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Fairville, New Brunswick

St. Columba Presbyterian Church

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Historical Sketch

St. Columba Presbyterian Church, Fairville, NB was established in 1895 when eight men met at the house of Mr. D. Taylor to establish a board of trustees, which was supervised by Rev. James Ross, Superintendent of Missions. On October 14 of that year Rev. J. Ross MacDonald became the first minister of what was known as Fairville Presbyterian Church. During the Rev. William McNeill's tenure (1908-1938), Fairville church had to deal with the question of Church Union. By a majority vote, the congregation declined in 1925 to become part of the United Church of Canada and remained Presbyterian. Shortly after 1938, the Fairville church was renamed in honour of St. Columba. In 1968, building had begun on a new church and Christian Education centre – at a more central location. The new church was dedicated in 1969. In 1998, St. Columba and St. Matthews were combined by the Presbytery of St. John to form a two-point pastoral charge. Two years later, this decision was reversed, and the two churches were served once again by their own ministers.

Access Restrictions

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Accession No.	Date	Description
<u>Vital Statistics</u>		
2001-8020	1895-1999	Baptisms (microfilm)
2001-8020	1894-2001	Deaths & Burials (microfilm)
<u>Session</u>		
2001-8020	1908-1950, 1953-1956, 1959-2000	Session Minutes (microfilm)
2001-8020	1899-2000	Historic Roll – St. Matthews (microfilm)
2001-8020	1900-2000	Historic Roll – St. Columba (microfilm)
2001-8020	1896-1956, 1967-2000	Register of Communicants (microfilm)
2001-8020	1939	Members and Subscriptions lists (microfilm)
2001-8020	1900-1960	Record of subscribers (microfilm)
<u>Congregation</u>		
2001-8020	1895-1968, 1985-2001	Congregational Meeting Minutes (microfilm)
2001-8020	2000	Annual Report (microfilm)
<u>Board of Managers</u>		
2001-8020	1895-1969, 1985-2001	Board of Managers Minutes (microfilm)
<u>Board of Trustees</u>		
2001-8020	1895-1968, 1985-2001	Board of Trustees Minutes (microfilm)
<u>Organizations of the Congregation</u>		
2001-8020	1964-1981	Ladies Guild Minutes (microfilm)
<u>Other Records</u>		
2001-8020	1895-1998	Register of pastors (microfilm)

2001-8020

1896-1963

Register of elders (microfilm)

Fergus, Ontario

St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church

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Historical Sketch

St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Fergus completed its first church building in 1835, on land set aside from the Clergy Reserves. The church was largely paid for by the Hon. Adam Fergusson, a founder of the Village of Fergus. The congregation were members of the Presbyterian Church in connection with the Church of Scotland and St. Andrew's was part of the Presbytery of Hamilton. The first Minister was Rev. Alexander Gardiner who served from 1837 to 1842. In 1844, the Disruption of the Established Kirk of Scotland resulted in a split in the congregation. The Minister, Rev. George Smellie and a large part of the congregation, including all but one of the elders, left to form Melville Church, Fergus. After considerable controversy, it was agreed the church property would continue to be held by the remaining members of St. Andrew's and the Melville congregation worshipped there while their church was being built. As the size of the St. Andrew's congregation grew, it was decided that the Glebe, consisting of the land from the Clergy Reserves and another parcel of 171 acres granted in 1836 by the Government of Canada, should be sold and the funds used to build a larger church and manse. A new stone manse (in present use) was built in 1857, replacing the original of stucco-frame construction on the St. David Street property. The new limestone church of Gothic design was completed on the original site in 1862. An organ was purchased for use in the church in 1872. In 1925, the congregation of St. Andrew's voted to remain within the Presbyterian Church in Canada and at that time new members were received when Melville Presbyterian Church, Fergus joined the United Church.

Accession No.	Date	Description
<u>Vital Statistics</u>		
1985-4011-1-1	1837-1868	Baptisms and Marriages – transcribed Baptisms (1837-1868) Marriages (1837-1845)
1998-8016	1837-1868	Baptisms and Marriages (microfilm)
1985-4011-1-2	1845-1935	Baptisms Incl. a listing of Baptisms (1855-1866) for places not connected with the congregation (Sydenham, Arthur, Durham, Saugeen, Fergus, Ayton, Priceville, Leith, Kincardine, Elderslie, Paisley, and Huston)
1973-8015	1845-1900	Baptisms (microfilm)
1992-8009	1921-1925	Marriages (microfilm)
<u>Session</u>		
1985-4011-1-3	1837-1884	Session Minutes incl. Communion Roll (1837-1861)
1985-4011-1-4	1875	Session Correspondence
1985-4011-1-5	1841	Session – Disciplinary Action *RESTRICTED*
1985-4011-1-6	1935, 1941, 1984	Orders of Service
<u>Congregation</u>		
1998-8016	1894-1928	Annual Reports (microfilm)
1985-4011-1-7	1894-1905	Annual Reports
1985-4011-1-8	1906-1915	Annual Reports

1985-4011-1-9	1916-1918, 1920-1924	Annual Reports
1985-4011-1-10	1984	Congregational Directory
1985-4011-1-11	1843	Petition to Retain Minister
<u>Board of Trustees</u>		
1985-4011-1-12	1842	Trustees Correspondence re: Stipend
<u>Organizations of the Congregation</u>		
1985-4011-1-13	1882	Sabbath School Report
<u>Publications and Histories</u>		
1985-4011-1-14	1889	“Our Sabbath School” by A.D. Fordyce incl. obituary notices
1985-4011-1-15	1935	Centenary Services by Mae Munro, Robert Kerr, and J.A. Wilson (Historical Committee) 24pp., ill. (2 copies)
1985-4011-1-16	1984	History 44pp., ill.
<u>Graphics</u>		
G-1621-FC	[195-]	St. Andrew’s Manse
G-6510-FC	1959	Anniversary Sunday at St. Andrew’s P.C.

Fingal, Ontario

Knox Presbyterian Church

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Historical Sketch

Knox Presbyterian Church (Fingal, Ont.) was erected in 1850 as part of the Free Church of Scotland. Presbyterians had been active in the area as early as 1837 when services were held as often as a visiting minister came through. The first minister was the Rev. John Fraser who also preached in St. Thomas. McBride's Church was united with Knox from 1876 until 1900. In 1906, the congregation of Knox built a new brick church. During the time of Church Union in 1925, Knox chose to remain a part of The Presbyterian Church in Canada. In 1936 the congregations of Knox and St. John's Presbyterian Church, Port Stanley were united as a two-point charge.

Accession No.	Date	Description
<u>Vital Statistics</u>		
1973-8016	1861-1901	Baptisms (microfilm)
2016-8017	1861-1988	Baptisms (microfilm)
1973-8016	1858-1902	Marriages (microfilm)
2016-8017	1858-1988	Marriages (microfilm)
<u>Session</u>		
1973-8016	1857-1899	Communion Roll (microfilm)
2016-8017	1858-1937	Communion Rolls and Registers (microfilm)
<u>Congregation</u>		
1973-8016	1857-1900	Congregational Meeting Minutes (microfilm)
2016-8017	1902-1941 (with gaps)	Annual Reports (microfilm)
2016-8017	1985	Photo Directory (microfilm)
<u>Board of Managers</u>		
1973-8016	1865-1902	Board of Managers Minutes (microfilm)
<u>Publications and Histories</u>		
1974-4012	1937	"Knox Presbyterian Church, Fingal, Centennial Anniversary, 1837-1937" (2 copies) 12pp, ill.
2016-8017	1937	History of Knox Church (microfilm)

Flodden, Quebec

Knox Presbyterian Church

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Historical Sketch

Knox Presbyterian Church (Flodden, Quebec) was established around 1889. Early in its history, it was united with the congregation at Kingsburry. In 1927, it was a joint charge with Melbourne. The congregation appears to have closed between 1944 and 1945.

Accession No.	Date	Description
<u>Session</u>		
1999-8017	1917	Communion Roll (microfilm)
<u>Board of Managers</u>		
1999-8017	1893-1907	Board of Managers Minutes (microfilm)

Fonthill, Ontario

Kirk-On-The-Hill Presbyterian Church

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Historical Sketch

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Accession No.	Date	Description
<u>Vital Statistics</u>		
1999-8038	1959-1999	Baptisms (microfilm)
1999-8038	1964-1999	Marriages (microfilm)
1999-8038	1986-1999	Burials (microfilm)
<u>Session</u>		
1999-8038	1958-1999	Session Minutes (microfilm)
1999-8038	1959-1992	Communion Roll (microfilm)
1999-8038	1959-1998	Historic Roll (microfilm)
1982-4027	1963	Order of Service – Laying of the Cornerstone
2006-4015	1963, 1999	Orders of Service
1999-8038	1999	List of individuals present at the 40th anniversary service (microfilm)
<u>Congregation</u>		
1999-8038	1983-1998	Annual Meeting Minutes (microfilm)
<u>Board of Managers</u>		
1999-8038	1959-1987	Board of Managers Minutes (microfilm)
<u>Publications and Histories</u>		
1999-4033	1999	“A Journey of Faith: The History of the Kirk-On-The-Hill Presbyterian Church, Fonthill, Ontario, 1959-1999”
<u>Graphics</u>		
G-5066-FC	1962-1963	Construction and Laying of the Cornerstone Ceremony
G-5067-FC	1999	40 th Anniversary
G-5073-FC	1997	Christmas Pageant
G-5074-FC	1993	Christmas Pageant
G-5075-FC	1976	Christmas Sunday School Pageant
G-5079-FC	1994	Sunday School Picnic
G-5080-FC	1992	Christmas Pageant
G-5081-FC	[197-?]	Christmas Pageant
G-5082-FC	[197-?]	Sunday School Class
G-5083-FC	[between 1980-1995]	Christmas Pageant
G-5084-FC	1999	History Night
G-5085-FC	1998	Outdoor Service

G-5086-FC	1997	Christmas Potluck
G-5087-FC	1999	Flea Market
G-5088-FC	1997	Book Sale
G-5089-FC	1999	Easter Breakfast
G-5090-FC	1997	Spaghetti Supper
G-5092-FC	1999	Soup Luncheon for Missions
G-5093-FC	1999	Mission Sunday
G-5094-FC	[197-?]	Sunday School Classes
<u>Architectural Plans</u>		
AP-06-06	2001	Church Building Addition

Forest, Ontario

St. James Presbyterian Church

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Historical Sketch

St. James Presbyterian Church, Forest, Ontario was established in 1868. From 1868 until 1884, this church was joined with the church in McKay Settlement, having one Kirk Session for both congregations. In 1884, this link was dissolved, and Forest was established as a separate charge by the Sarnia Presbytery of The Presbyterian Church in Canada.

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Accession No.	Date	Description
<u>Vital Statistics</u>		
1973-8017	1884-1918	Baptisms (microfilm)
1992-4154-1-4	1884-1944	Baptisms
1992-4154-1-5	1921-1944	Marriages
1992-4154-1-6	1944-1968, 1986	Marriages
<u>Session</u>		
1973-8017	1868-1909	Session Minutes (microfilm)
1992-4154-1-1	1868-1910	Session Minutes incl. Minutes of the united congregations of F Forest and McKay Settlement (1868-1884)
1992-4154-1-2	1948-1967	Session Minutes
1973-8017	n.d.	Communion roll (microfilm)
1992-4154-2-1	1878-1913	Communion Roll incl. the Roll for the united congregations of Forest and McKay Settlement (1868-1884)
1992-4154-2-2	1937-1952	Communion Roll and Register
1992-4154-2-3	1952-1961	Communion Roll and Register
1992-4154-2-4	1961-1970	Communion Roll and Register
1992-4154-2-5	1972-1976	Communion Roll and Register
1992-4154-2-6	1977-1981	Communion Roll and Register
1992-4154-2-7	1982-1986	Communion Roll and Register
<u>Congregation</u>		
1992-4154-1-3	1921-1989	Congregational Meeting Minutes
<u>Publications and Histories</u>		
1976-4038	1944	“St. James Presbyterian Church History, 1869-1944”
1976-4038	1968	“St. James Presbyterian Church Centennial, 1868-1968” (2 copies) 36 pp., ill.

Fort Coulonge, Quebec

St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church

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Historical Sketch

St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church (Fort Coulonge, Quebec) was formed in 1856 and the congregation met at the home of the Bryson family. In 1863, the first church building was completed, a wooden structure. The first inducted minister was the Rev. Joseph Gandier who served from 1873 to 1890. Rev. Gandier's son Rev. Alfred Gandier was Principal of Knox College. A stone church was completed in February of 1891, and the wooden church and another parcel of land were sold. St. Andrew's was a self-sustaining congregation from 1875 to 1975. Since that date it has been united with Bristol Memorial Presbyterian Church as a two-point charge. Rev (Lt. Col.) John Foote was minister of St. Andrew's from 1935 to 1936. He was later to be a recipient of the Victoria Cross in WWII and a monument was erected in his memory on property adjacent to the church in 1985.

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Accession No.	Date	Description
<u>Session</u>		
1993-8005	1973-1991	Session Minutes (microfilm)
1991-4027	1990	Order of Service
<u>Publications and Histories</u>		
1991-4027	1990	Historical Sketch (2 copies)

Fort Erie, Ontario

St. Andrew's-Knox Presbyterian Church

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Historical Sketch

The land for St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church in Fort Erie was given to the congregation in February 1873. The church was opened in the fall of that year as part of a joint charge with Ridgeway. Prior to 1875, the congregation was affiliated with the Presbyterian Church of the United States. Sometime after 1875, St. Andrew's separated from Ridgeway and in 1889 was linked with the newly formed congregation of Knox Church at International Bridge under Rev. John Young. In 1925, St. Andrew's Church Hall was built at the rear of the original building. The congregation voted to remain with the Presbyterian Church.

In 1889, the Presbyterian families in the town of International Bridge (later known as Bridgeburg) gathered for the purpose of organizing a church. Services were held in Oddfellows Hall until 1893 when construction on the new church building was completed. The congregation voted to remain with The Presbyterian Church in Canada in 1925.

In 1967, St. Andrew's amalgamated with Knox to form St. Andrew's-Knox Presbyterian Church.

Notes

Accession 1975-4046 isn't listed in the Finding Aid and appears to be missing

Accession No.	Date	Description
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St. Andrew's-Knox Presbyterian Church – Fort Erie, Ontario (1967-present)

Publications and Histories

2007-4024	1974	History of St. Andrew's-Knox P.C.
1992-4059	1989	“One Hundred Years of Presbyterian Witness in Fort Erie, 1889-1989”

Knox Presbyterian Church – Bridgeburg, Ontario (1889-1967)

Session

2007-4024	1949	Pamphlet on the 1949 budget
2007-4024	1961	Order of Service – Dedication of the Christian Education Building

Publications and Histories

2021-4015	1956	“Knox Church – A Glimpse into the Past” by C.N. Glenny and W.C. Tait
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Fort Macleod, Alberta

St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church

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Historical Sketch

St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church (Fort Macleod, Alta.) was established in 1886 with the construction of the first church building. The church was a preaching point from 1886 until 1891. The congregation was united with Pincher Creek in these days. Another church building was completed in 1890. In 1891, the Rev. Gavin Hamilton was inducted. During the time of Church Union in 1925, St. Andrew's chose to remain with The Presbyterian Church in Canada. A new church building was completed and dedicated in 1944. The congregation was dissolved December 31, 1999.

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Accession No.	Date	Description
<u>Vital Statistics</u>		
1999-8036	1942-1998	Baptisms (microfilm)
1999-8036	1943-1997	Marriages (microfilm)
1999-8036	1945-1998	Deaths (microfilm)
<u>Session</u>		
1999-8036	1891-1968, 1974-1999	Session Minutes (microfilm)
1999-8036	1918-1922, 1928-1947, 1968-1997	Communion Roll (microfilm)
<u>Publications and Histories</u>		
1976-4031	1975	"A Time to Reflect, A Time to Renew: A Centennial look at Saint Andrew's Presbyterian Church" 52pp., ill
<u>Graphics</u>		
G-2564-FC	[198-]	Exterior view of the church

Fort St. John, British Columbia

Fort St. John Presbyterian Church

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Historical Sketch

The Presbyterian presence in Fort St. John began in 1919 when Alwin Holland, a teacher and surveyor, held worship services in his home after settling in the North Peace. Early ministry efforts were supported by student ministers and visiting clergy, including Ian Mackinnon in 1922 and Rev. Burch in 1932. A permanent church building was completed in 1937, followed by periods of closure and renewed activity, particularly under the leadership of Rev. John Carson and Rev. Stan Self in the 1940s and 1950s. In 1960, the congregation opened Kirk Hall, which became the main church facility when the original church building was sold in 1976. In 1983, The congregation voted to change the name of the church from Burch Presbyterian Church to Fort St. John Presbyterian Church.

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Accession No.	Date	Description
<u>Vital Statistics</u>		
2024-8007	1954-2019	Baptisms (microfilm)
2024-8007	1963-2019	Marriages (microfilm)
2024-8007	1982-2018	Burials (microfilm)
2024-8007	1945-1981	Church Register (microfilm)
<u>Session</u>		
2024-8007	1957-1980, 1987-2021	Session Minutes (microfilm)
2024-8007	1975-1980	Session Agendas and Correspondence (microfilm)
<u>Congregation</u>		
2024-8007	1989-2013, 2022	Annual Reports (microfilm)
2024-8007	2015	Annual Meeting Minutes (microfilm)
<u>Organizations of the Congregation</u>		
2024-8007	1955-1958	Evening Mission Group Minutes (microfilm)
2024-8007	1945-1958	Ladies' Aid Minutes (microfilm)
2024-8007	1960-1969	Burch Presbyterian Women Minutes (microfilm)
<u>Graphics</u>		
G-90-SC	1969	Christmas pageant at Burch Presbyterian Church

Fort William, Ontario
First Presbyterian Church

See First Presbyterian Church (Thunder Bay, Ont.)

Fowlers Corners, Ontario
Lakevale Presbyterian Church

See Centreville Presbyterian Church (South Monaghan, Ont.)

Fredericton, New Brunswick

St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church

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Historical Sketch

St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Fredericton, N.B. was established as a result of the 1925 church union when majority of the congregation for St. Paul's P.C. went United while the minority declared their intent to remain Presbyterian. St. Andrew's began to hold services in temporary locations before the corner stone for the Church was laid on July 9, 1927, by the first minister, Rev. James Garrow Berry.

Accession No.	Date	Description
<u>Publications and Histories</u>		
2021-4021	[197-?]	"The Story of St. Andrew's"
<u>Graphics</u>		
G-1505-FC	[194-?]	Church exterior
G-1823-FC	[195-?]	Gathering of clergy and elders outside St. Andrew's