

Earlton, Nova Scotia Knox Presbyterian Church

Historical Sketch

Knox Presbyterian Church (Earlton, N.S.) was established around 1835 (several dates are given for the erection of the first congregation, 1835, 1837 or 1839) under the Church of Scotland. The first minister was the Rev. William Sutherland. During the Disruption a Free Church was erected in Earlton. The two congregations continued to use the same building and built a new church building in 1871. The two congregations were later united under The Presbyterian Church in Canada (again the year is uncertain; 1898, 1905 or 1906). In 1925, a majority of the Earlton congregation chose to remain with The Presbyterian Church in Canada. Earlton united with Scotsburn at the end of the 1960's.

Access Restrictions

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File No.	Date	Description
<u>Vital Statistics</u>		
1999-8020	1782-1897	Baptisms, Marriages and Deaths Records on microfilm are identical to the textual records in accession 1999-4002.
1999-4002	1846-1884	Baptisms
1999-4002-1-3	1782-1897	Births/Baptisms Contained in a Family Registry of Births, Marriages and Baptisms
1999-4002	1879-1894	Births
1999-4002	1846-1854	Marriages
1999-4002	1782-1897	Marriages Contained in a Family Registry of Births, Marriages and Baptisms
1999-4002	1879-1886	Marriages
1999-4002	1845-1857	Deaths
1999-4002	1879-1897	Deaths
<u>Session</u>		
1999-4002-1-1	1846-1959	Session minutes Includes minutes for St. Andrew's, The Falls, N.S.
1999-4002	1862-1869; 1880-1894	Session minutes
1999-4002	1865	Communion Roll Included in Session minutes
1999-4002-1-5	1971	Order of Service 100 th Anniversary
<u>Board of Managers</u>		
1999-4002-1-6	1930-1968	Bequests
<u>Other Records</u>		
1999-4002-1-7	1997	Obituary for Willard Matheson

East Wawanosh Township, Ontario
Huron County
Calvin Presbyterian Church

Historical Sketch

Calvin Presbyterian Church, East Wawanosh Township, Huron County was dissolved in 1955. The congregation was called Fordyce Congregation before 1880.

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<u>Vital Statistics</u>		
1976-4011-1-1	1848 Dec.-1955 May	Baptisms Fragile - loose papers
1976-4011-1-2	1896 Nov.-1942 June	Marriages First eight entries copied from another volume, includes index
<u>Session</u>		
1976-4011-1-3	1882 Jan.-1935 Jan.	Session Minutes Includes extract minutes from presbytery of Maitland and Whitechurch session, 1880 March-1881 Nov.
1976-4011-1-4	1935 May-1953 Feb.	Session Minutes
1976-4011-1-5	1920;1934;1941;1954	Minutes of Joint Meetings Looseleaf, includes joint meetings with Langside P.C., Whitechurch, Ont.
1976-4011-1-6	c. 1954	Summary of Session Minutes Summary of church records, mainly the session minutes from the earliest entry in 1848-1954.
1976-4011-1-7	1929-1952	Session Report Not inclusive
1976-4011-1-8	1933;1941	Session Correspondence
1976-4011-1-9	1883-1949	Communion Roll
1976-4011-1-10	1925 June	List of Members requesting certificates Leaving to enter United Church
<u>Congregation</u>		
1976-4011-1-11	1880 Oct.-1942 Jan.	Congregation Minutes Loose pages, fragile
1976-4011-2-1	1903-1914	Account Book Includes Congregational Minutes 1943-1954, minutes of joint congregational meetings with Langside, Calvin and Whitechurch

Board of Managers

1976-4011-2-1 1903-1914

Account Book

Includes Congregational Minutes 1943-1954,
minutes of joint congregational meetings with
Langside, Calvin and Whitechurch

1976-4011-2-2 1882-1902

Account Book

1976-4011-2-3 1926-1927

Financial Statement

Organizations of the Congregation

1975-4011-2-4 1936

Sabbath School Report

Eden Mills, Ontario

Eden Mills Presbyterian Church

Historical Sketch

Eden Mills Presbyterian Church (Ont.) was organized by the Rev. William Barrie. Following its organization, Rev. Barrie called the Rev. James Thom to be the first inducted minister to Eden Mills. Rev. Thom was inducted May 15, 1862. At this time the congregations of Eden Mills and Rockwood were united as a joint charge. A new stone building was constructed at Eden Mills in 1887. The union between Eden Mills and Rockwood continued off and on until 1925 when Eden Mills chose to remain a part of The Presbyterian Church in Canada and Rockwood chose to enter the United Church of Canada. Following Union, a minority congregation was begun at Rockwood and the two congregations were once again united as a joint charge. St. Paul's, Guelph was a part of this union from 1937 until 1954.

File No.	Date	Description
<u>Vital Statistics</u>		
1973-8012	1862-1900	Baptisms (microfilm)
1999-8018	1862-1949	Baptisms (microfilm)
2006-8009	1925-2005	Baptisms (microfilm)
2006-8009	1962-2006	Marriages (microfilm)
2006-8009	1967-2006	Burials (microfilm)
<u>Session</u>		
1973-8012	1857-1899	Session minutes (microfilm)
1999-8018	1857-1938	Session minutes (microfilm)
2006-8009	1939-1999	Session minutes (microfilm) Incl. membership roll and historical facts
1999-8018	1937-1939	Communion Roll (microfilm)
<u>Publications and Histories</u>		
2003-4004	1987	Congregational History

Edmonton, Alberta First Presbyterian Church

Historical Sketch

First Presbyterian Church (Edmonton, Alta.) was organized in 1881 by the Rev. A. B. Baird. The congregation was known as Edmonton Presbyterian Church until 1905 when the name was changed to First Presbyterian Church. The first building was dedicated on November 5, 1882. The congregation became self sustaining in 1896. A church building was completed in 1902 and a third was dedicated in 1912. During the time of Church Union in 1925, First chose to remain with The Presbyterian Church in Canada.

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File No.	Date	Description
<u>Vital Statistics</u>		
1999-8006	1882-1998	Baptisms (microfilm)
1999-8006	1882-1998	Marriages (microfilm)
1999-8006	1882-1998	Deaths (microfilm)
<u>Session</u>		
1999-8039	1887-1930	Session minutes (microfilm)
1999-8006	1930-1998	Session minutes (microfilm)
1999-8039	1887-1999	Communion Roll & Register (microfilm)
1976-4014	1931	Order of Service 50 th Anniversary
1976-4014	1954	Order of Service Celebration of the 100 th anniversary of the birth of the Rev. McQueen. Also includes a list of new communicants.
1992-4047	1991	Order of Service
<u>Congregation</u>		
1999-8006	1892-1911	Congregational Meeting minutes (microfilm)
1999-8006	1924-1937	Annual Meetings (microfilm)
1999-8006	1892-1911	Annual Reports (microfilm)
2000-8010	1913-1915; 1917-1919; 1938-1940; 1942-1959	Annual Reports (microfilm)
<u>Board of Managers</u>		
1999-8006	1892-1911	Board of Managers Meeting minutes (microfilm)
2000-8010	1964-1997	Board of Managers Meeting minutes (microfilm)

Organizations of the Congregation

2000-8010 1885-1897; 1904-1911;
1920-1939; 1944-1998
2000-8010 1943-1971

Ladies Aid Society minutes (microfilm)

First Auxiliary minutes (microfilm)

Publications and Histories

1976-4014 1927

Souvenir of the 40th year of the Rev. D.
G. McQueen's ministry

1976-4014 1940

History of the Presbyterian Church in
Edmonton 1866-1940. by Rev. F. D.
Roxburgh. 12pp., ill.

Edmonton, Alberta
Grierson Presbyterian Church

See St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church (Edmonton, Alta.)

Edmonton, Alberta McQueen Presbyterian Church

Historical Sketch

McQueen Presbyterian Church (Edmonton, AB) opened in November of 1912. The congregation appears to have been closed by 1935.

File No.	Date	Description
<u>Vital Statistics</u>		
1979-4008-1-1	1913-1933	Baptisms Contained in Mission Record book which also includes Communion Roll 1915-1933
<u>Session</u>		
1979-4008-1-2	1915 Apr.-1933	Session minutes
1979-4008-1-1	1915-1933	Communion Roll Contained in Mission Record Book which also includes a Baptisms
<u>Congregation</u>		
1979-4008-1-2	1915 Apr.-1933	Congregational minutes
1979-4008-1-1	1913-1933	Mission Record Book Also includes a Baptisms and a Communion Roll 1915-1933
<u>Board of Managers</u>		
1979-4008-1-2	1915 Apr.-1933	Board of Managers minutes
<u>Organizations of the Congregation</u>		
1979-4008-1-3	1930 Jan.-1933 May	Ladies Aid Society Minutes

Edmonton, Alberta

St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church

Historical Sketch

St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church (Edmonton, Alta.) was formed in 1913. The church was initially called Grierson Presbyterian Church after Mr. Delsand Grierson who donated the land for the first church building. At first the services were held in a tent. In 1925 the congregation remained Presbyterian but they moved to a more central location in the city and named their new church St. Andrew's. They built yet another new building between 1955-1956.

File No.	Date	Description
<u>Session</u>		
1979-4006-1-1	1914 Apr.-1952 Dec.	Session Minutes Also included is an historical sketch
<u>Board of Managers</u>		
1979-4006-1-2	1913 Sept.-1925 May	Board of Managers and Congregational Minutes
1979-4006-1-3	1925 June-1934 May	Board of Managers and Congregational Minutes
1979-4006-1-4	1934 June-1947 Jan.	Board of Managers Minutes
1979-4006-1-5	1947 Feb.-1955 Sept.	Board of Managers Minutes
1979-4006-2-1	1969-1978	Annual Reports
1979-4006-2-2	1954 Nov.-1956 Feb.	Planning Committee Minutes
<u>Organizations of the Congregation</u>		
1979-4006-2-3	1961	W.M.S. History By Elizabeth M. Davies, 6pp. typescript
<u>Publications and Histories</u>		
1979-4006-2-4	1938	Historical Sketch Program for 25th Anniversary, 2 copies

Edmonton, Alberta

Westmount Presbyterian Church

Historical Sketch

Westmount Presbyterian Church (Edmonton, Alta.) was established on November 9, 1913. On July 1, 1914, Westmount assumed augmented status. The first inducted minister was the Rev. D.J. Graham, who was officially inducted in May of 1918. The church building was moved to a new site on the corner of 110 Avenue and 126 Street in 1922. The congregation of Westmount Presbyterian Church voted to remain with The Presbyterian Church in Canada during the time of Church Union in 1925. Around 1948, the congregation was forced to be an ordained mission field. This situation lasted until 1953 when the congregation was once again an augmented charge and able to call a minister. In 1954 the congregation voted to become self sustaining. A new church building and manse were completed in 1958.

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<u>Vital Statistics</u>		
1981-8008	1913-1980	Baptisms (microfilm)
1981-8008	1913-1980	Marriages (microfilm)
1981-8008	1913-1980	Deaths (microfilm)
<u>Session</u>		
1981-8008	1913-1985	Session minutes (microfilm)
1981-8008	1913-1980	Communion Roll (microfilm)
1988-4033	1988	Order of Service 75 th Anniversary
1992-4123	1913	Order of Service (photocopy of) Opening and Dedication Services.
<u>Publications and Histories</u>		
1988-4033	1988	75 th Anniversary Historical Booklet.
1992-4033	1988	75 th Anniversary Historical Booklet

Eldon, Ontario
St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church

See Woodville Community Presbyterian Church (Ont.)

Eldon Station, Ontario
St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church

See St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church (Kirkfield, Ont.)

Note: for Eldon Township, also see St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church (South Eldon, Ont.)

Elmvale, Ontario

Elmvale Presbyterian Church

Historical Sketch

Elmvale Presbyterian Church (ON) was initially connected with the United Presbyterian Church (Presbytery of Toronto). It began in 1860 under charge of Rev. George Crow who served until 1890. The first church building erected in 1864 was of frame construction and is where the cemetery is now. A second (brick) church was built on Queen Street in 1894 and dedicated in 1895. The congregation of Elmvale Presbyterian Church, Medonte Township and Knox Presbyterian Church (Hillsdale) in Flos Township, Ont. operated with one joint session from 1860 to 1891, then Elmvale operated with its own session afterwards but was part of a two-point charge with Knox. In 1925 the Elmvale congregation voted to remain with the Presbyterian Church in Canada.

Note

Two architectural drawings/blueprints were removed from this accession to the Graphics Collection.

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<u>Vital Statistics</u>		
1990-8008	1891-1973	Baptisms (microfilm)
1990-8008	1913-1937, 1940-1966	Marriages (microfilm)
1985-4008-1-5	1965;1967-1977	Annual Reports Includes list of marriages and baptisms for the year.
<u>Session</u>		
1985-4008-1-1	1935 April-1976	Session Minutes Includes joint meetings with Board of Managers
1990-8008	1891-1896; 1899-1934	Session Minutes (microfilm)
1985-4008-1-2	1977	Session Report
1990-8008	1913-1917; 1918-1926; 1929-1936; 1937; 1946-1947; 1957-1962	Communion Rolls (microfilm)
1985-4008-1-3	1974	Order of Service
1989-4029-1-1	1985	Order of Service
<u>Congregation</u>		
1985-4008-1-4	1895-1898;1903-1904; 1906-1911;1923;1962-1964	Annual Reports
1985-4008-1-5	1965;1967-1977	Annual Reports
1990-8008	1902-1921; 1930-1978	Congregational minutes (microfilm)

Board of Managers

1985-4008-1-1	1935 April-1976 Jan.	Session Minutes Includes joint meetings with Board of Managers
1985-4008-1-6	c. 1976	Board of Managers Minutes. Loose, draft
1990-8008	1927-1950; 1970-1978	Board of Managers minutes (microfilm)
1985-4008-1-7	1892-1979	Board of Managers Correspondence Includes duties of Caretaker, 1948
1985-4008-1-8	1894 Dec.	Assignment of Claims, against Harvey Stovil, contractor for the brick and stone work on the Presbyterian Church of Elmvale
1985-4008-1-9	1895-1899	Weekly Offerings Account Book (Oversize)
1985-4008-1-10	1900-1907	Weekly Offerings Account Book (Oversize)
1985-4008-1-11	1907-1926	Weekly Offerings Account Book (Oversize)

Organizations of the Congregation

1985-4008-1-12	1952-1962	W.M.S. Reports
1990-8008	1922-1932; 1945-1956	Women's Missionary Society minutes (microfilm)
1985-4008-1-13	1957-1968	Ladies Aid Minutes
1985-4008-1-14	1895-1908	Ladies Aid Minutes
	1908 Jan.-1915 Dec.	Fragile, paper very brittle
1985-4008-1-15	1916 Jan.-1924 Feb.	Ladies Aid Minutes
1985-4008-1-16	1924 March-1928 Nov.	Ladies Aid Minutes
1985-4008-2-1	1928 Dec.-1935 Dec.	Ladies Aid Minutes
1985-4008-2-2	1936 Jan.-1951 Nov.	Ladies Aid Minutes
		Includes constitution
1989-4029-1-2	1951 Dec.-1970 Feb.	Ladies Aid Minutes
		Includes constitution
1989-4029-1-3	1970 March-1986 Nov.	Ladies Aid Minutes
1989-4029-1-4	1968-1969; 1977-1978; 1981-1983; 1985	Ladies Aid Reports
1985-4008-2-3	1924-1952	Ladies Aid Attendance and Financial Statements (Oversize)
1989-4029-1-5	1952-1982	Ladies Aid Account Book
1989-4029-1-6	1984-1985	Ladies Aid Account Book
1985-4008-2-4	1920	Ladies Aid Historical Sketch
1989-4029-1-7	1965 Jan.-1970 Nov.	Presbyterian Church Women Minutes
1989-4029-1-8	1971 Jan.-1980 Jan.	Presbyterian Church Women Minutes
1989-4029-1-9	1970 Jan.-1986 May	Willing Workers Minutes
1985-4008-2-5	1937 Oct.-1942 May	St. Andrew's Senior Guild (P.Y.P.S.) Minutes Includes attendance
1985-4008-2-6	1942 Nov.-1950 Sept.	St. Andrew's Senior Guild (P.Y.P.S.) Minutes Includes attendance
1985-4008-2-7	1955 Nov.-1958 Dec.	P.Y.P.S. Minutes Includes attendance

1985-4008-2-8	1965 Oct.-1971 Jan.	P. Y. P. S. Minutes Includes attendance
1985-4008-2-9	1926	Bible Class Minutes Includes attendance
1985-4008-2-10	1931-1944	Westminster Bible Class Financial Statements
1985-4008-2-11	1931-1943	Westminster Bible Class Attendance Roll
1985-4008-2-12	1936-1937	Sunday School Attendance Roll

Publications and Histories

1985-4008-3-1	1985
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Years of Witness

By John C. Cooper. Gail Lucas and Gladys Train, eds. Published for the 125th anniversary, 286pp., ill.

Elora, Ontario

Chalmers Presbyterian Church

Historical Sketch

Chalmers Presbyterian Church, Elora was established in 1856 as a congregation of the Presbyterian Church of Canada (Free Church) within the Presbytery of Hamilton. Prior to 1856, Free Presbyterians were members of Melville congregation in Fergus. The congregation was disbanded in 1917.

File No.	Date	Description
<u>Vital Statistics</u>		
1973-8013	1856-1900	Baptisms (microfilm)
<u>Session</u>		
1973-8013	1856-1900	Session minutes (microfilm)
1984-4003-1-11	1901 Aug.-1916 Oct.	Session minutes
1973-8013	1859-1895	Communion Roll (microfilm)
1984-4003-1-12	1856	Documents on establishment of congregation Includes Report of Committee of Presbytery of Hamilton on erection of congregation, 1856, Feb.; Petition to Presbytery of Hamilton for moderation in a Call, 1856, Apr.; Letters, Rev. George Smellie to Rev. M.Y. Stark on Call to James Middlemiss, 1856, May; Extract, minutes of Presbytery of Hamilton, ordination of James Middlemiss, 1856, June.
<u>Organizations of the Congregation</u>		
1984-4003-1-13	1882	Sabbath School Teachers Association Rules (Photocopy)

Elora, Ontario

Knox Presbyterian Church

Historical Sketch

Knox Presbyterian Church, Elora began in 1837 as a congregation of the United Associate Church (later United Presbyterian) meeting in Upper Nichol Township. In 1842, the congregation was linked with Eramosa Township as the Eramosa and Irvine Pastoral Charge. Between 1848 and 1850, a new building was constructed in Elora which was named Knox Church. In 1925 the congregation voted to remain within The Presbyterian Church in Canada.

File No.	Date	Description
<u>Session</u>		
1973-8014	1837-1850; 1859-1900	Session minutes (microfilm)
<u>Congregational</u>		
1984-4003-1-1	1870 May	"Constitution of the Congregation of Knox Church, Elora. Adopted May 1870" Photocopy; 7pp.
1984-4003-1-2	1910	Annual Report
1984-4003-1-3	1925-1932; 1934	Annual Reports
1984-4003-1-4	1935-1944	Annual Reports
1984-4003-1-5	1945-1949; 1951-1953	Annual Reports
1984-4003-1-6	1955-1958	Annual Reports
1984-4003-1-10	1858	Financial Report United Presbyterian congregation
<u>Publications and Histories</u>		
1984-4003-1-7	c.1937	History Includes lists of officers of congregational organizations, including Board of Trustees, W.M.S., W.A., Minister's Committee, Missionary Committee, Young People's Society, Knox Auxiliary, Sabbath School Teachers, Auditors and Centennial Committee, 29pp., ms
1984-4003-1-8	1937	<u>History of Knox Church, Elora. The One Hundredth Anniversary</u> Elora, 1937; 28pp. ill. (2 copies)
<u>Other records</u>		
1984-4003-1-9	1898 Oct.	Broadsheet "To the Members of Knox Church, Elora" Open letter from Henry Wissler concerning complaint against the Rev. John McInnes relating to the introduction of the <u>Book of Praise</u> . 1p. (photocopy)

Elphinstone, Manitoba

Elphinstone Presbyterian Church

Historical Sketch

Elphinstone Presbyterian Church (Man.) appears to have been established between 1908 and 1913. The records seem to indicate the 1908 date, however, the Acts & Proceedings indicate the 1913 date. Other records indicate a church presence in the area as early as 1876. This congregation may also have been known as Knox Presbyterian Church (Elphinstone, Man.). The congregation of Elphinstone was closely related to several other reservation congregations including: Okanase (Thomas Hart Presbyterian Church and Riding Mountain Reserve), Sandy Lake Church, Rolling River Reserve and Keeseekoowenins Reserve. The congregation of Elphinstone appears to have been closed circa 1989.

Access Restrictions

This group of records may be restricted in its entirety, please check with the archivist.

Note

These records are entirely on microfilm.

File No.	Date	Description
<u>Vital Statistics</u>		
1989-8002	1933-1942	Births Keeseekoowenins Reserve
1989-8002	1934-1939	Births Elphinstone
1989-8002	1896-1983	Baptisms Includes records of Okanase Indian Reserve from 1896; Elphinstone from 1915; Keeseekoowenins from 1927.
1989-8002	1915-1958	Baptisms Elphinstone
1989-8002	1910-1948, 1962	Baptisms Sandy Lake Church
1989-8002	1952-1984	Baptisms Elphinstone & Okanase
1989-8002	1948-1978	Baptisms Rolling River Reserve
1989-8002	1932-1941	Marriages Elphinstone
1989-8002	1921-1926	Marriages Rolling River Reserve
1989-8002	1918-1936; 1935-1943	Marriages Rolling River Reserve
1989-8002	1947-1982	Marriages Elphinstone & Okanase
1989-8002	1949-1976	Marriages Rolling River Reserve
1989-8002	1932-1942	Deaths Elphinstone

1989-8002	1955-1980	Burials Elphinstone & Keeseekoowenins
1989-8002	1949-1981	Burials Rolling River Reserve
1989-8002	1981-1988	Burials Elphinstone & Okanase

Session

1989-8002	1908-1941	Session minutes Elphinstone
1989-8002	1947-1970	Session Reports Elphinstone
1989-8002	1934-1953	Roll Rolling River Reserve
1989-8002	1960-1963	Mission Report book Rolling River Reserve
1989-8002	1910	Communion Roll Rolling River Reserve
1989-8002	1933-1940	Communion Roll Rolling River Reserve
1989-8002	1910-1962	Communion Roll Sandy Lake Church
1989-8002	1913-1915	Communion Roll Westmount Church
1989-8002	1927-1947	Communion Roll Rolling River Reserve
1989-8002	1895-1945; 1950	Communion Roll Okanase
1989-8002	1908-1915	Communion Roll Elphinstone
1989-8002	1947-1953	Communion Roll Elphinstone
1989-8002	1960-1979	Communion Roll unspecified congregation

Congregation

1989-8002	1908-1935	Congregational Meeting minutes Elphinstone
1989-8002	1949-1963	Congregational Meeting minutes Elphinstone

Board of Managers

1989-8002	1947-1964	Cash Book Elphinstone
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Elsinore, Ontario

Elsinore Presbyterian Church

Historical Sketch

Elsinore Presbyterian Church (ON) was a part of a four point charge in 1875 with Tara, Allansford and Riverdale. The Elsinore congregation was dissolved November 1, 1965.

File No.	Date	Description
<u>Vital Statistics</u>		
1977-4007-1-1	1877 July-1965 Nov.	Baptisms Baptisms at Skipness Congregation, 1893 May-1904 June; loose papers, fragile
<u>Congregation</u>		
1977-4007-1-2	1885 Dec.-1915	Congregational Minutes Smelly, mildewy, mouse-eaten
1977-4007-1-3	1950 Jan.-1965 Oct.	Congregational Minutes

Embroy, Ontario Knox Presbyterian Church

Historical Sketch

Knox Presbyterian Church was established in 1925 when those choosing not to join Church Union left the already established Knox Presbyterian Church (which became Embroy United Church) to continue on with The Presbyterian Church in Canada. In 1925, the congregation met in the Town Hall with ministers and students supplying from Toronto. In 1929, a house was purchased for \$ 1500 and remodeled into a combined church and manse. The congregation purchased the Congregational Church in the 1940's and built a new manse next to it in 1976.

File No.	Date	Description
<u>Publications and Histories</u>		
1982-4018	1982	History <u>The Faith is Strong: Knox Presbyterian Church Embroy 1832-1982</u> . Embroy, 1982; 37pp. ill.

Erin, Ontario

Burns Presbyterian Church

Historical Sketch

Burns Presbyterian Church (Erin, Ont.) was formally organized in 1848. A church was built at this time and was called Union Church. The first inducted minister was the Rev. James A. Thomson. A new church building was dedicated on the same site on December 11, 1881. It was at this time that the church's name was changed to Burns in order to honour the Rev. Dr. Robert Burns. During the time of Church Union in 1925, the congregation of Burns Presbyterian Church chose to remain a part of The Presbyterian Church in Canada.

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File No.	Date	Description
<u>Vital Statistics</u>		
1994-8022	1849-1858	Baptisms (microfilm)
<u>Session</u>		
1994-8022	1848-1971	Session minutes (microfilm)
1994-8022	1848; 1852; 1859; 1865; 1873	Communion Roll (microfilm)
1994-8022	1860	Subscription List (microfilm)
<u>Congregation</u>		
1994-8022	1862-1892	Congregational minutes & Annual reports (microfilm)
1994-8022	1934, 1956	Annual Reports (microfilm)
<u>Board of Managers</u>		
1994-8022	1859	Collections (microfilm)

Esquesing, Ontario Boston Presbyterian Church

Historical Sketch

Boston Presbyterian Church, Esquesing has a complex history of unions, divisions and linkages. The first Presbyterian service was held in 1820 and the first church building was constructed between 1825 and 1835. The congregation called a minister from the United Secession Church of Scotland, the Rev. Peter Ferguson, inducted in 1832. In 1833 however, the congregation voted to enter the Church of Scotland and so become eligible for funds from the Clergy Reserves. As a result, some members left the congregation and set up a separate congregation in connection with the Associate Synod of North America, later United Presbyterian Church of North America. The new congregation became commonly known as the Antiburgher Church. In 1837, a second group left the Church of Scotland congregation and joined the Antiburgher congregation, moving on from there in 1843, to form a third congregation which became known as the Seceder Church. In 1844, the Church of Scotland congregation split again with the Disruption and both the larger Presbyterian Church of Canada congregation ("Free") and the remaining Church of Scotland congregation, continued to use the same building. The Church of Scotland congregation declined in membership and disappeared in the 1850s or 1860s. The Presbyterian Church of Canada congregation took the name of Boston Presbyterian Church in 1845. Between 1847 and 1850 Boston was linked with Union and Norval congregations. From 1851 to 1854 Boston was linked with Acton and from 1855 to 1887 it was linked with Knox Church, Milton. In 1860 the United Presbyterian (Seceder Church) congregation re-united with Boston, just prior to the denominational union of 1861 which produced the Canada Presbyterian Church. The congregation remained in the Presbyterian Church in 1925 and in 1926, Boston was linked with Hornby and Omagh as a three point charge, and in 1929 Hornby became a mission field leaving Boston and Omagh as a self supporting two point charge.

The Secession Church, Esquesing, was formed in 1843. The members left the Church of Scotland congregation in 1837 to join the existing congregation of the United Associate Church of North America and left that congregation in 1843 to form a congregation of the Missionary Synod of the United Secession Church of Scotland, which united with the Relief Church in 1847 to form the United Presbyterian Church. The congregation united with Boston Presbyterian Church, Esquesing in 1860.

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File No.	Date	Description
<u>Vital Statistics</u>		
1978-4002-1-1	[ca. 1822-1856]	Baptisms & Communion Roll
1978-4002-1-2	1912-1978	Baptisms
1978-4002-1-10	1858 Jan.-1891 May	Marriages (Oversize)
1978-4002-1-3	1896 Nov.-1979 Apr.	Marriages

Session

1978-4002-1-4	1832-1858	Session minutes Includes historical sketch of the establishment of Boston Presbyterian Church and minutes of Session of Knox Presbyterian Church, Milton, Ontario 1847-1858
1978-4002-1-5	1855 Sept.-1887 Oct.	Session minutes Includes minutes of Session of Knox Presbyterian Church, Milton
1978-4002-1-6	1888 May-1939 Feb.	Session minutes
1978-4002-2-14	1939 Apr.-1978 June	Session minutes
1978-4002-2-10	1853 Apr.-1859 Jan.	Session minutes (United Secession/ United Presbyterian Congregation)
1978-4002-1-1	1832-1867	Communion Roll Contained in Baptisms
1978-4002-1-7	1888-1892	Communion Roll
1978-4002-1-8	1900-1912	Communion Roll
1978-4002-2-5	1914 Jan.	Call to the Rev. W.G.Rose

Congregation

1978-4002-2-1	1851-1899	Congregational meetings - minutes Includes historical sketch of congregation, 1819-1851
1978-4002-2-2	[ca. 1862-1873]	Congregational meetings - minutes Draft & pencil minutes and reports
1978-4002-2-11	1843 Oct.-1862 May	Congregational meetings – minutes (United Secession/ United Presbyterian Congregation)
1978-4002-2-6	1824	Facsimile Records of minutes of meeting of the first Presbyterian Society in Esquesing

Board of Managers

1978-4002-1-9	1872 Jan.-1899 Mar.	Proceedings of the Managing Committee
1978-4002-1-11	1890-1896	Weekly Offerings account book (Oversize)
1978-4002-2-3	1824	Lease & Bond Lease from Andrew Laidlaw to the Trustees of the first Presbyterian Society in Esquesing and Bond, Andrew Laidlaw to Malcum (sic) McNarton, Duncan Campbell and James McEwan for 30 pounds.
1978-4002-2-4	1879-1899	Account book

Board of Trustees (United Secession/ United Presbyterian Congregation)

1978-4002-2-12	1858	Deed from John Stewart and Wife to the Trustees for the United Presbyterian Church, Esquesing.
1978-4002-2-13	1978 (originally created, c. 1825)	Photocopy of petition to the Lieutenant-Governor, Sir Peregrine Maitland for financial assistance to support a Presbyterian minister. Original in National Archives

Organizations of the Congregation

1978-4002-2-7	1853-1899	Sabbath School books Account book, 1889-1899; Memorandum book of the treasurer of the S. S. library 1853-1868
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Publications and Histories

1978-4002-2-8	1978	<u>History of Boston Presbyterian Church, Esquesing Township, 1820-1975</u> 1978; 60pp. ill.
1978-4002-2-9	1968	Historical Sketches History by S.E. Smith typescript; 1968; 2pp. typescript; c.1968.; 5pp.

Esquesing, Ontario
United Secession/ United Presbyterian Congregation

See Boston Presbyterian Church (Esquesing, ON).

Essa, Ontario

Baxter Presbyterian Church

Historical Sketch

Baxter Presbyterian Church was originally known as Dunn's Corners Presbyterian Church, which became shortened to Dunn's Presbyterian Church. From 1876 until 1904 Dunn's was part of a three-point charge with First Church, Essa and Burn's Church, Essa. In 1904 Dunn's Church became part of a three-point charge with Ivy and Town Line. In 1909 the name was changed to Baxter Presbyterian Church. In 1944 the congregation was re-aligned and Baxter and Ivy were linked with Zion Church, Angus, while Town Line was linked with First Church, Essa and Cookstown. In 1961, after both First Essa and Town Line had been closed, Baxter and Ivy were linked with Cookstown in a three-point charge.

File No.	Date	Description
<u>Session</u>		
1988-4023-1-1	[c. 1896-1963]	Communion Roll
<u>Congregation</u>		
1988-4023-1-2	1879-1916	Congregational Meetings - minutes and accounts Includes Congregational Meetings, 1879-1892 and accounts, 1992-1916
1988-4023-1-3	1897-1916	Congregational Meetings
1988-4023-1-4	1917-1964	Congregational Meetings - minutes
<u>Board of Managers</u>		
1988-4023-1-3	1897-1916	Board of Managers minutes
1988-4023-1-5	1949-1952	Weekly Offerings account book
1988-4023-1-6	1953	Weekly Offerings account book
1988-4023-1-7	1955-1958	Weekly Offerings account book
1988-4023-1-8	1959-1962	Weekly Offerings account book

Essa, Ontario

First Presbyterian Church

Historical Sketch

First Presbyterian Church, Essa, was established by 1832 as part of a joint charge with West Gwillimbury and Tecumseh, by the Missionary Synod of the United Associate Secession Church of Scotland (later the United Presbyterian Church of Canada). It was erected as a separate charge in 1835. In 1875, after the formation of The Presbyterian Church in Canada, First Essa was linked with Burn's Presbyterian Church, Essa and Dunn's Presbyterian Church, Essa in a three-point charge until 1904. A re-alignment of congregations put First Essa into a three-point charge with Cookstown and Carluke. In 1908 and from 1913, Carluke is named as Nicolston in the Acts and Proceedings. In 1926, following the formation of the United Church of Canada, First Essa was placed in a three-point charge with Cookstown and Bondhead. In 1933 the Bondhead congregation appears to have been dissolved, leaving Cookstown and First Essa in a two-point charge which became a three-point charge in 1937 with the addition of Zion Church, Angus. In 1944, Angus was removed to form a three-point charge with Baxter and Ivy and was replaced with Town Line. In 1953 services at Town Line were discontinued and in May 1954 services at First Essa were discontinued.

File No.	Date	Description
<u>Vital Statistics</u>		
1973-4034-1-1	1835 Sept.-1953 Oct.	Baptisms
<u>Session</u>		
1973-4034-1-2	1835 Aug.-1908 Oct.	Session minutes
1973-4034-1-3	1910 Feb.-1953 June	Session minutes
1973-4034-1-4	1918	Session minutes Draft
1973-4035-1-5	[c. 1841-1911]	Communion Roll
1973-4035-1-6	1952-1953	Statistical Returns to Presbytery
<u>Congregation</u>		
1973-4035-1-7	1850-1912	Congregational Meetings - minutes
1973-4035-1-8	1913-1939	Congregational Meetings - minutes
1973-4035-1-9	1940-1953	Congregational Meetings - minutes
<u>Board of Trustees</u>		
1973-4035-1-10	1858, 1937	Wilson Cemetery and Church Deeds Copy legal deeds
<u>Board of Managers</u>		
1973-4034-2-1	1928-1954	Account book
1973-4034-2-2	1948-1953	Account book
1973-4034-2-3	1948-1953	Financial records
<u>Organizations of the Congregation</u>		
1973-4034-2-4	1946 Jan.-1953 Jan.	Women's Association Minutes and register
1973-4034-2-5	1953 Feb.-June	Ladies Aid minutes
1973-4034-2-6	1945-1953	Women's Association Account book

Essa, Ontario Town Line Presbyterian Church

Historical Sketch

Essa Town Line Presbyterian Church, usually referred to simply as Town Line Presbyterian Church was established in 1858 as a congregation of the Canada Presbyterian Church. In 1876 it was linked with Ivy in a two-point charge. In 1893 the two congregations were linked with Cookstown until 1901 when Cookstown was re-aligned with First West Gwillimbury and Monkman's. In 1905, Ivy and Town Line were linked with Dunn's Presbyterian Church, Essa which was re-named Baxter in 1909 and this three-point charge was maintained until 1944 when Ivy and Baxter were linked with Zion Church, Angus and Town Line was linked with Cookstown and First Church, Essa. In 1953 services were discontinued at Essa Town Line.

Note

The only significant gap is the loss of the Marriages.

File No.	Date	Description
<u>Vital Statistics</u>		
1974-4011-1-1	1858 Aug.-1950 May	Baptisms
<u>Session</u>		
1974-4011-1-2	1858 May-1951 Sept.	Session minutes
1974-4011-1-3	1932-1935	Communion Roll
1974-4011-1-4	1934-1946	Communion Roll
<u>Congregation</u>		
1974-4011-1-5	1893-1953	Congregational Meetings - minutes

Etobicoke, Ontario

Grace Presbyterian Church

See Graceview Presbyterian Church (Toronto, Ont.)

Historical Sketch

Grace Church, Toronto began in the Bloordale District in 1955 and services were held in the local public school. The congregation was led in 1955 and 1956 by a Knox student minister Gordon Hastings and was known as Bloordale Church. In 1956, the congregation was officially established as a mission field church and Rev. Kenneth Barker was appointed Ordained Missionary. A building site was acquired but shortly after was expropriated for expansion of Highway 427. A property on the West Mall was received in exchange and a portable church was placed on the site. Rezoning forced the congregation to move once again, this time to a property on Renforth Drive. With the move, the congregation changed its name to Grace Church. In 1961 the church building was completed and in 1984 part of the property was sold, which paid off all indebtedness and funded a building extension, completed that year. During 2000, the congregation amalgamated with Hillview Presbyterian Church and changed its name to Graceview Presbyterian Church.

Etobicoke, Ontario
St. James (Long Branch) Presbyterian Church

See St. James Long Branch Presbyterian Church (Toronto, Ont.)

Euphemia, Ontario Cameron Presbyterian Church

Historical Sketch

Cameron Presbyterian Church was organized in 1867. Beginning in 1875, the congregation was linked with Guthrie Presbyterian Church, Alvinston, and Chalmer's Presbyterian Church, Brooke, Ontario. With the resignation of The Rev. Ferguson in 1878, however, regular services at Cameron were discontinued, with members continuing to worship at Guthrie Church, Alvinston. In 1891, however, the church was re-opened. In 1925, the congregation voted to remain within The Presbyterian Church in Canada. Cameron Presbyterian Church, Euphemia was closed in 1999.

Restrictions on Access

Session minutes are restricted for a period of 50 years from the date they were written.

Related Material

For related material, see the records of Guthrie Presbyterian Church, Alvinston, Ontario, Chalmer's Presbyterian Church, Brooke, Ontario, and St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Napier, Ontario.

File No.	Date	Description
<u>Vital Statistics</u>		
2000-4003-1-5	1870-1998	Baptisms
2000-4003-1-6	1916-1956	Baptisms
1996-8007	1870-1871, 1892-1925	Baptisms
<u>Session</u>		
1996-8007	1871-1989	Session minutes
2000-4003-1-3	1989-1999	Session minutes
1996-8007	1867-1880	Communion Roll
2000-4003-1-6	1896-1958	Communion Roll - also on microfilm 1996-8007
2000-4003-1-7	1959-1999	Communion Roll
<u>Board of Managers and Board of Trustees</u>		
1996-8007	1867	Deed to the church property
1996-8007	1903-1996	Board of Managers minutes
1996-8007	1939-1996	Board of Trustees minutes - also on microfilm 1996-8007
2000-4003-1-8	1926-1954	Account book (incl. contributions list)
2000-4003-1-9	1955-1968	Account book (incl. contributions list)
2000-4003-1-11	1969-1974	Account book (incl. contributions list)

2000-4003-1-12	1975-1981	Account book (incl. contributions list)
2000-4003-1-13	1982-1987	Account book (incl. contributions list)
2000-4003-1-14	1988-1994	Account book (incl. contributions list)
2000-4003-1-15	1995-1999	Account book (incl. contributions list)

Congregation

1996-8007	1867-1903	Congregational Meeting minutes
2000-4003-1-10	Aug. 5, 1867	Congregational Meeting minutes
2000-4003-1-2	Sept. 2, 1867	Congregational Meeting minutes
2000-4003-1-1	Feb. 1, 1869	Congregational Meeting minutes
2000-4003-1-4	1893-1996	Congregational Meeting minutes - also on microfilm 1996-8007
2000-4003-1-4	1903-1996	Annual Reports - also on microfilm 1996-8007

Publications and Histories

1996-8007	1924	<u>Historical Sketch, 1867-1924</u> 8 pp.
1996-8007	1967	Miscellaneous documents re: history and property of Cameron Church

Exeter, Ontario

Caven Presbyterian Church

Historical Sketch

Caven Presbyterian Church, Exeter was organized in 1861 as a congregation of the Canada Presbyterian Church. The name Caven was adopted in 1877 after Dr. William Caven preached in the newly opened building. The congregation was linked with Rodgerville until 1882 when it became a separate charge. In 1955 Cromarty was linked with Caven, and in 1967 Carmel Presbyterian Church, Hensall was added to form a three-point charge.

File No.	Date	Description
<u>Vital Statistics</u>		
1990-4001-1-1	1880 Dec.-1952 Apr.	Baptisms
1974-4002-1-1	1896 Aug.-1928 Dec.	Marriages
1974-4002-1-2	1929 Nov.-1959 May	Marriages
<u>Session</u>		
1990-4001-1-2	1861 Oct.-1911 Sept.	Session minutes
1974-4002-1-3	1880-1918	Communion Roll
1974-4002-1-4	1920-1929	Communion Roll
1990-4001-1-3	1929-1961	Communion Roll
<u>Congregation</u>		
1974-4002-1-5	1892; 1906; 1919-1921;	Annual Financial Statements
1974-4002-1-5	1923-1928	Annual Reports
1974-4002-1-6	1929-1938	Annual Reports
1974-4002-1-7	1939-1945	Annual Reports
1974-4002-1-8	1946-1947; 1950	Annual Reports
1974-4002-1-9	1951-1955	Annual Reports
1974-4002-1-10	1956-1960	Annual Reports
1974-4002-1-11	1961; 1964-1965	Annual Reports
1974-4002-1-12	1966-1968	Annual Reports
1974-4002-1-13	1971-1974	Annual Reports
1990-4001-1-4	1976-1978	Annual Reports
1990-4001-1-5	1981-1983; 1987; 1989	Annual Reports
1974-4002-1-14	1879 Mar.-1908 Jan.	Congregational Meetings
1974-4002-2-1	1908-1932	Congregational Meetings - minutes
1990-4001-1-6	1968-1979	Congregational Meetings
<u>Board of Managers</u>		
1974-4002-1-14	1879 Mar.-1908 Jan.	Board of Managers minutes
1974-4002-2-2	1903 Mar.-1934 Mar.	Board of Managers minutes
1990-4001-1-6	1968-1979	Board of Managers minutes
1974-4002-2-3	1918-1920	Account book
1974-4002-2-4	1928-1936	Account book

Organizations

1974-4002-2-5	1923 Jan.-1925 Apr.	W.M.S. minutes
1974-4002-2-6	1925 Apr.-1934 Nov.	W.M.S. minutes
1974-4002-2-7	1934 Dec.-1940 Dec.	W.M.S. minutes
1974-4002-2-8	1941 Jan.-1945 Dec.	W.M.S. minutes
1974-4002-2-9	1946 Jan.-1951 May	W.M.S. minutes
1974-4002-3-1	1951 June-1954 Dec.	W.M.S. minutes
1974-4002-3-2	1959 Jan.-1962 May	W.M.S. minutes
1974-4002-3-3	1913 Jan.-1917 Apr.	W.M.S. Logie Circle minutes
1974-4002-3-4	1917 May-1921 Dec.	W.M.S. Logie Circle minutes
1974-4002-3-5	1943 Jan.-1947 Nov.	Caven Congregational Circle minutes
1974-4002-3-6	1947 Dec.-1951 Dec.	Caven Congregational Circle minutes
1974-4002-3-7	1952 Jan.-1955 Oct.	Caven Congregational Circle minutes
1974-4002-3-8	1955 Nov.-1960 May	Caven Congregational Circle minutes
1974-4002-3-9	1960 June-1963 Dec.	Caven Congregational Circle minutes
1974-4002-3-10	1960-1963	Caven Congregational Circle notices Contains lists of officers and groups responsible for meetings
1974-4002-4-1	1885 July-1908 Aug.	Ladies Aid minutes
1974-4002-4-2	1916 Jan.-1923 Dec.	Ladies Aid minutes
1974-4002-4-3	1928 Oct.-1933 Jan.	Young Peoples Guild minutes
1974-4002-4-4	1908-1941	Cradle Roll
1974-4002-4-5	[ca. 192-?]	Sunday School Library Book
1974-4002-4-6	1939 Oct.-1946 Feb.	Ladies Red Cross Branch minutes
1974-4002-4-7	1965-1966	Explorers minutes
1974-4002-4-8	1966-1967	Explorers minutes

Histories and Publications

1974-4002-4-9	1961	<u>Centennial 1861-1961</u> 21pp. ill.
1974-4002-4-10	c. 1961	Historical Sketch Typescript, 4pp.