

Niverville Pop Festival 1970-05-24, May 24, Sunday at 3pm



The timelines get a bit blurred during the late '60s and early '70s, with many different musical involvements. However, with many other groups looking for specific additions or replacements, it was not long before Fred was approached to join some existing bands that needed a singer.

Through a connection with Dennis "The Gear" Lind, Fred was linked to various younger musicians and, eventually, started involvements with some that led to joining another band that was going through a personnel change. Pig Iron Blues Band was performing in early 1970s with existing member John Hannah (Chopping Block & Streetheart), John Einarson (now music historian & author), Ralph James (who went on to be bass player for Harlequin and is now a music agent in Toronto) and others.

In early 1970, Pig Iron also recruited Peter Valentine on piano and vocalist Fred Dugdale and continued gigging every weekend. John Hannah left Pig Iron to play bass in Chopping Block. On the May long weekend in 1970, Pig Iron Blues Band was booked to play the Niverville Pop Festival, but torrential rain shut down the outdoor event just before we were set to go on. Their last gig together was at the Love-In festival at Assiniboine Park in June 1970.

[Deluge failed to dampen the fun at the 1970 Niverville Pop Festival](http://www.winnipegfreepress.com/local/rock--and-rain-304029211.html)

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Pig Iron Blues Band listed fourth down in left column of performers