

John Gunn, M.L.A. (1826-1898)

John Gunn was born on August 8, 1826 at St. Andrew's, the son of Donald Gunn and his Metis wife, Margaret Swain. John was educated by his father. He was a farmer and later worked as a teacher at St. John's Day School from 1845 to 1847.

On February 2, 1855, he married Emma Garrioch (1825-1921) at St. John's. She was the fifth daughter of William Garrioch. They had at least nine children: Margaret Jane Gunn (b. 1855), William R. Gunn (b.1857), Donald Gunn (b.1859), John James Gunn (b. 1861), Emma Ann Gunn (b.1862), Mary Gunn (b.1864), Reverend Henry George Gunn (b. 1866), Gilbert Garrioch Gunn (b. 1868), and Margaret Gunn (b. 1877).



He was elected a School Trustee in 1871 and served as Secretary-Treasurer of the Board from its organization in that year. He was elected to the Manitoba Legislature for the St. Andrews North constituency at the 1874 general election and was re-elected in 1878. He was defeated in each of the 1879 and 1883 elections. He died on January 8, 1898 at Little Britain on the Red River.



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