



The Forgotten History of Rooster Town

In 1901, fifteen Métis families moved into shanties in the bush and grassland in Fort Rouge (Grant Park area) in southwest Winnipeg. Occasionally joined by non-Métis households, “Rooster Town” survived for five decades until dismantled by the City of Winnipeg in the late 1950s. Based on detailed genealogical work, mapping, and the reconstruction of individual and family histories, Dr. Evelyn Joy Peters provides a brief history of Rooster Town and provides evidence to challenge the myths and distortions that were created by news reports of the time about its inhabitants.

Dr. Peters’ research focus has been First Nations and Métis people in cities. Her recent book with Chris Andersen, titled Indigenous in the City: Contemporary Identities and Cultural Innovation, focuses on urban Indigenous experiences in Canada, and elsewhere.

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