGA-001178; FGA-001152; FGA-001154; FGA-000011; FGA-001301]
1955	Fort George River Indian Residential School [FGA-001405]
1960 to 1969	St. Philip's Indian and Eskimo Residential School [FGA-001176; FGA-000178; FGA-000083; FGA-000131; FGA-001144-0000; FGA-001544-0002; FGA-000929]
1964	St. Philip's Anglican Residential and Day School [FGA-000036]
1964	Fort George A.C.C. Hostel Complex, James Bay [FGA-001383; FGA-001360]
1966	Fort Ste-Foy Residential School [FGA-001544-0000; FGA-001457-0001]
1969 to 1975	Fort George (Anglican Church of Canada) Student Residence [FGA-001097-0001; FGA-001564; FGA-001496-0001; FGA-000618; FGA-000101; FGA-001096-0000; FGA-000931-0001]
1971	St Philip's School, Fort George [FGA-000225-0001]
1973	Résidence Indienne de Fort George [FGA-000542]
1972 to 1974	St. Phillip's Student Residence [FGA-000326; FGA-000100; NCA-004467-0002]

LOCATION

The IRS was located at the mouth of Grande-Rivière (Fort George River) on the north shore of Governor's Island, north east of the Fort George Indian settlement, on the East Coast of James Bay [FGA-001649; FGA-001801; FGA-000165; FGA-001863-0001].

PROVINCE/TERRITORY

Quebec

OPERATING DATES AS AN INDIAN RESIDENTIAL SCHOOL

These dates represent the time during which the Government of Canada was responsible for the operation of the Indian Residential School, excluding any periods of closure.

September 1, 1933 to June 30, 1975

Interim Closure:

January 26, 1943 to July 9, 1944

OPERATING DATES CONTEXT

Federal government support was approved for the Fort George Anglican IRS effective September 1933 [FGA-001101]. On January 26, 1943, a fire destroyed the IRS building; a day school temporarily operated in the local church-owned parish hall until the rebuilt IRS opened on July 9, 1944 [FGA-001024; FGA-000969; FGA-000120; FGA-001299]. In 1953, the federal government purchased the IRS buildings and property [FGA-001399-0001; FGA-001402; FGA-001405; FGA-000527].

On April 1, 1969, the federal government assumed sole responsibility for the operation of the IRS from the Diocese of Moosonee of the Anglican Church of Canada [FGA-000619; FGA-000120; ██████████ ██████████].

In 1968, the federal government proposed a policy of a separate administration for the student residence and classrooms at some residential schools [BAX-000911-0000; BAX-000911-0001]. Some of the changes associated with this policy took place at Fort George AC IRS during the 1968/69 school year. The residence component of the IRS was renamed the Fort George AC Student Residence or St. Philip's Student Residence (SR). The classroom component became known as Fort George AC Day School (DS), Fort George Federal School or St. Philip's School [FGA-000884; FGA-000584].

By September 1969, the Senior Teacher of the previously IRS-administered classrooms was named Principal of the federally-administered classrooms and reported directly to the District School Superintendent/Supervisor of Education [FGA-000226-0000; NCA-008878; FGA-001495-0003, pg.2; FGA-000268; FGA-002603; FGA-002602]. Documents do not indicate the exact date that the Principal of the Fort George AC Day School began to report directly to the District Superintendent of Schools. The Administrator of the Student Residence reported to the office of the Director of Education Branch regarding audits and the condition of the buildings [FGA-001090; FGA-001097-0000; FGA-000222; FGA-000326].

By 1972, the federally-administered classrooms at the site of the Fort George Student Residence were renamed Sand Park Federal School [FGA-000623-0000; FGA-000692-0002; FGA-000100].

The IRS closed in June 1975 [FGA-000251, pg.2; FGA-001740-0001].

RELIGIOUS AFFILIATION

Anglican Church

1933 to 1936 The IRS was initially under the administration of the Diocese of the Arctic of the Anglican Church of Canada [FGA-000120; FGA-001274; FGA-000986; FGA-000987; FGA-000995]

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1936 to 1961 Missionary Society of the Church of England in Canada (M.S.C.C.) assumed responsibility for the administration of the IRS as of January 1, 1936 [FGA-001278; FGA-000120; FGA-000965; FGA-000163-0001; FGA-001728; FGA-000021; FGA-001315; FGA-000232; FGA-001301; FGA-000173; FGA-001331-0002; FGA-001465-0002; FGA-001692; FGA-001385; FGA-001281; FGA-001290; FGA-001309].

1961 to 1969 The Diocese of Moosonee of the Anglican Church of Canada administered the IRS [FGA-000120; ██████████ ██████████ ██████████]

After the federal government assumed sole responsibility for the operation of the IRS in 1969, the Anglican Church of Canada provided chaplaincy services from at least 1969 to 1971 [FGA-000250-0000; FGA-000930-0001]

CHRONOLOGICAL HISTORY OF THE INDIAN RESIDENTIAL SCHOOL

Date	Event	Document Reference
September 1933	Effective September 1933, the IRS received federal government support.	FGA-001101
January 1943	The IRS building was destroyed by fire on January 26. The Anglican Church's Parish Hall was used as a temporary day school; there is no indication that the IRS residents boarded at the Parish Hall while the IRS was rebuilt. Documents do not indicate where residents stayed during this time period.	FGA-001024 FGA-000969 FGA-000120 FGA-001023 FGA-000970
July 1944	The IRS was rebuilt by the Missionary Society of the Church of England in Canada (M.S.C.C.) and it reopened on July 9.	FGA-001299
1947	The Board of Management of the M.S.C.C. requested that the IRS buildings be purchased by the federal government. However, the M.S.C.C. was unable to obtain a clear title to the land and the sale was not finalized.	FGA-000940-0001 FGA-000940-0002 FGA-001399-0001
1952 to 1957	Due to a shortage of classroom space at the school, a classroom was set up in the parish hall.	FGA-000204-0000 FGA-000011 FGA-000258 FGA-001129 FGA-000148-0001
1953	The Church of England in Canada purchased 7.64 acres of land from the Province of Quebec	FGA-001498-0003
1953	The federal government authorized the purchase of Fort George IRS, including 7.64 acres of land, building and equipment, from the Church of England in Canada.	FGA-001399-0001 FGA-001402 FGA-001405 FGA-001398 FGA-001498-0002 FGA-000254 FGA-000609
1953 to 1954	Due to overcrowding, the boys' playroom was used as a classroom for small boys for one period per day.	FGA-000828 FGA-000830
1958	A survey noted that the existing school could not be economically modernized and that it should be scrapped.	FGA-001420
1960	A new four-classroom block and principal's residence were constructed.	FGA-001597 FGA-001356 FGA-000317-0001
October 1963	A new dormitory and two-classroom addition to the classroom block were completed.	FGA-001189 FGA-001437 FGA-000535 FGA-001376-0000 FGA-000120 FGA-000318 FGA-000319 FGA-001244 FGA-001247

1965	From 1965/66 to 1969/70, classroom space was rented in the building known as the "Anglican summer church".	FGA-001449-0000 FGA-001449-0001 FGA-001447 FGA-001631-0002 FGA-100122 FGA-001678-0001 FGA-000240
1968/69	<p>In 1968, the federal government proposed a policy of a separate administration for the student residence and classrooms at some residential schools. Some of the changes associated with this policy took place at Fort George AC IRS during the 1968/69 school year. The residence component of the IRS was renamed the Fort George AC Student Residence or St. Philip's Student Residence (SR). The classroom component became known as Fort George AC Day School (DS), Fort George Federal School or St. Philip's School.</p> <p>By September 1969, the Senior Teacher of the previously IRS-administered classrooms was named Principal of the federally-administered classrooms and reported directly to the District School Superintendent/Supervisor of Education. Documents do not indicate the exact date that the Principal of the Fort George AC School began to report directly to the District Superintendent of Schools. The Administrator of the Student Residence reported to the office of the Director of Education Branch regarding audits and the condition of the buildings.</p>	BAX-000911-0001 FGA-000884 FGA-000584 FGA-000226-0000 NCA-008878 FGA-001495-0003, pg.2 FGA-000268 FGA-002603 FGA-002602 FGA-001090 FGA-001097-0000 FGA-000222 FGA-000326
April 1, 1969	The federal government assumed sole responsibility for the administration of the Fort George IRS from the Anglican Church of Canada.	FGA-000619
September 1969	A classroom was rented at the local provincial school for the small number of Grade 7 students attending Fort George School.	FGA-000626 FGA-002602 FGA-000316 FGA-000268
1972 to 1974	By 1972, the federally-administered classrooms at the Fort George Student Residence were renamed Sand Park Federal School. The Principal of the Sand Park School continued to report to the District Supervisor or Education. One Principal was responsible for the three components (Elementary, Intermediate, and Secondary) of the Sand Park Federal School. The staff of both the residence and school components were employed by the Indian and Eskimo Affairs Program, Quebec Region. The maintenance staff of both the residence and school were employed by the Fort George Band Council and supervised by the Student Residence Administrator.	FGA-000100 FGA-000623-0000 FGA-000692-0002 NCA-001579-0001 FGA-000638-0001 FGA-000102 NCA-004461 NCA-004460-0003 FGA-001566 FGA-000101-0000 FGA-000796
January 1973	It was anticipated that the residence at Fort George would close completely by September 1974.	FGA-000135
September to October 1974	The federal Sand Park schools were closed from September 17 to October 7 as they were deemed a potential fire hazard. It is not certain if the dormitory facilities remained open.	FGA-000637 FGA-000101-0000 FGA-001566 FGA-000111-0002 FGA-000308-0000 FGA-000308-0001
June 1975	The IRS closed.	FGA-000251, pg. 2

EDUCATION OF STUDENTS

Grades taught at the Indian Residential School

School Years	Grades offered	Document Reference
1933/34	1 to 2, 4	ELK-000491
1934/35	1 to 4	ELK-000492
1935/36	1 to 2, 4 to 6	ELK-000493
1936/37	1 to 3, 5	ELK-000494
1937/38	1 to 6	RLS-001189
1938/39	1 to 2, 4 to 5	ELK-000496
1939/40	1 to 6	FGA-000011
1943/44	IRS interim closure	
1944/45 to 1950/51	No information found	
1951/52	2 to 7	FGA-000863
1952/53	No information found	
1953/54	Kindergarten, 1, 2, "Senior" class	FGA-000006
1954/55 to 1956/57	No information found	
1956/57	Kindergarten to 6	FGA-001750
1957/58	1 to 5	FGA-000866; FGA-000867
1958/59	1 to 3	FGA-000870
1959/60	1 to 3	FGA-000869 FGA-001144-0001, pg. 2
1960/61	1 to 5	FGA-000871 FGA-000872
1961/62	1 to 4	FGA-000875
1962/63	No information found	
1963/64	Beginners, Kindergarten to 6, 8	FGA-000036
1964/65	Beginners to 7	FGA-000057 FGA-000510 FGA-000236-0001
1965/66	Beginners/Kindergarten to 8	FGA-000695-0000 FGA-000064
1966/67 to 1967/68	Beginners to 6	FGA-000081 NCA-012488, pg. 4-5 FGA-000805 FGA-001445 FGA-000152

Grades taught at Fort George AC School / Sand Park School

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1968/69	No information found	n/a
1969/70	Pre-kindergarten to 7	FGA-000226-0001
1970/71	No information found	n/a
1971/72	Jr. Kindergarten to 7	FGA-001679-0004
1972/73 to 1974/75	Nursery, Kindergarten, 1 to 8, high school	FGA-000692-0002 FGA-001566

Other Schools Attended by Residents

No information found

GENERAL ENROLLMENT STATISTICS OVER TIME

School Years	Number of Residents	If applicable, day scholars	Document Reference
1933/34	32, including 1 Inuit student	No information found	ELK-000491 FGA-001100
1934/35	40	No information found	ELK-000492
1936/37	55	No information found	ELK-000494
1937/38	53	No information found	RLS-001189
1938/39	62	No information found	ELK-000496
1939/40 and 1940/41	No information found	No information found	
1942/43 to 1944/45	No information found	No information found	
1945/46	No information found	9	FGA-000975
1946/47	No information found	6	FGA-000977
1949/50	57	Approx. 70	NCA-001442-0000
1950/51 to 1951/52	No information found	No information found	
1952/53	8 Inuit students (no information found on Indian students)	No information found	FGA-001062-0001
1953/54	87, including 8 Inuit students	No information found	FGA-001064-0001 NPC-603187
1953/54	81 residents (includes 8 Inuit students)	14 day students	FGA-001426, pg.2-3
1954/55	10 Inuit students (no information found on Indian students)	No information found	FGA-001069-0000 FGA-001752
1955/56	92 (includes 10 Inuit students)	6	FGA-000122 FGA-001075-0001
1956/57	96 (includes 8 Inuit students)	No information found	FGA-000146
1957/58	52/55	9	FGA-000852-0001 FGA-000846 FGA-000848 FGA-000334 FGA-000335 FGA-000336 FGA-000262

1958/59	58/65	No information found	FGA-000185 FGA-000263
1959/60	68	No information found	FGA-000565
1960/61	78	No information found	FGA-000570
1961/62	69	No information found	FGA-000572
1962/63	57	58	FGA-000354
1963/64	150/151	81	FGA-000261 FGA-000360
1964/65	144/155	84	FGA-000176 FGA-000363
1965/66	202	107	FGA-000276
1966/67	195	145	FGA-000120
1967/68	194/197 (154 authorized)	148	FGA-000579 FGA-001081 FGA-000208
1968/69	152	130	FGA-000581
1969/70	176	No information found	FGA-000586
1970/71	127	No information found	FGA-000591
1971/72	118	No information found	FGA-000592
1972/73	86	No information found	FGA-000595
1973/74	46	No information found	FGA-000596
1974/75	18	No information found	FGA-000602-0001

SPECIAL PROGRAMS

School Years	Special Programs Offered	Document Reference
1938	Children expressed a desire to have piano lessons. A requisition was made to the federal government for related teaching materials.	FGA-000978 FGA-000979
1944	Native Crafts, including the making of canoes, snowshoes, fish nets, and silk work were included in the curriculum.	FGA-001299
1952	Pupils participated in scouts, cubs, guides, brownies, and church societies meetings.	FGA-001706, pg. 1
1963	Extra-curricular activities included Boy Scouts and hockey	FGA-001478-0005
1964	Extra-curricular activities included: Boy Scouts, United Nations Organization Day, Halloween Night, Remembrance Day, an arts and handicraft competition, sing-song period, a snow sculpture competition, a Christmas pageant, film-strips, sports day and awards night.	FGA-000778-0003 FGA-001494 FGA-001481-0008
1967	Extra-curricular activities included broomball, Cree lessons and goose hunting.	FGA-000003, pg. 4, 8, 10
May 1968	IRS activities included: camping, choir, hockey, and broomball.	FGA-000004, pg. 17-18
1973	Extra-curricular activities included "bush camps" along with hockey and broom-ball leagues, and a card games club.	NCA-004467-0032, pg. 2

INDIAN RESIDENTIAL SCHOOL BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS

Date	Event	Document Reference
1933	The main IRS building included two classrooms.	FGA-000003 FGA-001100
1938	The IRS had a small garden and four cows.	FGA-001459-0001

1941	The Missionary Society of the Church of England in Canada (M.S.C.C.) operated a hospital consisting of nine beds in the IRS building.	FGA-001708 FGA-001706, pg. 2
1941	The school roof was "leaking badly".	FGA-001009-0000
1943	The IRS cultivated two acres of land as a garden.	FGA-001462-0001
1943 to 1944	The main IRS building burnt down on January 26, 1943. In 1944, a new two-storey IRS building was constructed by the M.S.C.C. The new building contained two classrooms, the recreation room, dining room, kitchen and principal's office on the first floor; six dormitory rooms were located on the second floor.	FGA-001300 FGA-001024 FGA-001029 FGA-001026 FGA-000540 FGA-000660
1953	The pupils' bathroom, including the bathtub, was located in the corner of the dining room of the main IRS building.	FGA-001406
1954	The school was not equipped with any type of sewage system.	FGA-000257
1955	The school buildings were noted as being "old and decrepit", lighting was inadequate, there was not an adequate water supply, and as there was no local power supply the school had to have its own power plant.	FGA-001751 FGA-001612-0000
1957	Urgent repairs were needed to the furnace, floors, and toilets and bath.	FGA-000017
1957	The IRS had farm and garden operations.	FGA-001468-0007
1958	The IRS had no farm and garden operations in 1958.	FGA-001470-0001
1960	A new four-classroom block and principal's residence were completed. There were complaints about the quality of construction of the classroom block.	FGA-001597 FGA-001356 FGA-001598 FGA-000661 FGA-001355 FGA-001435
1961	The facilities of the residential building are noted as being very poor and below standard.	FGA-001170
1962	A new dormitory and a two-classroom addition to the existing classroom block were added to the IRS. The IRS building built in 1944 was torn down in the fall of 1963.	FGA-001437 FGA-000535 FGA-001376-0000 FGA-001375 FGA-000003, pg. 3
1963	Description of the Day School Block and Engineer's Residence.	FGA-000317-0000 FGA-000317-0001
1964	The school's water supply did not work properly and the waste water disposal system was inadequate.	FGA-01226-0000 FGA-001250-0000 FGA-000247 FGA-000043-0000 FGA-000043-0001
1964	Three of the school's generators were either not running or running poorly. Poor maintenance and improper operation were blamed.	FGA-000042
1966	Construction of a new staff residence was begun.	FGA-001441-0000 FGA-001441-0003 FGA-001514-0001
1966 to 1974	The Bell Telephone Company rented space in the IRS basement.	FGA-001553 FGA-001552 FGA-001650-0000 FGA-001650-0001 FGA-001650-0002 FGA-001709 FGA-000246-0000 FGA-000246-0001
1967	Four classrooms were added to the basement of the six-classroom block. A culinary arts room was also added to the classroom block building. The classrooms were meant to be temporary, though they were still in use by 1974.	FGA-000111-0002 FGA-000108, pg. 2
1967 to 1970	The Anglican Church proposed the sale of additional land to provide space for additional	FGA-001454-0000 FGA-001522

	apartments.	FGA-001523 FGA-001651 FGA-001528 FGA-001529 FGA-001371
1971 to 1975	<p>In 1971, a new seven-classroom school was constructed at Fort George. The building had serious structural defects. As of September 1972, this new school building was known as Sand Park Elementary School.</p> <p>In 1973/1974, part of the Student Residence was renovated to include classrooms for the Sand Park Intermediate School.</p> <p>The older school building, constructed in 1960 and previously known as St. Philip's School, became known as Sand Park Secondary School. One principal was responsible for all three schools.</p>	FGA-001873 FGA-000293-0002 FGA-000291 FGA-000088 FGA-000290 FGA-000108 FGA-000692-0002 NCA-004467-0001, pg. 2 FGA-000102 FGA-000100 FGA-001566 FGA-000111-0002 FGA-000796 NCA-004460-0001
1973	School buildings and residences were located on Anglican Church land.	FGA-000516 FGA-001535 FGA-001536-0000 FGA-001536-0001 FGA-001537-0009
1974	The federal Sand Park schools were closed from September 17 to October 7 as they were deemed a potential fire hazard. It is not clear if the dormitory facilities remained open.	FGA-000637 FGA-000638-0001 FGA-000102 FGA-000101-0000 FGA-001566 FGA-000111-0002 NCA-004467-0001 FGA-000308-0000 FGA-000308-0001

PHOTOS, PLANS AND LAYOUT

Date	Description	Document Reference
1944	Picture of the newly built IRS building	FGA-001299
1952	Site plan for the IRS	FGA-000007
1954	IRS elevation and second floor plan	FGA-000885-0001
1954	IRS elevation and Basement floor plan	FGA-000885-0002
1954	IRS basement and second floor plan	FGA-000885-0003
1958	Site plan for the IRS showing the old and new church, new dormitory and classroom block and various out-buildings.	FGA-001508-0001
1958	Site plan for the IRS and power house	FGA-000786-0000
1958	Basement floor plan of the proposed 4-classroom block	FGA-000786-0001 FGA-000786-0014 FGA-000786-0015
1958	First floor plan of the proposed 4-classroom block	FGA-000786-0002 FGA-000786-0016
1958	Elevation of the proposed 4-classroom block	FGA-000786-0003
1958	Diagrams of the proposed 4-classroom block	FGA-000786-0004 FGA-000786-0005 FGA-000786-0006 FGA-000786-0007 FGA-000786-0009
1959	Floor plan and diagrams of a 4-bedroom principal's residence at the IRS	FGA-000789-0000 FGA-000789-0001 FGA-000789-0003 FGA-000789-0004
1959	Site plan for 4-classroom block and staff residence (poor copy)	FGA-001430-0000; FGA-001430-0001
1960	Site plan for the IRS buildings, including the existing IRS building, new 4-classroom school block and proposed new hostel/dorm building; includes water supply intake information	FGA-000790-0002

1962	Layouts of the kitchen and laundry area at the IRS	FGA-000781-0001 FGA-001208-0002
1962	Site plan of the IRS grounds.	FGA-000781-0000
1962	Floor plans for the first and second floor of the main building.	FGA-000781-0001 FGA-000781-0002
1962	2 classroom addition	FGA-000798-0000
1963	IRS site plans showing the original IRS building to be demolished	FGA-000317-0001, pg.4-5
1963	Sketch of the teacher's bachelor apartments	FGA-001672-0001
1963	Photo the Fort George IRS classroom block	FGA-001673-0003
1965	Site plan of the IRS grounds.	FGA-001631-0002 FGA-000791-0000
1965	Site plan of the IRS including lagoon and future buildings.	FGA-000791-0000
1965	Sketch showing land ownership around the IRS lands	FGA-001631-0003
1965	Staff residence	FGA-000793-0000
1967	IRS site plan, including the site of the proposed school and auditorium (2 pages).	FGA-001525-0000 FGA-001525-0001
1967	Site plan showing the boundaries of the IRS grounds.	FGA-001454-0001
1970	Site plan of the IRS grounds including the site of the new school block.	FGA-001645-0002 FGA-000787
1970	Floor plans for the new school block to be constructed in 1971.	FGA-000785-0003
1971	Diagram of the land around the IRS owned by the Church of England	FGA-001534-0002
1974	Site plans of the Fort George School Complex, including the Sand Park schools	FGA-000796 FGA-001863-0002
1974	Site plan of the IRS, including property boundary and the new school on Lot 23.	FGA-000787
1974	Photographs of the buildings associated with the Fort George School Complex, including the student residence building, which included the "intermediate" school associated with Sand Park Federal school	FGA-001863-0003
1975	Site plan showing Anglican Mission and Crown property	FGA-001540-0003

DOCUMENTS REFERRING TO SCHOOL INCIDENTS

To date, we are unaware of any convictions of abuse at the Fort George Anglican IRS. However, we are aware of the following convicted abuser present at the IRS.

1992 to 1993 On March 5, 1992, a male former Principal at the Fort George Anglican IRS was arrested on 13 charges relating to sexual and child abuse committed while employed at Gordon's IRS. An indictment dated June 29, 1992 lists 13 charges including nine counts of indecent assault and four counts of sexual assault against male students between November 1968 and June 1984. Eleven of the charges specified that the assaults were numerous and repeated.

On February 2, 1993 the former staff member pleaded guilty to nine counts of indecent assault and one count of sexual assault involving ten boys. Six of the counts specified that the assaults were numerous and repeated. On February 8, 1993 he was sentenced to four and a half years imprisonment on each of three charges involving oral sex and mutual masturbation, and two and a half years on each of the other charges. The sentences were to be served concurrently, for a total sentence of four and a half years. A document dated May 1993 noted that some of the counts involved two hundred separate incidents of abuse. He was released on February 13, 1996.

News articles dated February 1993 reported that the former staff member was charged with 14 counts of sexual assault, noting four of the charges were stayed by the Crown after lawyers met to discuss the case. The former staff member had pleaded guilty to 10 counts of sexual assault involving incidents of oral sex, mutual masturbation and fondling with ten boys between the ages of seven and fourteen.

A report dated August 9, 2004 states that after the former staff member retired as the Gordon's IRS Administrator in 1984, he moved to Rothsay, New Brunswick. The report states that during his first years back in New Brunswick, the former staff member "continued to abuse boys, according to his parole documents. He was eventually charged with both the Gordon and New Brunswick assaults in the early 1990's. A few of the charges were dropped..." No further information was found regarding charges laid with regards to alleged incidents in Rothsay, New Brunswick.

[GDC-043567; GDC-040185-0002; CPE-586211; GDC-005029; GDC-005030; GDC-005031; GDC-005032; RCS-001195; GDC-026641; RCS-001196; GDC-005028; GDC-040185-0001; RCAP-320049, p. 2; RCAP-320049, p. 3; RCAP-320050-0004; RCAP-320050-0002; RCAP-320050-0001; RCAP-320050-0005; GDC-051753-0000; GDC-051753-0001; NCRSE-508372-0001; NCRSE-508371-0001; NCRSE-508371-0002; [REDACTED] GDC-040185-0000; NCRSE-503122-0003]

Incidents (Sexual)

No information found.

Incidents (Physical)

1966 In an August 1, 1965 letter, the parent of a student stated that "I heard that they didn't treat them right at St. Philips but when the students came they said they all liked it." No specific information about mistreatment was provided. [FGA-001792]

Incidents (Student on Student)

No information found.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

1938 The official capacity of the IRS was increased from 35 to 50 [FGA-001319-0001; FGA-001319-0002; FGA-001296; FGA-001330].

1939 An outbreak of Typhoid had affected the community, although the school itself was enjoying "good health" [FGA-000980-0000].

1940, 1941 Two residents diagnosed with tuberculosis were sent to the hospital [FGA-001110]. Several students died from pulmonary tuberculosis [FGA-001108; FGA-001109; FGA-001112; FGA-001114; [REDACTED]].

[REDACTED] [REDACTED]
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1942 Ten Inuit children were authorized for admission to the IRS [FGA-001752]

1943 An Anglican day school operated in the Parish Hall after the destruction of the IRS by fire [FGA-000969].

1943 Provision was made for up to 10 Inuit students at the IRS as of 1943 [FGA-001297; FGA-001294] Ten Inuit children who had been admitted to Fort

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- George Anglican IRS were transferred to Moose Factory following the fire at the Fort George Anglican IRS [MFI-000902; MFI-000903; MFI-000899].
- 1946 Two students died; the cause of death was not specified [FGA-001116; FGA-001842].
- 1946 Twenty-five of fifty students at the IRS showed signs of scurvy. Vitamins were sent to treat the students [FGA-001305].
- 1946 Six Inuit children resided at the residence [NCA-005730, pg. 4].
- 1946 A resident died from meningitis [FGA-001121; FGA-001122].
- 1946 After Christmas “the entire school” had mumps [NPC-601018].
- 1950 Beginning in 1950, a seasonal school was run in the summer using the Fort George (St. Philip’s) IRS classroom facilities. The summer school was for children unable to attend classes during the school year. Summer school teachers were federal employees and were administered separately from the IRS. The seasonal school was discontinued by 1963 [FGA-001123; FGA-001124; FGA-001125; FGA-001729; FGA-002521; FGA-000836; FGA-001129; FGA-000807; FGA-001721; FGA-001720; FGA-000844; FGA-001741-0001; FGA-000147; FGA-001133].
- 1951 The Church held a lease for school grounds from the Province of Quebec [FGA-001392; FGA-001393].
- 1952 The IRS was understaffed with teachers and the dormitories were “much overcrowded” [NCA-004095-0000; NCA-004095-0001].
- 1952 When left without a teacher, the Principal took over teaching Grade 1 [FGA-000862].
- 1954 A resident of the IRS was sent to Toronto on account of tuberculosis. Her parents were not advised [NPC-601920].
- 1954, 1955 A teacher was offering night classes once per week because of overcrowding [FGA-001755].
- 1955 The school year, which previously had run from August 15 to June 15, was changed to run from September 1 to June 30 to help accommodate the seasonal school for the full month in July and August [FGA-001104; FGA-001128].
- 1955, 1957 Conditions at the IRS were described as “extremely bad” and “deplorable.” A lack of running water or indoor toilet facilities forced residents outside to use a poorly constructed toilet, even during the winter months. The residence is also described as overcrowded [FGA-000018; FGA-001726].
- 1956, 1958 A fence was recommended to protect children and property from sled dogs [FGA-000298; FGA-001425].
- 1956 Food spoilage was high due to leaking buildings and mice [FGA-001625].
- 1956 There was an epidemic of measles at the IRS due to overcrowding. A doctor and two nurses were sent to combat the epidemic [NPC-620655; FGA-000864; FGA-000146].
- 1957 The Kindergarten teacher had received no training [FGA-000820].
- 1957 Due to a lack of accommodation and classroom space, the Principal requested that a third teacher not be sent to the school [FGA-001717].

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- 1958 The IRS will not be able to accept Inuit pupils in the future [FGA-001748; FGA-001749].
- 1960, 1961 A ministry dietician visited the IRS and made recommendations regarding the children's diet. Improvements such as providing vitamins and supplements as well as additional resources for hunting were considered and fresh meat and produce transported by air [FGA-001145-0001; FGA-001147; FGA-001152; FGA-001154; FGA-001157-0001; FGA-001165; FGA-001166; FGA-001167].
- 1961, 1962 The residence was reported as being overcrowded [FGA-001436; FGA-001697].
- 1962 The Federal Department of National Health and Welfare issued various complaints regarding conditions within the dormitory building including general uncleanness, impetigo (a contagious skin infection), lice, and scabies [FGA-001131; FGA-001132].
- 1962 Twenty-two Anglican families requested that their children be sent to the Roman Catholic school, in many cases due to concerns about care and food at the Anglican IRS [FGA-001685-0000].
- 1963 A kindergarten class for 20 children was established [FGA-000887].
- 1963 An Inuit child was attended the IRS kindergarten [FGA-000879]
- 1964 The IRS was closed October 6 and 7 on medical advice due to an epidemic of the flu [FGA-000045].
- 1964 Beginning with the 1964/65 school year, the IRS began to adopt the Quebec Course of Studies [FGA-001269; FGA-000196; FGA-000322; NCA-012488].
- 1965 A student died after a long illness; the cause of death was not provided [FGA-001494].
- 1965 The residence was reported as being overcrowded [AIR-000046-0001].
- 1966 Inuit students would only be accepted for residence by agreement with the local school superintended in charge of Inuit education [FGA-000264].
- 1967 Concern was expressed about the number of days missed by children accompanying their parents hunting [FGA-000694].
- 1968 The IRS grade 3 class visited Toronto and Niagara Falls in May 1968 [FGA-000004, pg. 14].
- 1971 The Supervisor of Education, Abitibi District, commented that the food at the residence could be improved [FGA-001869]. The Regional Superintendent of Indian Schools requested a study of food services at Fort George IRS [FGA-000153].
- 1972 Childcare was noted as a "real strong point" possibly due to the involvement of native staff [FGA-000328-0001].
- 1972 English was the language of instruction, with French taught as a second language in Grades 5 to 7 [FGA-001682].
- 1972 Children were to be placed in foster homes as the IRS was full [FGA-000220] Many students were boarded in private homes in 1973/74 and 1974/75 [NCA-004293-0002, pg.2].
- 1972 Noon lunches were provided for 430 students [FGA-000328-0001].

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- 1973 The residence was noted as being entirely led and administered by Indian personnel [FGA-000092; FGA-000111-0001; FGA-000134; NCA-011177].
- 1973 Secondary classes were added by 1973/74 [FGA-000624; LTR-001182-0001, pg.4; FGA-000703; FGA-001368-0003; NCA-004467-0005].
- 1975 The Fort George Band Council agreed to the closure of the student residence on the condition that eight hostels were built [FGA-001366-0004].

PRINCIPALS/ADMINISTRATORS

Name	Position	Tenure Dates
Reverend Trevor E. Jones	Principal	1933 to July 1937
Reverend Bertrand Samuel Green(e)	Principal	July 1937 to June 1942
Reverend Howard B. Hamilton	Principal	July 1942 to June 1946
W. E. Senior	Acting Principal	June 1946 to June 1947
Reverend Canon H.S. Shepherd	Principal	August 1947 to September 1952
Victor Whittingham	Acting Principal	March 1949
Reverend John Cecil Martinson	Principal	September 1952 to August 1960
Stanley Edward McTaggart	Principal	August 1960 to June 1962
William Peniston Starr	Principal	July 1962 to May 1968
Robert Martin	Principal/Administrator	August 1968 to August 1972
James Neacappo	Administrator	July 1972 to April 1975
Guy Dufor	Administrator	April 1975 to June 1975

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