

Restrictions

Records deposited in the Archives are normally on open access. Some specific records, however, are subject to access restrictions, as follows:

- Session minutes less than 50 years old cannot be viewed without a letter of permission from that session.
- Personnel/personal information is restricted for 75 years.
- Baptismal records less than 100 years old and marriage and death/burial records less than 75 years old have some privacy restrictions.

Please contact the Archives for further details. Copies will be provided as a transcript or photocopy, if appropriate.

Fees

There is no fee for accessing records held in the Archives when visiting in person. Archives staff can provide a limited research service according to our fee schedule for those unable to visit the Archives.

Single copies may be taken of most records for research or private study at a set cost per image, as permitted. Digital copies may be taken using a personal camera at the set charge per image. Handheld scanners are not permitted.



Hours and Contact Information

Office hours are
Monday to Friday: 9:00 a.m – 4:45 p.m.
(July and August: 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.)

Call or email ahead to make an appointment with Archives staff prior to your visit.

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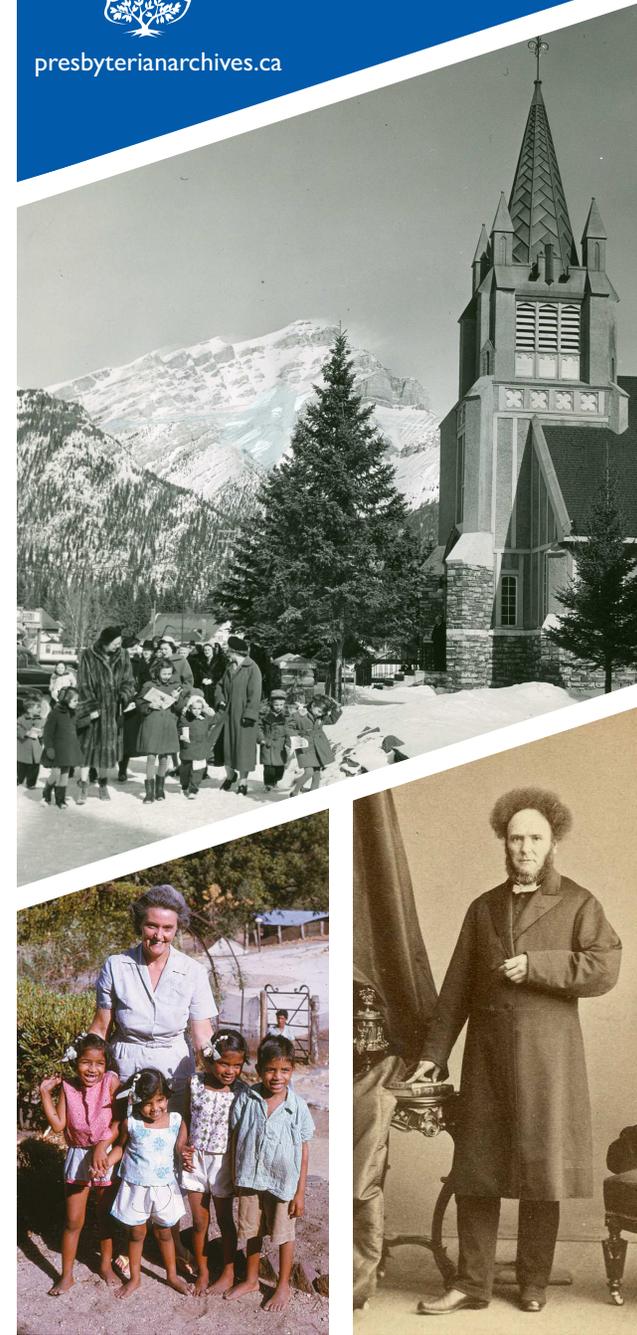
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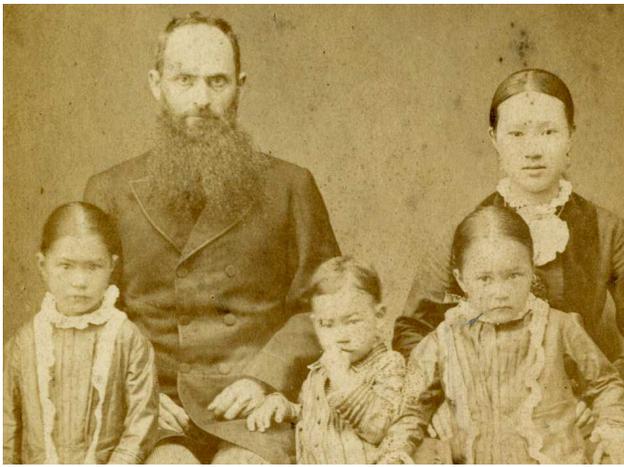
Financial donations to the Archives are always appreciated.

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History

Formally established in 1973, the Presbyterian Church Archives holdings date from 1791 to the present, and consist of over:

- 10,000 boxes of files
- 35,000 photographs
- 2 million pages of microfilm
- 800 audio visual items
- 2,700 architectural drawings

Each year, an estimated 3,000 individuals make use of the Archives, either visiting in person to conduct research or calling or emailing with requests for information.



Mandate

The Presbyterian Church in Canada Archives is the designated records repository for the denomination. The Archives acquires, arranges, describes and preserves archival records, regardless of media, that have significant and enduring administrative, financial, legal and historical value. Records held in the Archives are accessible to the church-at-large and to the general public.



Collections

With holdings from the national office, across the country and beyond, the Archives holds a rich collection of records in the following categories:

- General Assembly, its boards and committees
- National office departments, including the Women's Missionary Societies
- Presbyteries
- Synods
- Congregations
- Personal papers
- Presbyterian colleges
- Special media (photographs, audio/visual materials, architectural plans, microform, digital)

Some of the themes addressed in the documentation include immigration, settlement, social justice issues, residential schools, temperance, the Depression, church development, women's studies, Church Union, ecumenical relations, Canadian and international missions, relief work and project development, relationship of church and state, etc.