First St. John's Cathedral destroyed in Civil War

Built in 1822, the first St. John's Cathedral was destroyed during the Civil War in 1867.

The church was used in the Civil War by federal troops as a lookout and signal tower.

St. John's was constructed on land donated by Jean Mouton, founder of Vermilionville.

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