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Alberton-Elmsdale Pastoral Charge (Prince Edward Island)

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Reference Number: PC/602

Title: Alberton-Elmsdale Pastoral Charge fonds

Dates: 1829-2017

Extent: 1.7 metres of textual records; 14 photographs, and 2 VHS recordings

Administrative History: A pastoral charge consists of one or more communities of faith under the spiritual leadership of a minister. The pastoral charge title usually reflects the breadth of the geographic area encompassing the charge.

Alberton-Elmsdale Pastoral Charge is on Prince Edward Island and consists of the communities of faith at Alberton (Gordon Memorial), Elmsdale, and Miminegash.

In 1925, the Congregational, Methodist and most Presbyterian Churches were united into one denomination -- the United Church of Canada. Upon church union, Montrose Pastoral Charge contained the preaching points of Elmsdale, Campbellton, Miminegash, and Montrose and Alberton Pastoral Charge consisted of the preaching points of Cascumpec, Tignish, and Alberton.

In 1966, Alberton and Montrose Pastoral Charges united to share a minister. This worked so well that the charges amalgamated on 1 July 1969. In 1970, the congregations at Alberton, Montrose, and Cascumpec united to become known as Gordon Memorial and Elmsdale, Miminegash and Campbellton became known as Elmsdale. The Alberton Church is designated "Gordon Memorial" in honour of missionaries to New Hebrides (Erromanga) -- the Reverends George N., and wife Ellen, and James D. Gordon who were martyred.

Effective January 1, 2019, The United Church of Canada underwent some structural changes including the elimination of all Presbyteries. At this time, Alberton-Elmsdale Pastoral Charge became part of the Fundy St. Lawrence Dawning Waters Regional Council.

Custodial History: Information about the custody of these records prior to acquisition is incomplete.

Scope and Content: Fonds consists of baptism/marriage/burial records, membership rolls, minutes, reports, photographs, and published and unpublished histories of Alberton-Elmsdale Pastoral Charge and its Presbyterian and Methodist antecedents. Fonds is composed of the following sous-fonds:

- Alberton-Elmsdale Pastoral Charge records

- Alberton United Church/Gordon Memorial United Church records

- Elmsdale United Church records

- Alberton Presbyterian Pastoral Charge records

- Alberton Methodist Circuit records

- Alberton Pastoral Charge records

- Montrose Presbyterian Pastoral Charge records

- Montrose Pastoral Charge records

- Montrose United Church records

Notes:

Source of Supplied Title Proper: Title based on contents of fonds.

Accruals: Further accruals are expected.

Immediate Source of Acquisition: Records of the Alberton Presbyterian Church were received from the Archives of the Presbyterian Church in Canada in 2003 (accession 03-049). The majority of the records were received from Alberton-Elmsdale Community of Faith in 1987; September 1990, June 1995; 2005 (accession 05-057), 2009 (accession 09-033); 2013 (accessions 13-044 and 13-109); 2014 (accession 14-089); 2015 (accession 15-118); 2016 (accession 16-092), and 2017 (accession 17-093). It is unknown when the other records were received.

Associated Material: The Public Archives of Prince Edward Island holds microfilms of many records for the Community of Faith.

Related Records: See Roland H. Hutchinson fonds for scrapbook (1984-1990) dealing with this area.

Reference Number: PC/602/1

Title: Alberton-Elmsdale Pastoral Charge records

Dates: 1961; 1979-2017

Extent: 76.5 cm of textual records; 12 photographs, and 2 VHS recordings

Scope and Content: Sous-fonds contains minutes, membership lists; pictorial membership directories, reports, newsletters, published and unpublished histories, orders of service, newspaper clippings, photographs, scrapbooks, and audio-visual records from Alberton-Elmsdale Pastoral Charge. Sous-fonds is composed of the following series:

- Membership Records
- Records of Congregation
- Records of Official Board
- Records of Session
- Records of Board of Trustees
- Records of Board of Stewards
- Records of Treasurer
- Records of Committees
- Cemetery Records
- Records of Youth Groups
- Annual Reports
- Newsletters
- Church Histories
- Orders of Service
- Scrapbooks
- Photographs
- Audio-Visual Records

Note:

Source of supplied title proper: Title based on contents of sous-fonds.

File List:

Membership Records

File Number	File Title/Description	Dates
PC/214/10	Photocopy of list of households	[1970s]
PC/268/16	Pictorial membership directory	1983
PC/129/15	Pictorial membership directory	1995
PC/129/16	Pictorial membership directory	2004

Records of Congregation

File Number	File Title/Description	Dates
PC/220/2	Congregational meeting minutes Also includes Official Board minutes	January 17, 1970-January 27, 1979

PC/220/1 Congregational meeting minutes January 13, 1981-January
Also includes Official Board minutes 24, 1984

PC/468/7 Congregational meeting minutes February 3, 1999

Records of Official Board

File Number	File Title/Description	Dates
PC/218/7	Minutes Also includes joint meetings of Alberton Pastoral Charge and Montrose Pastoral Charge (1966-1969)	October 27, 1969- September 15, 1970

PC/220/2	Minutes Also includes congregational meeting minutes	January 17, 1970-January 27, 1979
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PC/220/1	Minutes Also includes congregational meeting minutes	January 13, 1981-January 24, 1984
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PC/468/6	-Description of Official Board -Listing by Elaine Burrows of copies of minutes sent to Archives (see folders 8, 9, 10) -Statement of mission	
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PC/811/1	Photocopy of minutes Index prepared by Elaine Burrows	1981-1999
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PC/810/11	Photocopy of minutes	2000-2005
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PC/810/12	Photocopy of minutes	2006-2009
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Records of Session

File Number	File Title/Description	Dates
PC/218/4	Minutes	October 2, 1974-December 6, 1981
PC/221/10	Minutes	March 20, 1990-September 15, 1993

Records of Board of Trustees

File Number	File Title/Description	Dates
PC/219/13	Minutes	April 19, 1972-February 21, 1974
PC/221/1	Minutes Also includes congregational meeting minutes from Gordon Memorial United	April 19, 1972-February 16, 1975

Church (1970-1972)

Records of Board of Stewards

File Number	File Title/Description	Dates
PC/219/13	Minutes	September 20, 1971-July 25, 1974

Records of Treasurer

File Number	File Title/Description	Dates
PC/218/1	Memorial accounts	1980-1994
PC/221/5	Financial record book for fundraising sale for unidentified church	n.d.

Records of Committees

File Number	File Title/Description	Dates
PC/217/10	Manse Committee treasurer's book	1961-1975; 1984

Records of Cemeteries

File Number	File Title/Description	Dates
PC/214/8	Old Dock Cemetery – Listing of those buried in cemetery (chronological)	1843-1970

Records of Youth Groups

File Number	File Title/Description	Dates
PC/218/5	CGIT minutes	October 17, 1975-February 16, 1976

Annual Reports

File Number	File Title/Description	Dates
AR/612	Annual reports	1979-2017

Newsletters

File Number	File Title/Description	Dates
PC/1103/3	Newsletter (Vol.1, No. 1)	June 1977

Orders of Service

File Number	File Title/Description	Dates
PC/218/6	Orders of service (one or two for each year)	1984; 1992; 1993; 2008; 2009
PC/214/10	Order of service for 30 th anniversary	August 8, 1999
PC/129/17	Orders of service: -75 th Anniversary of the United Church of Canada Covenanting Service (2000)	1963, 1972, 2000

-Dedication Service of Alberton United Church hall (September 17, 1963)
 -Centenary of Martyrdom of Rev. James Douglas Gordon (August 6, 1972)

PC/468/11	Orders of service (samples)	1986-2001
PC/1100/19	Order of service	September 27, 1987

Scrapbooks

The following scrapbooks contain orders of service, newspaper clippings (including weddings, obituaries, community events); letters from missionaries, etc re. the Alberton-Elmsdale Pastoral Charge and people in the surrounding communities

File Number	File Title/Description	Dates
PC/116/16	Scrapbook	1990-1994
PC/116/17	Scrapbook	1994-August 1995
PC/116/18	Scrapbook	1993-1996
PC/116/19	Scrapbook	August 1996-March 1997
PC/117/1	Scrapbook West Prince Community Choir for 1970s-1980s) and regular events for March to August 1997	1970-1980; 1997
PC/117/2	Scrapbook	August 1997-May 1998
PC/117/3	Scrapbook	June 1998-March 1999
PC/117/4	Scrapbook	May 1999-September 1999
PC/117/5	Scrapbook	October 1999-May 2000
PC/117/6	Scrapbook	May 2000-November 2000
PC/117/7	Scrapbook PEI Presbytery (early 1980s-1990s) Regular (December 2000-February 2001)	[1980s]-2001
PC/117/8	Scrapbook	February 2001-July 2001
PC/117/9	Scrapbook	August 2001-January 2002
PC/118/1	Scrapbook	January 2002-June 2002

PC/118/2	Scrapbook	July 2002-December 2002
PC/118/3	Index to above scrapbooks	1990-2002

Church Histories

File Number	File Title/Description	Dates
PC/268/1	<p>Photocopies of Historical files by Alice Green:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Notes on minutes of the Official Board of Alberton Pastoral Charge, 1925 – 1948 Historical timeline of Presbyterian churches in area Notes from Alberton Presbyterian session records, 1850's – 1900's Names of subscribers to the Presbyterian Church; lists of people accepted by session; obituaries for J. C. and Alex Sinclair List of ministers in Montrose, Elmsdale, and Tignish, 1884 – 1914; Excerpts from session minutes 1882 - 1966 List of Subscribers in Campbellton, PEI 1859-1860, 1 p. Quotes re. Rev. W. Fraser on tour in 1834. From <u>The Maritime Presbyterian</u> May 1884, pp. 134 – 137 Historical notes on Methodist Church in area Notes re Miminegash (see also folder #11) Gordon Memorial , historical Notes on West Prince Presbyterians, 1956 Alberton Presbyterian historical sketches, 1927, 1931 Centennial of Presbyterian Church in Alberton, 1967 Letters and articles re. Gordon Martyrs <u>Through the Years with the Alberton Presbyterian Church, 1829-1985</u>, Update 1986-1992, includes lists of marriages, baptisms, and deaths 	

PC/155/9	Order of Service, correspondence, and newspaper articles regarding the Gordon martyrs of Erromango	1994-1995
PC/468/12	-Newspaper clippings -Blank certificate of participation in Vacation Church School (1994)	
CH/600	-Newspaper clipping: "Alberton Area United Church to Amalgamate," <i>Guardian</i>	July 7, 1969
	-Typed history of Gordon Memorial Congregation by Mrs. A.C. Green	June 27, 1976
	-Typed history of Gordon Memorial United Church by Mrs. A.C. Green	1962
	-Typed history of Tignish United Church	1961
	-Photocopy of newspaper clipping: "Cascumpec United Church: Celebrating 125 Years," by Sue Gallant, <u>West Prince Graphic</u>	July 16, 1997
	-Letter to A.J. Matheson from George N. Somers re. records of Alberton Pastoral Charge	January 5, 1942
	-Photocopy of newspaper clipping: "Cascumpec United Church to celebrate 125 th Anniversary," by Debbie Horne. <u>Summerside Journal-Pioneer</u>	July 9, 1997
	-Newspaper clipping: "Montrose Dedicated New Church Building: Parish Founded in 1884," <u>Summerside Journal-Pioneer</u>	December 4, 1945
	-Newspaper clipping: "Alberton Service Will Mark The Martyrdom of Gordon Missionaries," by Mrs. A.C. Green, <u>Summerside Journal-Pioneer</u>	May 17, 1961
	-Newspaper clipping: "Church's Second Life Will Begin As Museum," by Edie Eldershaw	n.d.
	-Newspaper clipping: "Service for Martyred Missionaries Sunday"	May 19, 1961
	-Newspaper clipping: "Anniversary Recalls Splendid Record of Christian Service," <u>The Guardian</u>	n.d.
	-Typewritten history on Campbellton Church (Montrose Pastoral Charge)	n.d.
	-Typewritten history on Tignish Church	n.d.

-Typewritten history of Gordon Memorial United Church	n.d.
-Fonds description of Alberton Presbyterian Museum by the Alberton Museum	2011
-Photocopy of newspaper clipping: "Clergyman Amazed at Life in Penitentiary" by Beverley Ware	December 28, 1985
-Photocopy of newspaper clipping: "Will Mark 125 th Anniversary of Congregation at Alberton. <i>The Charlottetown Guardian</i>	September 14, 1956
-Photocopy of newspaper clipping: History of Gordon Memorial United Church by J.L.M. <i>The Guardian</i>	October 13, 1950
-Photocopy of newspaper clipping: "135 th Anniversary at Alberton United Church"	1966
-Photocopy of Montrose Pastoral Charge [historic roll]	1928-1969
-Brief description of Alberton United Church Also includes list of Methodist clergy	1952
-Photocopy of newspaper clipping: "Historical Sketch of Alberton Church-120 Years Old"	
-Photocopy of newspaper clipping: Memories of Rev. Patterson	1871
-Photocopy of newspaper clipping: "Ordination of the Rev. Arthur Carr"	October 12, 1871
-Photocopy of newspaper clipping: "Pioneer Service Recalls Long History of Church" re. Tignish United Church, n.d.	

Photographs

File Number	File Title/Description	Dates
V/66/GC/4.128	Photocopy of photograph of exterior of Old Dock Presbyterian Church (Alberton)	[19--]
V/66/GC/4.129	Dedication of Gordons Memorial Plaque B&W. 20 cm x27 cm. Mrs. A.C. Green, a descendent of the Gordons and Rev. James Henry MacIntosh stand in front of the memorial plaque	1961
V/93/PC/600	Photo collage of ministers of Gordon Memorial United Church, 1925-1975 B&W. 25 cm x 20 cm	1975

V/105/26 Photograph of 3 ministers who served on June 1, 2012
the Alberton-Elmsdale Pastoral Charge:
(from left to right) Rev. John A.C.
Wilson, Rev. Roland Hutchison, and Rev.
Stewart Russell
Col. 10 x 15 cm. Photograph taken by
Elaine Burrows

V-21-589 a) Memorial plaque for Rev. Allan Fraser, 2017
2017
Col. 15 cm x 10 cm
b) Photographs on wall, including church
exterior, 2017
Col. 15 cm x 10 cm
c) Memorial plaque for George and James
Gordon, 2017
Col. 15 cm x 10 cm
d) Memorial window to the Gordons,
2017
Col. 15 cm x 10 cm
e) Church interior at Christmas, n.d.
Col. 15 cm x 10 cm
f) Artifact-Small chest [related to
Gordons], 2017
Col. 15 cm x 10 cm
g) Artifacts-Spears [related to Gordons],
2017
Col. 15 cm x 10 cm
h) Artifacts-Straw items [related to
Gordons], 2017
Col. 15 cm x 10 cm

Audio-Visual Records

File Number	File Title/Description	Dates
PC/987/7	VHS-The Alberton Interdenominational Adult Choir: An Evening of Music	Easter 2001
PC/987/8	VHS-The Alberton Interdenominational Adult Choir Cantata Choir 25 th anniversary Christmas performance	December 15, 2001

Reference Number: PC/602/2

Title: Gordon Memorial United Church records

Dates: 1970-2003

Extent: 20 cm of textual records

Administrative History: In 1970, the congregations at Alberton, Montrose, and Cascumpec united to become Gordon Memorial. The church was named in honour of missionaries to New Hebrides (Erromanga)--the Reverends George N., and wife Ellen, and James D. Gordon who were martyred.

Scope and Content: Sous-fonds consists of minutes, financial accounts, and an order of service from Gordon Memorial United Church. Sous-fonds is composed of the following series:

- Records of Congregation
- Records of Session
- Records of Women's Organizations
- Orders of Service

Note:

Source of supplied title proper: Title based on contents of sous-fonds.

File List:

Records of Congregation

File Number	File Title/Description	Dates
PC/221/1	Congregational meeting minutes Also includes Alberton-Elmsdale Pastoral Charge Board of Trustee minutes (1972- 1975)	January 10, 1970-January 15, 1972

Records of Session

File Number	File Title/Description	Dates
PC/219/5	Minutes Also includes minutes from Alberton United Church (1926-1969)	1970-September 22, 1974

Records of Women's Organizations

File Number	File Title/Description	Dates
PC/219/1	UCW minutes and roll Also includes minutes from Alberton United Church (1970)	1970
PC/219/2	UCW minutes and roll	January 18, 1971-January 6, 1975
PC/219/4	UCW General minutes and roll	February 11, 1975- November 1979
PC/218/17	UCW minutes and roll	January 4, 1983-April 7, 1992

PC/218/3	UCW minutes and roll	January 9, 1979-December 1982
PC/218/14	UCW treasurer's book Also includes accounts from Alberton United Church (1962-1969)	1970-1974
PC/218/2	UCW treasurer's book	January 1979-1988
PC/218/16	UCW treasurer's book	December 1, 1990- November 30, 1996
PC/218/15	UCW treasurer's book	December 1996-November 2003

Orders of Service

File Number	File Title/Description	Dates
PC/1100/19	Order of service for re-opening service	June 27, [?]

Reference Number: PC/602/3

Title: Elmsdale United Church records

Dates: 1925-1929; 1937-1943; 1948-1949; 1970-1972; 1984

Extent: 6 cm of textual records

Administrative History: Elmsdale became part of the Alberton Methodist Circuit in 1870. Land for construction of a Methodist church in Elmsdale church was obtained in 1880 and a church was built in 1884. The next year the Presbyterian Church purchased the church building from the Methodists. This church became part of The United Church of Canada in 1925.

In 1970, Elmsdale, Miminegash and Campbellton amalgamated with the congregation worshipping at Elmsdale United Church.

Scope and Content: Sous-fonds consists of minutes, financial accounts, and an order of service from Elmsdale United Church. Sous-fonds is composed of the following series:

- Records of Congregation
- Records of Women's Organizations
- Orders of Service

Note:

Source of supplied title proper: Title based on contents of sous-fonds.

File List:

Records of Congregation

File Number	File Title/Description	Dates
PC/221/9	Congregational meeting minutes Also includes congregational meeting minutes from Elmsdale Presbyterian Church (1920-1925) and financial accounts from Tignish/Elmsdale/Montrose Presbyterian Pastoral Charge (1909-1920)	1925-1929
PC/220/11	Congregational meeting minutes	January 3, 1970-January 15, 1972

Records of Women's Organizations

File Number	File Title/Description	Dates
PC/214/7	WMS treasurer's book (photocopy)	1937-1943
PC/214/6	WMS treasurer's book (photocopy)	1948
PC/214/5	WMS treasurer's book (photocopy)	1949

Orders of Service

File Number

PC/214/9

File Title/Description

Order of service for Centennial
Celebration

Dates

1984

Reference Number: PC/602/4

Title: Alberton Presbyterian Pastoral Charge records

Dates: 1829-1925

Extent: 12.5 cm of textual records

Administrative History: Presbyterian ministers were visiting the Alberton area as early as 1826. In 1829, Presbyterian families in Alberton petitioned Prince Edward Island Presbytery for regular supply and William McGregor began to visit the area twice year, covering five Sundays. In 1831, 14 families decided to organize themselves into a distinct pastoral charge and construction of a church began in that same year with the exterior of the building being completed in 1833. By 1835, the church building was in use. The first settled minister to the charge was Rev J.C. Sinclair who arrived in 1843. Construction began on a larger building in 1854 but it was destroyed by fire just before completion and construction began on a new building (The Old Dock Church) was completed in 1856.

In 1865, West Cape, Brae, and Campbellton separated from Alberton to form a new congregation. Almost 20 years later, in 1881, Montrose, Elmsdale, and Tignish separated from the congregation at Alberton to become a separate pastoral charge.

In 1925, the Alberton Presbyterian Pastoral Charge became part of The United Church of Canada. The Methodist church was moved to another lot and became the church home of the Presbyterians who did not enter union. The Old Dock Church was moved to the former site of the Methodist Church and became Alberton United Church.

Scope and Content: Sous-fonds contains baptism/marriage/burial records, membership rolls, minutes, and financial records from Alberton Presbyterian Pastoral Charge. Sous-fonds is composed of the following series:

- Baptism/Marriage/Burial Records
- Membership Records
- Records of Congregation
- Records of Session
- Records of Treasurer

Note:

Source of supplied title proper: Title based on contents of sous-fonds.

File List:

Baptism/Marriage/Burial Records

File Number	File Title/Description	Dates
PC/169/5	Alberton Presbyterian Church register: Baptisms (October 1891-September 19, 1898) Funerals (December 20, 1891-September 1898) Also includes communion roll and register of families	1891-1898

Membership Records

File Number	File Title/Description	Dates
PC/169/7	Alberton Presbyterian Church communion roll Also includes session minutes (1878-1900)	1880
PC/169/5	Alberton Presbyterian Church communion roll Also includes baptism/burial records (1891-1898)	1891-1898
PC/169/8	Alberton Presbyterian Church communion roll	1903-1908

Records of Congregation

File Number	File Title/Description	Dates
PC/169/6	Cascumpec and West Point Presbyterian congregational meeting minutes Also includes session minutes and financial records (1829-1867)	1829-1867
PC/221/8	Alberton Presbyterian/Pastoral Charge pulpit register	1893-1907

Records of Session

File Number	File Title/Description	Dates
PC/169/6	Cascumpec and West Point Presbyterian session minutes Also includes congregational meeting minutes and financial records (1829-1867)	1829-1867
PC/169/7	Alberton Presbyterian Church session minutes Also includes communion roll (1880)	August 22, 1878-January 21, 1900
PC/115/9	Alberton Presbyterian Church session minutes	January 23, 1900-February 1, 1925

Records of Treasurer

File Number	File Title/Description	Dates
PC/169/6	Cascumpec and West Point Presbyterian financial records Also includes session and congregational meeting minutes (1828-1867)	1859-1867
PC/115/8	Mill River Presbyterian Church account book	1882-1889

Reference Number: PC/602/5

Title: Alberton Methodist Circuit records

Dates: 1861-1925

Extent: 7 cm of textual records

Administrative History: In 1859, the Methodists in Bedeque recommended that Rev Robert Wilson, a missionary, be sent to the area along the coast between West Cape and North Cape, A year later, the area was formed into the Elmsdale Methodist Mission with Rev. William C. Brown overseeing 13 preaching places. In 1863, the West Cape Methodist Circuit, as it was then known, was divided with a separate preacher being procured for Cascumpec, Kildare, and Tignish. In 1870, the West Cape Methodist Circuit was renamed Alberton Methodist Circuit. From 1902-1925, West Devon which is now part of O'Leary Pastoral Charge was part of the Alberton Circuit. At the time of church union, Alberton Methodist Circuit contained the appointments of Alberton, Montrose, Miminigash, Cascumpec, and West Devon.

Elmsdale became part of the Alberton Methodist Circuit in 1870. Land for construction of a Methodist church in Elmsdale church was obtained in 1880 and a church was built in 1884. The next year the Presbyterian Church purchased the church building from the Methodists.

A church was built in Cascumpec in 1872.

The church in Miminegash began as a Bible Christian preaching station in 1836 and construction was started on a chapel on Lot 7 in 1845. In 1881, both the Bible Christians and the Methodists built new churches. The two denominations were merged into one in 1884. Twelve Bible Christian families went to the Presbyterian Church and the Bible Christian building was used by them until it was sold in 1916.

A church was built in Campbellton circa 1862. Until that time, the Methodist families in Campbellton walked to West Point to church (22 kilometers).

Scope and Content: Sous-fonds consists of a membership roll, minutes, and a financial report from Alberton Methodist Circuit. Sous-fonds is composed of the following series:

- Membership Records
- Records of Quarterly Official Board
- Records of Treasurer

Note:

Source of supplied title proper: Title based on contents of sous-fonds.

File List:

Membership Records

File Number	File Title/Description	Dates
PC/221/7	Alberton Methodist Circuit membership roll Also includes membership roll from Alberton Pastoral Charge (1925-1968)	1923-1925

Records of Quarterly Official Board

File Number	File Title/Description	Dates
PC/115/10	Alberton Methodist Quarterly Official Board Minutes Also includes circuit steward accounts for the West Cape Methodist Circuit	1861-June 18, 1883
PC/115/11	Alberton Methodist Quarterly Official Board Minutes	August 17, 1883-May 31, 1917
PC/217/3	Alberton Methodist Circuit Quarterly Official Board minutes Also includes Official Board minutes and congregational meeting minutes from Alberton United Church (1925-1948)	October 6, 1917-1925

Records of Treasurer

File Number	File Title/Description	Dates
PC/1142/17	Alberton Methodist Circuit financial report for the year ending May 31, 1913	1913

Reference Number: PC/602/5

Title: Alberton Pastoral Charge records

Dates: 1925-1969

Extent: 4.5 cm of textual records and 1 photograph

Administrative History: Upon church union in 1925, Alberton Pastoral Charge consisted of the preaching points of Cascumpec, Tignish, and Alberton.

In 1966, Alberton and Montrose Pastoral Charges united to share a minister. This worked so well that the charges amalgamated on 1 July 1969. In 1970, the congregations at Alberton, Montrose, and Cascumpec united to become known as Gordon Memorial.

Scope and Content: Sous-fonds consists of a membership roll, minutes, and a photograph from Alberton Pastoral Charge. Sous-fonds is composed of the following series:

- Membership Records
- Records of Official Board
- Records of Men's Organizations
- Photographs

Note:

Source of supplied title proper: Title based on contents of sous-fonds.

File List:

Membership Records

File Number	File Title/Description	Dates
PC/221/7	Membership roll Also includes membership roll from Alberton Methodist Circuit (1923-1925)	1925-1968

Records of Official Board

File Number	File Title/Description	Dates
PC/218/7	Alberton Pastoral Charge and Montrose Pastoral Charge joint meeting minutes Also includes Alberton-Elmsdale Pastoral Charge Official Board minutes (1969-1970)	April 28, 1966-April 28, 1969

Records of Men's Organizations

File Number	File Title/Description	Dates
PC/218/13	Alberton District United Churchmen's Club minutes	October 8, 1953-March 26, 1962

Photographs

File Number

V/9/121

File Title/Description

Alberton Pastoral Charge Young People's group. Back row: Cora Coughlin, J. Elmer MacLean, Lloyd Rayner, Alden Weeks, Keith Campbell, and [Dorie] Smallman. Front row: Betty Campbell, Donna Hutt, Betty Locke, and Lona Hunter
B&W. 20.6 cm x 25.4 cm

Dates

[1950s]

Reference Number: PC/602/7

Title: Alberton United Church records

Dates: 1925-1969

Extent: 17.5 cm of textual records and 1 photograph

Administrative History: In 1925, the Alberton Presbyterian Pastoral Charge became part of The United Church of Canada. The Methodist church was moved to another lot and became the church home of the Presbyterians who did not enter union. The Old Dock Church was moved to the former site of the Methodist Church and became Alberton United Church.

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File List:

Records of Congregation

File Number	File Title/Description	Dates
PC/217/3	Congregational meeting minutes Also includes Official Board minutes from Alberton Methodist Circuit and Alberton United Church (1917-1948)	1925-November 9, 1948
PC/218/12	Congregational meeting minutes	January 12, 1966-January 28, 1969

Records of Official Board

File Number	File Title/Description	Dates
PC/217/3	Minutes Also includes Official Board minutes from Alberton Methodist Circuit (1917-1925) and congregational meeting minutes from Alberton United Church (1925-1948)	1925-November 9, 1948

Records of Session

File Number	File Title/Description	Dates
PC/219/5	Minutes	January 21, 1926-1969

Also includes minutes from Gordon
Memorial United Church (1970-1974)

Records of Women's Organizations

File Number	File Title/Description	Dates
PC/218/8	Ladies Aid minutes and roll	November 1, 1950- November 9, 1954
PC/218/10	Ladies Aid minutes and roll	December 14, 1954-May 14, 1957
PC/218/9	Ladies Aid minutes and roll	June 11, 1957-November 8, 1960
PC/218/11	Ladies Aid minutes and roll	January 10, 1961- December 12, 1961
PC/219/8	WMS minutes	March 10, 1926-December 1, 1942
PC/219/9	WMS minutes	January 6, 1943-September 2, 1947
PC/219/10	WMS minutes	January 6, 1953-December 6, 1961
PC/219/11	WMS life members (1925-1961) and roll (1957-1961)	1925-1961
PC/219/6	Alberton Auxiliary of WMS treasurer's cash book	1926-1945
PC/219/7	Alberton Auxiliary of WMS treasurer's roll book	1926-1956
PC/219/1	UCW minutes and roll Also includes minutes from Gordon Memorial United Church (1970)	December 1, 1961-1969
PC/219/3	UCW Unit 1 minutes and roll	February 7, 1962- November 7, 1962
PC/218/14	UCW treasurer's book Also includes accounts from Gordon Memorial United Church (1970-1974)	1962-1969

Photographs

File Number	File Title/Description	Dates
V/1/110	Postcard of exterior of Alberton United Church B&W. 8.6 cm x 13.5 cm.	Before 1962

Reference Number: PC/602/8

Title: Cascumpec United Church records

Dates: 1952-1969; 1927; 1997

Extent: 5 cm of textual records

Administrative History: A Methodist church was built at Cascumpec in 1872. After church union, the church became Cascumpec United Church. In 1970, the congregations at Alberton, Montrose, and Cascumpec united to become known as Gordon Memorial. Special services were held twice a year at Cascumpec United Church.

Scope and Content: Sous-fonds consists of minutes and orders of service from Cascumpec United Church. Sous-fonds is composed of the following series:

- Records of Congregation
- Records of Women's Organizations
- Orders of Service

Note:

Source of supplied title proper: Title based on contents of sous-fonds.

File List:

Records of Congregation

File Number	File Title/Description	Dates
PC/217/7	Congregational meeting minutes	January 17, 1956-January 14, 1969; March 20, 1972; May 15, 1997

Records of Women's Organizations

File Number	File Title/Description	Dates
PC/220/8	WMS minutes and roll	January 2, 1952-December 1955
PC/217/8	WMS minutes	January 12, 1956-November 4, 1959
PC/220/7	WMS minutes and roll	December 2, 1959-December 11, 1961

Orders of Service

File Number	File Title/Description	Dates
PC/1100/19	-Cascumpec United Church programme for Centennial Celebration (1972) -Cascumpec United Church programme for 125 th anniversary (1997)	1972; 1997

Reference Number: PC/602/9

Title: Montrose Presbyterian Pastoral Charge records

Dates: 1882-1925

Extent: 5.5 cm of textual records

Administrative History: In 1881, Montrose, Elmsdale, and Tignish separated from the Presbyterian congregation at Alberton to become a separate pastoral charge.

In 1925, the Montrose Presbyterian Pastoral Charge became part of The United Church of Canada.

Scope and Content: Sous-fonds consists of a membership roll, minutes, and financial accounts from Montrose Presbyterian Pastoral Charge. Sous-fonds is composed of the following series:

- Membership Records
- Records of Congregation
- Records of Session
- Records of Treasurer

Note:

Source of supplied title proper: Title based on contents of sous-fonds.

File List:

Membership Records

File Number	File Title/Description	Dates
PC/217/5	Montrose Presbyterian Pastoral Charge membership roll Also includes session minutes (1882-1923)	1882-1903

Records of Congregation

File Number	File Title/Description	Dates
PC/221/9	Elmsdale Presbyterian Church congregational meeting minutes Also includes congregational meeting minutes from Elmsdale United Church (1925-1929) and financial accounts from Tignish/Elmsdale/Montrose Presbyterian (1909-1920)	November 30, 1920-1925

Records of Session

File Number	File Title/Description	Dates
PC/217/5	Montrose Presbyterian Pastoral Charge session minutes Also includes membership roll (1882-1903)	August 26, 1882-May 27, 1923
PC/221/4	Montrose Presbyterian Pastoral Charge session minutes	October 14, 1904-March 23, 1921

Records of Treasurer

File Number	File Title/Description	Dates
PC/217/4	Elmsdale Presbyterian treasurer's book	1896-1908
PC/221/9	Tignish, Elmsdale, Montrose Presbyterian Pastoral Charge treasurer's book Also includes Elmsdale Presbyterian/United Church congregational meeting minutes (1920-1929)	1909-1920

Reference Number: PC/602/10
Title: Montrose Pastoral Charge records
Dates: 1929-1969
Extent: 12.5 cm of processed textual records

Administrative History: Upon church union in 1925, Montrose Pastoral Charge contained the preaching points of Elmsdale, Campbellton, Miminegash, and Montrose.

In 1966, Alberton and Montrose Pastoral Charges united to share a minister. This worked so well that the charges amalgamated on 1 July 1969. In 1970, the congregations at Alberton, Montrose, and Cascumpec united to become known as Gordon Memorial. At this time, Miminegash and Campbellton amalgamated with Elmsdale United Church.

Scope and Content: Sous-fonds consists of a membership roll, minutes, and financial accounts from Montrose Pastoral Charge. Sous-fonds is composed of the following series:

- Membership Records
- Records of Congregation
- Records of Official Board
- Records of Session
- Records of Treasurer
- Records of Committees

Note:

Source of supplied title proper: Title based on contents of sous-fonds.

File List:

Membership Records

File Number	File Title/Description	Dates
PC/221/2	Communion roll and register	August 1954-1969

Records of Congregation

File Number	File Title/Description	Dates
PC/220/10	Minutes Also includes Pastoral Relations Committee minutes (1966)	January 10, 1949-January 13, 1965

Records of Official Board

File Number	File Title/Description	Dates
PC/218/7	Alberton Pastoral Charge and Montrose Pastoral Charge joint meeting minutes Also includes Alberton-Elmsdale Pastoral Charge Official Board minutes (1969-1970)	April 28, 1966-April 28, 1969

Records of Session

File Number	File Title/Description	Dates
PC/220/9	Minutes	April 29, 1929-June 19, 1968

Records of Treasurer

File Number	File Title/Description	Dates
PC/217/9	Montrose [Pastoral Charge] treasurer's book-Minister's salary	1964-1969

Records of Committees

File Number	File Title/Description	Dates
PC/220/10	Minutes Also includes congregational meeting minutes (1949-1965)	1966

Reference Number: PC/602/11
Title: Montrose United Church records
Dates: 1937-1969; 1971-1976
Extent: 6.5 cm of processed textual records

Administrative History: In 1925, Montrose Presbyterian Church became Montrose United Church. The church building burned in May 1944 and a new building was opened on November 11, 1945. Regular services in the church ended in 1969 with services being held a couple of times in the summer. In 1970, the congregations at Alberton, Montrose, and Cascumpec united to become Gordon Memorial.

Scope and Content: Sous-fonds consists of minutes, financial accounts, and orders of service from Montrose United Church. Sous-fonds is composed of the following series:

- Records of Congregation
- Records of Treasurer
- Records of Women's Organizations
- Orders of Service

Note:

Source of supplied title proper: Title based on contents of sous-fonds.

File List:

Records of Congregation

File Number	File Title/Description	Dates
PC/221/3	Congregational meeting minutes	December 30, 1943- January 14, 1969

Records of Treasurer

File Number	File Title/Description	Dates
PC/221/6	Treasurer's book	1937-1952

Records of Women's Organizations

File Number	File Title/Description	Dates
PC/220/5	WMS minutes and roll	November 3, 1938-June 1946
PC/220/6	Alma-Montrose WMS treasurer's book	1951-1957
PC/220/3	UCW minutes and roll	January 11, 1962- November 1, 1962
PC/220/4	UCW Alma Unit minutes and roll	January 7, 1971-January 2, 1976

Orders of Service

File Number

PC/1100/19

File Title/Description

-Order of service for 50th anniversary of church building and 110th anniversary of formation (August 20, 1995)

-Order of service for 60th anniversary of church building and 120th anniversary of formation (August 14, 2005)

Dates

December 30, 1943-1995;
2005

Reference Number: PC/602/12
Title: Miminegash United Church records
Dates: 1948-1975; 1981
Extent: 4 cm of processed textual records

Administrative History: The church in Miminegash began as a Bible Christian preaching station in 1836 and construction was started on a chapel on Lot 7 in 1845. In 1881, both the Bible Christians and the Methodists built new churches. The two denominations were merged into one in 1884. Twelve Bible Christian families went to the Presbyterian Church and the Bible Christian building was used by them until it was sold in 1916.

Upon church union in 1925, the Miminegash Church became part of Montrose Pastoral Charge. Miminegash amalgamated with Elmsdale and Campbelltown to become Elmsdale United Church in 1970.

Scope and Content: Sous-fonds consists of minutes and an order of service from Miminegash United Church. Sous-fonds is composed of the following series:

Records of Congregation
Orders of Service

Note:

Source of supplied title proper: Title based on contents of sous-fonds.

File List:

Records of Congregation

File Number	File Title/Description	Dates
PC/217/6	Congregational meeting minutes	January 2, 1948-December 1975

Orders of Service

File Number	File Title/Description	Dates
PC/217/2	Order of service for Centennial Celebration service	August 23, 1981

History of Tignish United Church

A union church of Episcopalian, Baptist, Presbyterian, and Methodists was opened in 1861. Twenty years later the Presbyterians joined the pastoral charge of Montrose and Elmsdale and a building was constructed in 1893 on land donated by Mrs. Elizabeth Haywood. Upon church union, Tignish became part of Alberton Pastoral Charge. The building was sold to the Village of Tignish on 5 December 1972 to be used as a museum. In 1979 the village sold the church.

History of Campbellton United Church

A Methodist church was built in Campbellton circa 1862. Until that time, the Methodist families in Campbellton walked to West Point to church (22 kilometers). In 1925, the church became part of The United Church of Canada.

In 1970, the congregations at Alberton, Montrose, and Cascumpec united to become Gordon Memorial.

Ministers of Alberton Presbyterian Pastoral Charge

1834-1852: J.C. Sinclair

1855-1870: Allan Fraser

1871-1889: A.F. Carr

1891-1898: J.K. Fraser

1899-1906: H.G. Gratz

1907-1919: George Millar

1920-1925: George A. Christie

Ministers of Alberton Methodist Circuit

1872-1875: Levis S. Johnson
1875-1878: Aquila Lucas
1878-1881: Joseph Seller
1881-1882: Hibbert R. Baker
1883-1886: Matthew Richey Knight
1886-1887: William E. Reynolds
1889-1890: Geroge. Fisher
1890-1893: William Lawson
1893-1896: Thomas Hicks
1896-1900: John Goldsmith
1900-1903: William Jost Howard
1909-1911: Ernest A. Westmorland
1911-1915: Henry Seymour Beek Strothard
1915-1917: George F. Dawson
1917-1920: Ernest Edward Styles
1920-1924: William S. Godfrey
1924-1926: Henry A. Brown

Ministers of Alberton Pastoral Charge

1926-: W.D.G. Hollingworth (student)
1927-1934: A.S. Weir
1935-1936: G.A. Ross
1937-1941: M.K. Charman
1942: George N. Somers
1943-1948: J. Murdoch Fraser
1949-1952: Percy Fitzpatrick
1953-1954: Arthur R. Wallis
1955-1956: Murray Gardner
1957: A.S. Weir
1958: J.M. Sproule
1959: Vacant
1960: Vacant
1961: James H. MacIntosh
1962-1965: David S.H. MacDonald
1966: Vacant
1967-1968: Supplied from Montrose

Ministers of Tignish and Montrose Presbyterian Pastoral Charge

1881-1884: Vacant

1885-1890: George A. Fisher

1891-1894: James Murray

1895-1902: A.D. MacDonald

1903: Vacant

1904-1907: W.A. McKay

1908-1911: J.H. Hattie

1912-1913: Vacant

1914-1919: E. Lockhart

1920: Vacant

1921-1922: T.L. Williams

1923-1924: Vacant

1925: G.A.D. Elliot

Ministers of Montrose Pastoral Charge

1926-1932: George Ambrose Daniel Elliot

1932-1937: Murdock Dan MacLeod

1938-1942: William Andrew Patterson

1943-1948: William Ira MacDonald

1948-1954: John Matthew Sheen

1954-1956: Alexander MacDowell

1956-1958: Norman Russell Green

1959-1961: Robert A. Crooks

1962-1965: Brown M. Jardine

1966-1969: M.R. Pocklington

Ministers of Alberton-Elmsdale Pastoral Charge

1969-1971: M.R. Pocklington
1971-1974: Robert Taylor
1974-1975: Larry G. Todd
1975-1983: Stewart H. Russell
1983-1984: Robert Lockhart
1984-1995: Roland Hutchison
- Chalmers Hatcher February-May 1995
- Susan Woods July, August 1994
- Gary MacDougall September 1994-January 1995
1995-2009: John A.C. Wilson
- Pix Butt [student intern] 2002-2003
- Jolyn Campbell [student intern] 2003-2004
- Lorraine Davis [student intern] 2004-2005
- Cordelia Karpenko [student intern] 2007-2008
2009-2011: Susan E. Paterson
2011-2012: Robert Lockhart
2012-: Lynn A. McKinnon