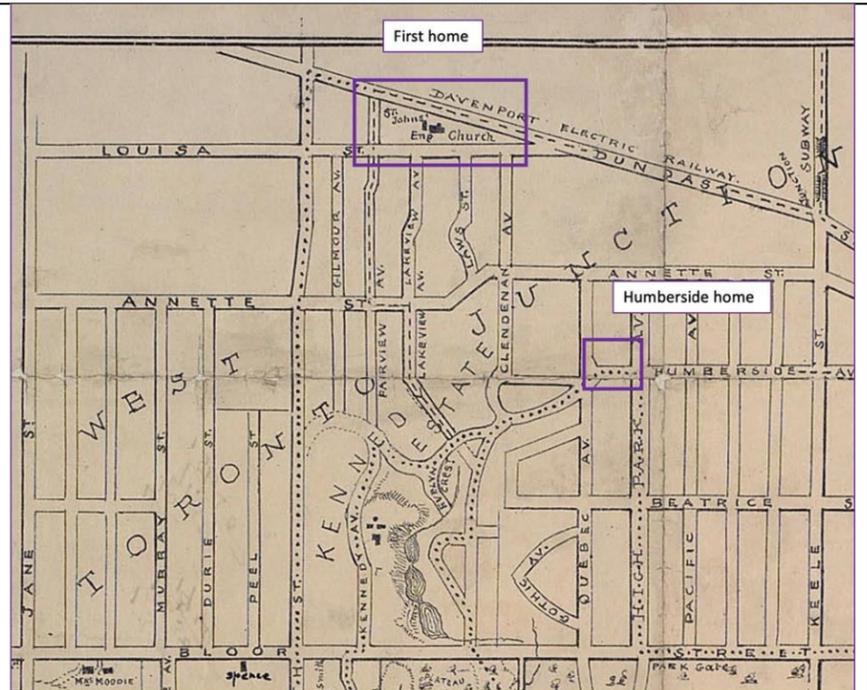
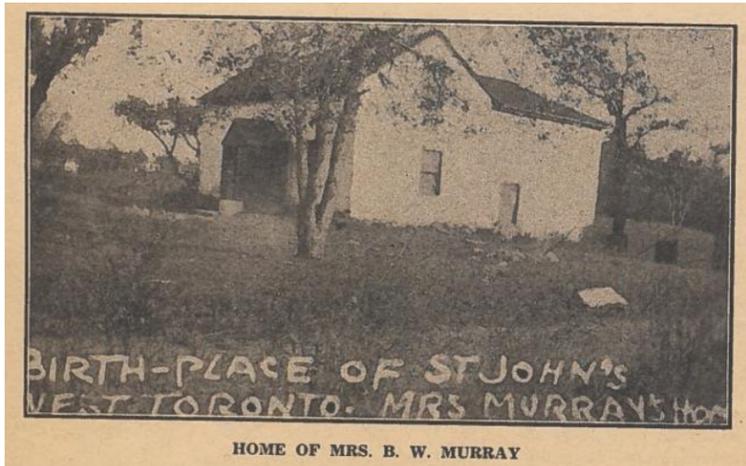


# WHERE WE USED TO BE



West Toronto Junction, 1894

The origin of St. John's parish dates from 1879, when Julia Henry (later Murray) brought children from the rural homes of Runnymede and Swansea to her home for the area's first Sunday School



The first St. John's Church, 1881-1890

Members of the community, inspired by Julia's efforts, soon held religious services in a small cottage on Runnymede near Annette Street

In 1880, a parcel of land near the intersection of Louisa Street (later St. John's Rd) and Dundas St. was donated for a church, which would be called "St. John's Mission, Runnymede"

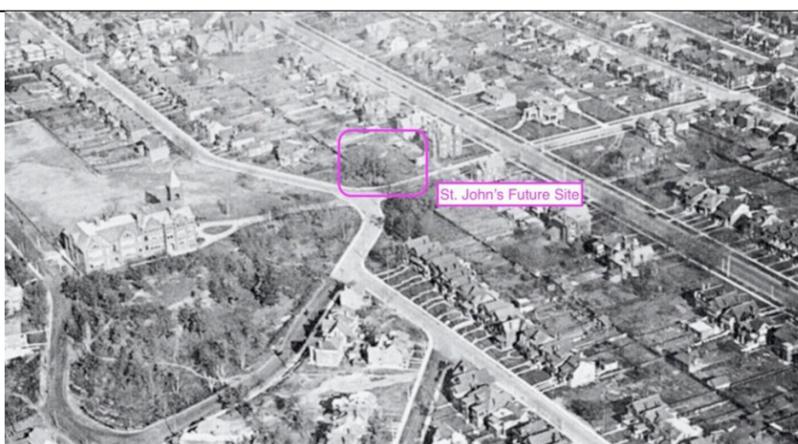
St. John's first home was a modest wooden frame structure that was officially dedicated on Nov. 20, 1881



The second St. John's Church, 1890-1923

By Nov 1887, "St. John's, West Toronto Junction," operated within its own parish, but a larger building was clearly needed

Next to the original church, the cornerstone for a new brick church was laid on May 11, 1889, and it officially opened on Jan. 26, 1890.



Aerial view, St. John's Future site, c. 1920

By 1917, changing demographics in the Junction, and residential growth between Dundas St. and Bloor St., pointed St. John's to a bold move to what became the geographic centre of the parish

In July 1918, St. John's purchased property on HumberSide Ave. between High Park Ave. and Quebec Ave. and began making plans for a new home at 288 HumberSide.