

**The Presbyterian Church in Canada Archives and Records Office**

**John Tawse fonds**

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## **Notes on using the Finding Aid**

First consult the fonds description (fonds being an archival term used to denote the whole of the records created by a specific individual or family and held within an archives). The fonds description includes a biographical sketch of the individual or family that created the records, a scope and content note which briefly describes the records within the fonds (this generally starts with "Fonds consists of..."), and several notes at the bottom, which provide information on access restrictions and copyright restrictions.

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

### **John Tawse fonds. – 1820–[ca. 1877]. – 7 cm of textual records.**

John Tawse (1801-1877) was minister at Eversley (later King), Ontario, within the Presbytery of Toronto. He was born in Aberdeenshire, Scotland, in 1801, the son of James Tawse. He was educated at Marischal College, Aberdeen, graduating with a Master of Arts degree in 1821. He was licensed to preach on August 30<sup>th</sup>, 1826, and for the next ten years laboured at various charges within its bounds. He is known to have assisted at Skene and Maryculter, as well as at Union Terrace Chapel and South Parish in Aberdeen. John Tawse was sent to Canada by the Colonial Society of Glasgow in July 1836, in response to a request for a missionary from the Presbytery of Toronto. He was inducted into the charge at Eversley, later King, Ontario on March 8<sup>th</sup>, 1837, remaining with the St. Andrew's congregation until his retirement in 1874. He passed away on April 8<sup>th</sup>, 1877.

Fonds consists of sermons written by John Tawse, letters of recommendation from various ministers and professors in Aberdeen, Scotland, and several files of essays and addresses written by Tawse and delivered to the Presbytery of Aberdeen and to Divinity Hall, Marischal College, Aberdeen during the 1820s. The fonds also consists of several files of personal papers of John Tawse including his marriage certificate, 1836; a letter of thanks from the congregation in King, Ontario on his retirement in 1874; a letter from his nephew James Tawse, 1858; and a list of preaching engagements for 1845 and 1848. The sermons are undated; some have titles, while others are numbered. Included within the essays and addresses is the Valedictory Address given by Tawse for the Theological Society at Marischal College, Aberdeen.

Title based on contents of the fonds.

Accession Number: 1973-5014

Some material pertaining to the congregation at Eversley, Ontario (which later merged with St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, King, Ont.) including a baptismal register (1837-1851), a list of Communicants (1838-1841), and an order of service for Communion (184-?), was removed from the John Tawse papers in August 1991 and placed with the records of the St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, King, Ontario (see Accession 1984-4007).

No restrictions on access.

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A finding aid for this fonds with file lists is available.

### File List

1973-5014-1-1	[184-?] – [187-?]	Sermons (file1 – untitled, but numbered)
1973-5014-1-2	[184-?] – [187-?]	Sermons (file 2 – titled, but unnumbered)
1973-5014-1-3	[184-?] – [187-?]	Sermons (file 3 – untitled, unnumbered)
1973-5014-1-4	1822-1823, 1825	Sermons delivered to the Preaching Society at Trinity Chapel and Gaelic Chapel, Aberdeen, Scotland.
1973-5014-1-5	1820-1836	Letters of recommendation concerning John Tawse from various ministers and professors in Aberdeen
1973-5014-1-6	1823	Psalm 118: 1-10
1973-5014-1-7	1824	Homily – John 20:9
1973-5014-1-8	1824	Luke 12:1-12
1973-5014-1-9	1824	Exegesis
1973-5014-1-10	1825	Popular Discourse, Romans 8:1
1973-5014-1-11	1826	Exegesis
1973-5014-1-12	1826	Popular Discourse, Romans 8:1
1973-5014-1-13	1826	Mathew 6:1-12
1973-5014-1-14	1826	Homily, Mathew 16:26
1973-5014-1-15	1827	Valedictory address for the Theological Society, Marischal College, Aberdeen
1973-5014-1-16	[183-?]	Latin Phrases
1973-5014-1-17	[182-?]	Extracts from Mosheim's Ecclesiastical History
1973-5014-1-18	[182-?]	On the Benevolence of the Deity
1973-5014-1-19	[182-?]	On the Duty of Man
1973-5014-1-20	[184-?]	Duties of Wives to their Husbands
1973-5014-1-21	1836	Marriage Certificate of John Tawse and Ann Machattie
1973-5014-1-22	1874	Letter from Congregation at King, Ontario re: retirement of John Tawse, March 1874
1973-5014-1-23	1858	Letter to John Tawse from his nephew, James Tawse
1973-5014-1-24	1845, 1848	Preaching itinerary
1973-5014-1-25	1846	List of books added to Library

1973-5014-1-26

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Miscellaneous notes