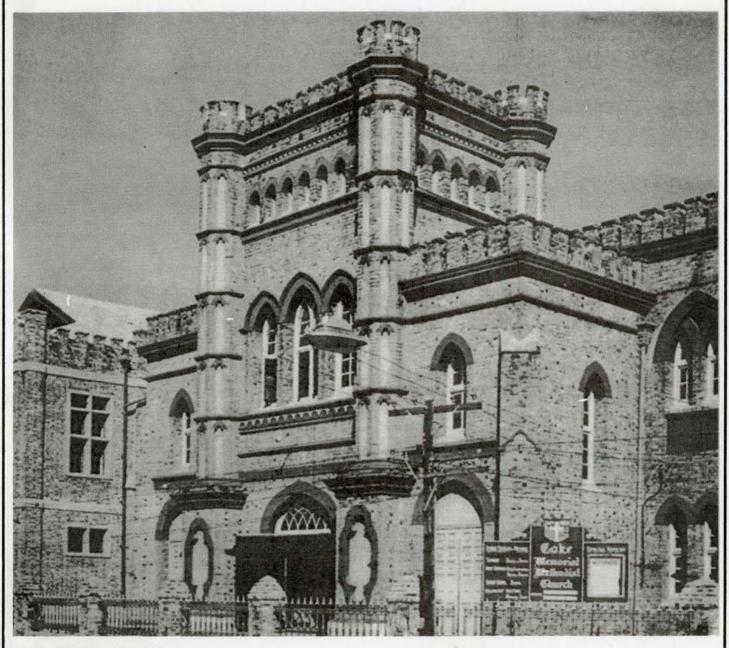


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Coke Methodist Church



Coke Methodist Church: Famous downtown Kingston landmark located at East Parade.

The steps of the old Church used to be a favourite platform for politicians in the early days of national political awakening. Coke Church stands on the site of the first Methodist chapel built in Jamaica. The chapel was originally a merchant's house which was remodelled. The first chapel was opened in 1790 but this was a time when missionary activity was frowned upon. Some time after its opening, a grand jury in Kingston found the chapel 'injurious to the general peace and quiet of the said town' and ordered it closed. It stayed closed for seven years, but when it reopened in 1814, the congregation had trebled. Coke Church was built on the same site in 1840 and named after Dr. Thomas Coke, founder of the Methodist Missions in the West Indies.

This Church was severely damaged in the 1907 earthquake and the present building dates from that time.

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