

Seventeen Mile Rocks Uniting Church

The Uniting Church that is now on Seventeen Mile Rocks Road, Sinnamon Park, was built in 1888 in the Seventeen Mile Rocks farming district as a Primitive Methodist Church. It replaced an earlier Church building on the same site that had been erected by the Bible Christian Church and taken over in 1880 by the Primitive Methodist Connexion. The current building continued in use through successive mergers of Churches to eventually become owned by the Uniting Church.

Its original location was near the south-western corner of Goggs and Seventeen Mile Rocks Roads. When roadworks on the access ramp and overpass for the Centenary Highway were undertaken, Sir Hercules Sinnamon donated farm land to the Uniting Church so that the building could be re-located and preserved. It was shifted in about 1966-7.

The Church, which seats only 60 people, is listed on the Queensland Heritage Register where it is described as 'a typical small rural chapel'. Finials once existed on the apex of the roof at front and back and also on the porch.



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For more information about the Church, see section 1.5.2 of *When River Was Roadway*. Details about this and other books can be found at <http://cshsoc.wordpress.com/our-books/>