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Some finding aids also provide series descriptions on subsequent pages, which further describe the records within the fonds.

After reading these descriptions consult the file list and notify an archivist of the individual files you wish to view.

Fonds Description

Hugh Beverley Ketchen fonds. – 1838-1961, predominant 1905-1950. – 33 cm of textual records.

Hugh Beverley Ketchen (1872-1961) was a minister and Moderator of The Presbyterian Church in Canada. He was born in Brucefield, Ontario on August 25, 1872, and educated at the University of Toronto, where he received a Masters of Arts degree in 1901. He graduated from Knox College, Toronto, in 1904. He served as assistant at St. Paul's Church, Peterborough from 1904-1905, before being ordained by the Presbytery of Hamilton on May 4th, 1905. From 1905 to 1946, he was minister at MacNab Street Church in Hamilton, Ontario, and from 1946 to 1961, minister emeritus. In 1928 he received the Doctorate of Divinity degree from Knox College, and in 1943, was elected Moderator of the General Assembly of The Presbyterian Church in Canada. He married Maude MacAlpine, in 1905, with whom he had a son, T. Beverley, and two daughters, May and Dorothy. Beverley Ketchen passed away on June 10th, 1961.

Fonds consists of sermons, addresses and articles written by Beverley Ketchen. The sermons, of which there are 175, cover a variety of topics, and were written between the years 1920 and 1952. Eulogies given by Ketchen for Dr. J.B. McQuesten, Dr. McIlwraith, and Dr. Donald McKerral also form a part of the fonds. The addresses, many of which are based on either a patriotic or literary theme, were written for a variety of different organisations and associations, including Masonic Lodges, Knox College, the Synod of Hamilton and London, and the Burns Society of New York. The fonds also consists of several files of photocopies of correspondence, addresses, news articles about Beverley Ketchen, bulletins and annual reports of MacNab Street Presbyterian Church, photographs of Beverley Ketchen, and a pamphlet on the history of Brucefield Church (where Ketchen was raised). A signed copy of Beverley Ketchen's book, "Sons of Martha", is also included in the fonds.

Title based on contents of the fonds.

Accession Number: 1973-5006.

Location of the originals of the photocopies is unknown.

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A finding aid with file lists is available.

File List

Sermons

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| 1973-5006-1-1 | 1920 | - "Stewardship" January 18 th , 1920 |
| 1973-5006-1-2 | 1928-1932 | - "Sincerity" April 22 nd , 1928 (a.m.) based on Matt. 5/8 and John 1/35-51
- "But" Oct. 25 th , 1931 (p.m.) based on 2 Kings 5/1-4
- "Untimely Criticism" Dec. 7 th , 1930 (p.m.) based on John 12/1-19
- "The God of Jacob" April 17, 1932 (a.m.) based on Psalm 146
- "God's Comers" Sept. 11 th , 1932 (p.m.) based on Lev. 19/1-18
- "More Virtues Gone Astray" Oct. 16 th , 1932 (p.m.) based on Phil. 3/1-16
- "Trifling – good and bad" Oct. 23 rd , 1932 (p.m.) based on Matt. 22/1-10 and John 6/5-12 |
| 1973-5006-1-3 | 1933-1935 | - "The Friendship of a Prince" Feb. 26 th , 1933 (p.m.) based on 1Sam. 18/1-16
- "A Tempest in a Teapot" March 26 th , 1933 (p.m.) based on 1 Sam. 25/1-13
- "Christ and the Suffering World" Oct. 1 st , 1933 (a.m.) based on John 9/1-25
- "Great Expectations" Sept. 9 th , 1934 (a.m.) based on Heb. 10/1-25
- "Noah" March 10 th , 1935 (a.m.) based on Gen. 6/9
- "The Story of Hagar" June 30 th , 1935 based on Gen. 21/9-21
- "The Romance of Rebecca" July 7 th , 1935 based on Gen. 24/1-20
- "The Sweetest Carol ever Sung" Dec. 22 nd , 1935 based on Luke 2/8-20 |
| 1973-5006-1-4 | 1936 | - "Waiting on You" Jan 19, 1936 based on Acts
- "Communion" March 8, 1936
- "The Romance of Providence", for July 30, Apr 26/36
- "The First Miracle of Jesus", unveiling of window by Hon. T.B. McQuesten, June 12, 1936
- "Naboth's Vineyard", Aug. 23/36 based on Kings 21/1-20
- "Sons of Martha", Sept 6/36 based on Luke 15/1-24 and Isaiah 13/12
- "God on His Hirone", Oct 18/36 based on Psalm 72/1-15 and Isaiah 6/1-8
- "The Torch from Fallen Hands", Nov 15/36 based on Isaiah 54/17 and 55/1-13
- "In the Steps of St. Paul", Dec 13/36 based on Acts 16/25-40 |

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| 1973-5006-1-5 | 1937 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - "Our Heritage", Feb 7, 1937 based on 1 Chron. 11/1-19 - "Rome at Last In Steps of St. Paul", Apr. 25/37 based on Acts 28/11-13 - "Better than Armaments", May 23/37 - "True Imperialism", May 23/37 pm based on Matt. 6/36 - "The League of Nations", May 30/37 based on Rom. 12 - "A Significant Conjunction", June 13/37 based on 2 Kings 5/1-14 - "The Christian Ideal" Communion, Sept 19/37 based on Acts 10/38 - "The Radiant Ministry I Series Life of Jesus", Oct 17/37 am based on Matt. 4/8-25 - "In the Steps of St. Peter", Oct 17/37 pm based on John 1/17-42 - "In the Steps of St. Peter", Oct 24/37 based on 5/1-16 - "Compassion of Jesus", Nov. 7/36 based on Matt. 14/14-36 - "In the Steps of St. Peter, Nov 14/37 based on Matt. 14/14-36 - "Unto the Hills", Nov 21/37 based on John 6/22-37 - "In the Steps of St. Peter", Nov 21/37 based on Matt. 14/22-36 - "Peter's S.O.S.", Nov 28/37 based on Psalm 121 and Rev. 2/1-17 - "Friendship In the Steps of St. Peter", Dec 12/37 |
| 1973-5006-1-6 | 1938 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - "In the Steps of St. Peter", Jan 9/38 - "In the Steps of St. Peter", Feb 6/38 based on Acts 9/32-43 - "In the Steps of St. Peter", Feb 20/38 based on Acts 12/1-12 - "In the Steps of St. Peter", Feb 27/38 based on Acts 12/11-25 - "The Logic of Lent", March 6/38 based on John 9/ 1-17 - "In the Steps of St. Peter – What's in a Name?", March 6/38 pm based on John 1/35-51 - "Introduction to Ten Commandments", March 27/38 based on Eccles. 12/13 - "Profanity", April 10, 1938 based on Exodus 20/1-7 - "The 5th Commandment", May 8/38 based on Exodus 20/12 and Luke 2/39-52 - "The 6th Commandment", May 15/38 based on Exodus 20 - "The 8th Commandment", May 29/38 - "The 9th Commandment", June 5/38 based on Matt. 12/1-28 - "Romance of Providence III", June 19/38 am based on 1 Kings 18/1-2, 17-21 and 19/1-10 - "The 10th Commandment", June 19/38 pm - "Value of memory", August 7/38 based on Sam. 23/1-17 |

- "Impertinence of Judas", August 14/38 based on John 12/1-19
 - "History Repeats Itself", Dec 4/38 based on Luke 12/13-34
- 1973-5006-1-7 1939
- "Overcoming Handicaps", Jan 15/39 based on Judges 10/10-18, 11/1-6
 - "God carries on Moses is dead", Feb 19/39
 - "God & The Commandments", July 23/39 based on Ruth 2/3
 - "A Tale of Two Cities Jonah", July 23/39 based on Jonah 1/1-3
 - "The Contagion of Good", July 30/39 based on Gen. 12/2, 12/1-9, 17/1-7
 - "The Humanity of Jesus", Oct. 22/39
 - "Reception of Colours", Oct 29/39
 - "Virtues Gone Astray", Oct 29/39 based on Romans 14/16, 12
 - "The Labourers in the Vineyard", Nov 26, 1939 based on Matt. 20/1-19
 - "An Ex-Service Man", Nov 26/39 based on 2 Tim. 4/1-18
 - "Pathetic Postscript", Dec 3/39 based on Luke 5/8-24 and 2 Tim. 4/13
- 1973-5006-1-8 1940
- "God a Sanctuary", Feb 11/40 based on Psalm 91: Ez 11/14-16
 - "This is Elijah", Feb 25/40 based on Matt. 11/1-19
 - "Canada and the Motherland St. Paul's", June 30/40 based on Isaiah 62, Psalm 137/5
 - "The Captain of the Ship", Aug 11/40 based on Acts 27/18-44
 - "Everyman", Aug 18/40 based on Luke 15/1-24
 - "Other Aspects of Freedom", Sept 8/40 based on Luke 18/9-27
 - "Things that Remain", Oct 20/40
 - "The Usurper's Fate", Nov 3/40 based on 1 Kings 1/1:5-21
 - "Honour to whom honour is due", Nov 10/40 based on 2 Chron. 6/8, 6/1-17
 - "The Tables Turned Joseph & Brothers", Dec 1/40 based on Gen. 42/1-21
 - "Jesus and Prayer", Dec 8/40 based on Luke 18/1-17
 - "The Religion of Friendliness", Dec 15/40 based on Matt. 25/31-46
 - "The Christmas Carol", Dec 22/40 based on Luke 2/3-20
 - "The Spirit of the Incarnation", Dec 22/40 based on Matt. 2/1-12
- 1973-5006-1-9 1941
- "Those in Authority", Feb 23, 1941 based on Matt. 26/47-68
 - "Pilate the Politician", March 2, 1941 based on Matt. 27/11-29

- "The Blessing of Interruption", March 9, 1940 based on Luke 9/1-17
- "For Such a Time as This, March 30/41 based on Esther 4
- "The Age to Come", Apr 10/41 based on Heb. 6
- "Prophetic Optimism", Apr 27/41 based on Ezck. 37
- "Our Unseen Allies", July 13/41 based on 2 Kings 6/16
- "Virtues Veering Viceward", July 27/41 based on Romans 12
- "The Curse of Covetousness", Oct 5/41 based on Luke 12/13-30
- "The Singing Heart", Oct 21/41 based on Phil. 4
- "Who is sufficient for these things", Nov 2/41 based on 2 Cor. 2/16, 3/5
- "This Freedom", Nov 23/41
- "Pertinent Paradoxes", Dec 7/41 based on 2 Cor. 6/10
- "The Stand of God in History", Dec 14/41 based on Ruth 1/1-9:16-22

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- "An Undeveloped Force", Jan 4/42 based on Luke 18/1-17
- "Stirring of Trouble", Jan 11/42 based on Isaiah
- "They that mourn", Feb 22/42 based on Psalm 34
- "Hunger & Happiness", March 15/42
- "The Twice –blest virtue", March 22/42 based on Luke 4/30-43
- "Hospitals and Homes", May 10/42 based on Matt. 4/23-25: Luke 10/25-34
- "The Reticence of God", May 31/42 based on Daniel 12
- "Saving the Scraps", June 21/42
- "A Mountain Miracle", Aug 23/42 based on John VI/1-15
- "Mount of Transfiguration – 4th in a series", Aug 30/42 based on Mark 9/1-10,14-29
- "No Labour Trouble There", Sept 6/42
- "The Mount of Olives", Sept 20/42 based on Matt. 26/30-47
- "Our Father" – Lord's Prayer #1, Oct 25/42 (baptism)
- "They will be done", Nov 22/42 based on John 4/25-34, 6/24-38
- "Preparatory", Dec 4/42, Mark 14/1-17
- "Environment", Dec 13/42 based on Phi. 4
- "The Spirit of Christmas", Dec 20/42

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- "A Soldier's Reward", Jan 10/43 based on Judges 1/12-26
- "Freedom from Fear", Feb 7/43 based on Psalm 46 and Isaiah 12
- "By their Fruits", March 7/43 based on Matt. 7/20
- "The Hidden Sackcloth", March 21/43 based on 2 Kings
- "Gloomy but Great", July 18/43 based on John 20/12-31

- "At the Gate of the Temple", August 1/43
 - "Communion – Perhaps for Soldiers", September 12 1943
 - "Garden Tragedy", September 12, 1943 pm based on Gen. 2/1-17
 - "Christmas", December 19/43 based on 2/1-16
- 1973-5006-2-1 1944
- "Ezekiel & Dry Bones", Feb 27/44
 - "It's Come at last", Sept 10/44 based on Gen. 41/37-57
 - "A Song in the heart ", Oct 8/44
 - "They can take it", Oct 29/44 based on Matt. 7/26
 - "The Wheat and the Tares", Nov 12, 1944 based on Matt. 13/24-30 and Psalm 126
 - "Elijah's Reaction", Nov 26, 1944 based on 1 Kings 10/1-18
- 1973-5006-2-2
- "The Learning goes on", Jan 7, 1945 based on Luke 13/10-22
 - "Jesus & Friends" # 2 Andrew, Jan 21, 1945 based on John 1/29-42
 - "Friends of Jesus #3 Peter", Jan 28/45 based on Mark 3/1-16
 - " Friends of Jesus #4 Philip", Feb 4/45
 - "The friend of Publicaus and Sinners", March 18, 1945 based on Luke 15/1-10
 - "Friends of Jesus Zacchaeus", April 8, 1945 based on Luke 18/35-43, 19/1-10
- "God's 'Fool'", April 15/1945 based on 2 Sam. 3/31-39 and Luke 12/16
 - "Friends of Jesus – Thomas", April 22, 1945 based on John 20/19-31
 - "Strategy of a Scoundrel", April 29, 1945 based on Luke 16/1-17
 - "Meddling with God", May 20, 1945 based on 2 Chron. 18/28-34, 35/20-24
 - "Freedom", May 20, 1945 based on Luke 18/35-45, 19/1-8
 - "Peter & the lame man", June 3, 1945 based on Acts 3/1-16
 - "Steadfastness of Christ", June 10, 1945
 - "Jesus turning water into wine", June 27, 1945
 - "Impertinent Criticism", July 8, 1945 based on John 12/1-19
 - "Perplexities of Providence", Sept 9, 1945 based on Gen. 12/10
 - "Co-operation", Sept 9, 1945 pm based on Cor.
 - "Peter & Dorcas", Sept 30, 1945 based on Acts 9/23-43
 - "The Creator & the Clay", Nov 25, 1945 based on 1 Kings 7/46
 - "The Ministry of Christ", Dec 9, 1945 based on Mark 1/32-45
- 1973-5006-2-3
- "A Social Religion", Jan 13/46 based on Romans 12

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - "The Harvest of Hardness", Feb 3, 1946 based on Gen. 42/29-38, Psalm 107/1-9 - "The Greatness of Generosity", Feb 24/46 - "The Ministry of Interruption", March 31, 1946 based on Mch. 31/46 - "God and the Corners", Apr 14, 1946 based on Ap. 14/46 - "God and Gardens", May 19, 1946 based on Song of Sol. 4/12 - "Impossible Isolation", June 2, 1946 based on Romans 12 - "The Simple Life", June 9, 1946 based on Matt. 13/1-17 - "Communion", Sept 22, 1946 based on Mark 14/12-28 - "Fishermen's Fortune", Sept 22, 1946 based on Luke 5/1-16 - "The Hidden Sackcloth", Sept 29, 1946 based on 2 Kings 7/1-10, 6/30 - "The Higher Hill", Oct 6, 1946 based on Phil. 3/1-14
1973-5006-2-4	3 Sermons 1949-52	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - "Elijah's Reaction", Nov 27, 1949 based on MacNab. - "Out on the Hillside", Oct 23, 1949 based on John 6/1-15 - "Moses and the Modern World", Feb 3, 1952 based on MacNab.
1973-5006-2-5	[194-?]	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Sermons – undated and incomplete. - 2 sermons untitled and undated - "Our Inheritance" based on 1 Kings 21/3 - "The Prophetic Outlook" based on Isaiah 35 - "Sanity and security" - "Recklessness", Jan 22 - "Creative Friendliness" based on Luke 5:27 - "Blessed are the pure in heart for they shall see God" - "Tomorrow", July 18, 1943 based on Isaiah 35
1973-5006-2-6	[194-?]	Eulogies given by Ketchen for Dr. J.B. McQuesten, Dr. McIlwraith, and Dr. Donald McKerral

Addresses, articles and eulogies

1973-5006-2-7	1922-1923	Addresses to Masonic Lodges
1973-5006-2-8	[194-?]	Addresses to Knox College
1973-5006-2-9	[after 1939]	Addresses given at Synod
1973-5006-2-10	[194-?]	Literary and Patriotic Addresses
1973-5006-2-11	1949-1950, 1953	Articles for the Presbyterian Record

Correspondence and other materials (photocopies)

1973-5006-3-1	1936	Booklet: Historical Sketch of Brucefield Church
1973-5006-3-2	1905-[1942?]	Correspondence received by Beverley Ketchen
1973-5006-3-3	1932-[1939?]	Invitations to special events
1973-5006-3-4	1928	Speech given by D.R. Drummond in presenting the Doctor of Divinity degree to Ketchen
1973-5006-3-5	1926, 1929, 1939	Church Bulletins for services at which Ketchen spoke
1973-5006-3-6	1926-1944	MacNab St. Church – Orders of Service
1973-5006-3-7	1904-1934	MacNab St. Church – Reports
1973-5006-3-8	1927-1938	St. Andrew's Society – correspondence and speeches
1973-5006-3-9	1905	Publications of the Church Work Society regarding Ketchen and/or MacNab St. Church
1973-5006-3-10	1944	In Memoriam address by Ketchen to his wife, Maude Ketchen
1973-5006-3-11	1838-1961, predominant 1905- 1944	Miscellaneous papers relating to Ketchen and his family. (See Appendix A for an item list for this file)

Published Books

1973-5006-2-12	1938	"Sons of Martha" (Toronto: The Thorn Press, 1938)
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