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THE BOOK OF FORMS

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Introduction

This collection consists of copies of the Book of Forms published from 1879 to 1981 along with some drafts of revisions.

The records were re-catalogued by Elspeth Reid in February 1989.

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Historical Sketch

The Book of Forms of the Presbyterian Church in Canada was written and revised by a number of Committees under the authority of General Assembly. Following the 1875 union the Assembly appointed a Committee on Ecclesiastical Procedure which compiled the first edition of the Book of Forms between 1876 and 1879. In 1883 Assembly appointed a Committee on the Book of Forms which met from 1883-1889 and produced the second edition. The Committee to Revise the Book of Forms met from 1900-1902 and produced the third edition. Another Committee on the Revision of the Book of Forms, also known as the Committee on Revision of Rules and Forms of Procedure, met from 1925-1933 and produced the fourth edition. Thereafter, revisions were made by the General Assembly through the Clerks of Assembly, with a reprint in 1954 and revisions in 1979 and 1981 (which inserted inclusive language).

Scope and Contents Note

This collection of published copies of the Book of Forms uses approximately 10cm. of shelf space. The copies are listed in chronological order of publication.

File No.	Date	Description
1982-1022-1-1	1879	<u>Rules and Forms of Procedure: The Constitution and Procedure of the Presbyterian Church in Canada</u> Toronto : Hart & Rawlinson, 1879; 95pp.
1982-1022-1-2	1885	<u>Rules and Forms of Procedure: The Constitution and Procedure of the Presbyterian Church in Canada</u> Toronto : Hart & Co., 1885; 95pp.
1982-1022-1-3	1889	<u>Rules and Forms of Procedure in the Church Courts of the Presbyterian Church in Canada</u> Adopted by the 1889 General Assembly Toronto : Presbyterian News Co., 1889; 144pp. (2 copies)
1982-1022-1-4	1889	Ibid. Toronto : Presbyterian News Co., 1889; 144pp.
also see 2000-1010-1-1 (duplicate)		
1982-1022-1-5	1899	Ibid. Montreal : The William Drysdale Co'y., 1899; 144pp.
1982-1022-1-6	1903	Ibid. Revised 1903 Toronto : The Westminster Company, 1903; 152pp.
also see 2000-1010-1-2 (duplicate)		

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1982-1022-1-7	1909		Ibid. Revised 1908-09 Toronto : The Westminster Co. Ltd., 1909; 153pp.
1982-1022-1-8	1914		Ibid. Revised 1914 Toronto : The Westminster Co. Ltd., 1914; 194pp.
1982-1022-1-9	1914		Ibid. Revised 1914 Toronto : The Westminster Co. Ltd., 1914; 194pp.
1982-1022-1-10	1921		Ibid. Revised 1919 Toronto : Presbyterian Publications, 1921; 194pp.
1982-1022-1-11	1925		Ibid. Revised 1919 Toronto : Presbyterian Publications, 1925; 194pp.
1982-1022-1-12	1933		<u>The Book of Forms.</u> Revised and issued by authority of General Assembly, 1932 Toronto : Presbyterian Publications, 1933; 192pp.
1982-1022-1-13	1933		Ibid. Toronto : Presbyterian Publications, 1933; 192pp. (reproduced in 1977)
1982-1022-1-18	1948		Ibid. Toronto : Presbyterian Publications, 1948; 192pp.
1982-1022-1-14	1955		<u>The Book of Forms.</u> Revised and issued by authority of the 80th General Assembly The Presbyterian Church in Canada 1954 Toronto : Presbyterian Publications, 1955; 188pp.
1982-1022-1-19	1970		<u>The Book of Forms</u> Revised and issued by authority of the 95th General Assembly The Presbyterian Church in Canada 1969 Don Mills : Presbyterian Publications, 1970; 170pp.
2007-1039-1-1	1977	<u>The Book of Forms</u> 170 pp.	
1982-1022-1-15	1981		<u>The Book of Forms</u> Revised and issued by authority of the 105th General Assembly The Presbyterian Church in Canada 1979 Don Mills : Presbyterian Publications, 1981; 200pp.
1982-1022-1-16	1928		Committee on Revision of Rules and Forms of Procedure Draft of the Revised Book of Rules and Forms, First part

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