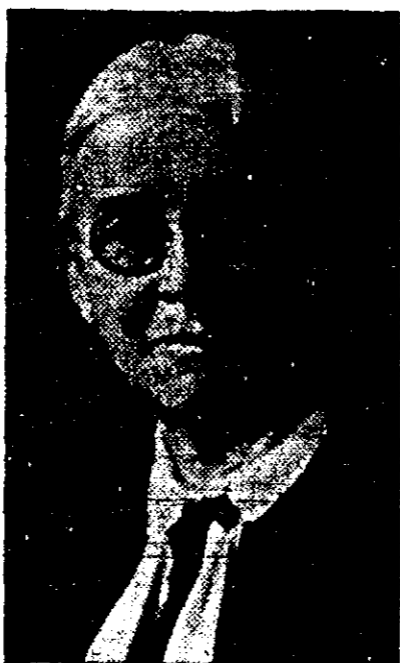


# Life-Long Resident Dies at Advanced Age

Octogenarian Spends Entire Life  
in this District—Recalled the  
Flood of 1852—Passing of Mrs.  
Neil Campbell



Mrs. Neil Campbell, who was born in this district on February 18th, 1848, and who lived here all her life, died at the residence of her daughter, Mrs. Alexr. Matheson, 618 Henderson Highway, East Kildonan, Friday night. Mrs. Campbell was born on a farm, the site of which is now in the heart of Winnipeg. In this connection it is noteworthy that the residence in which Mrs. Campbell was born was moved north, in 1860, to a location on Newton avenue, West Kildonan, adjoining Kildonan Park, where it stands to this day in its original form.

Mrs. Campbell ranked among the few survivors of the women who were found in the Red River Valley in the pioneer days. Her father, John Fraser, away back in 1848 had a farm where Bannerman avenue now is. Deceased's parents were among the original Selkirk settlers, her father having been born within sight of the Red river. The marriage of John Fraser and Jane Matheson was the first union of a white couple born in the settlement. Deceased spent her early girlhood days on her father's farm. There she learned to thresh wheat with a flail, to spin with a spinning wheel, and to make clothing for herself and the men of the household.

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Deceased had vivid recollections of the flood of 1852, when the settlers were obliged to abandon their farms and take to the higher lands of Bird's Hill and Little Stony Mountain, while her recollections of the second flood in 1851 were even clearer.

Following her marriage and the taking up of her residence on the east side of the river, Mrs. Campbell for a number of years continued her membership in the Old Kildonan Presbyterian church, crossing the river, by ferry. Later the King Memorial church was built, and Mrs. Campbell was one of the early members of the congregation, joining in the days when the original building, located at the intersection of Kelvin and Riverton, was still in use. She retained her membership in the congregation till her death.

Mrs. Campbell was predeceased by her husband in May, 1916. Three of the children reside in East Kildonan, on the property which formed the old family farm, but which has since been sub-divided. They are: Mrs. Alexr. Matheson, J. Fletcher Campbell and Arnold M. Campbell. The two other daughters are Mrs. J. B. Henderson, of Winnipeg, and Mrs. A. C. Gardner, of Victoria, B.C.

The funeral service was conducted Tuesday afternoon, at 2.30, at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Matheson, 618 Henderson Highway, and interment was made in Old Kildonan cemetery. Rev. Sydney C. Studd, of Fort Garry, conducted the services. There were many beautiful floral tributes, and the large attendance of mourners, drawn from a wide radius, was a tribute to her memory. The pall-bearers were: Messrs. J. L. McKenzie, D. C. Henderson, J. R. Fraser, Alexr. Matheson, J. B. Henderson and A. H. Allardyce.