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Reference Number: PC/904

Title: Caledonia Pastoral Charge fonds

Dates: 1867-2002; 2012-2019

Extent: 62.6 cm of textual records and 2 photographs

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.

The Caledonia Pastoral Charge consists of the appointments of Caledonia, Maitland Bridge (St. Paul's United) and Pleasant River (Trinity United). Caledonia and Pleasant River are located in Queens County and Maitland Bridge in Annapolis County, Nova Scotia.

In 1925, the Methodist congregations of the Caledonia Methodist Circuit joined The United Church of Canada. After the formation of The United Church of Canada, Caledonia Pastoral Charge contained the preaching points of Caledonia, Harmony Mills, Hibernia, Molega, Northfield and South Brookfield.

In 1926, the Congregational congregation at Pleasant River joined the United Church of Canada and formed the Pleasant River Pastoral Charge with the appointments of Baker's Settlement, Hemford, New Elm, East and West Clifford, and Pleasant River.

The Caledonia and Pleasant River Pastoral Charges amalgamated in 1927. The appointments of the new Caledonia Pastoral Charge at that time were Caledonia, Hibernia, Maitland Bridge, Molega, New Elm, Northfield, Pleasant River and South Brookfield. Baker's Settlement was moved to the Bridgewater (Grace) Pastoral Charge. East and West Clifford were associated with the appointment of Baker's Settlement. Hemford was moved to the New Germany Pastoral Charge.

Molega was dropped as a preaching point in 1928 and Hibernia and Northfield were dropped by 1930. Harmony Mills was no longer a preaching point by 1970.

The Pleasant River congregation adopted the name Trinity United Church in 1954.

In 1977, the appointments of New Elm and South Brookfield were closed by the South Shore Presbytery and the members transferred to the Caledonia United Church. The South Brookfield church was sold to the Zion United Baptists.

Effective January 1, 2019, The United Church of Canada underwent some structural changes including the elimination of all Presbyteries. At this time, Caledonia Pastoral Charge became part of Regional Council 15.

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, financial statements and accounts, minutes, reports, photographs, published and unpublished histories, newspaper clippings, correspondence, and an order of service from Caledonia Pastoral Charge and its Congregational and Methodist antecedents. Fonds is composed of the following sous-fonds:

- Caledonia Pastoral Charge records
- Caledonia Methodist Circuit records
- Pleasant River Congregational Church records
- Caledonia United Church records
- Trinity United Church (Pleasant River) records
- South Brookfield United Church records

Notes:

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

Accruals: Further accruals are expected.

Immediate Source of Acquisition: The records were received from the pastoral charge in September 1990, September 1992, June 1994, March 1995; and 2015 (accession 15-103).

Graphics Physical Description: There are two black and white photographs; one of the Congregational Church in Baker Settlement (9 x 11.5 cm) and one of the exterior of the Congregational Church in Pleasant River (10 x 12.5 cm).

Reference Number: PC/904/1

Title: Caledonia Pastoral Charge records

Dates: 1925-2002; 2012-2019

Extent: 20.5 cm of textual records and 2 photographs

Scope and Content: Sous-fonds consists of baptism/marriage/burial records, a membership register, financial statements, minutes, reports, photographs, newspaper clippings, and published and unpublished histories from Caledonia Pastoral Charge. Sous-fonds is composed of the following series:

- Baptism/Marriage/Burial Records
- Membership Records
- Records of Treasurer
- Records of Women's Organizations
- Annual Reports
- Church Histories
- Photographs

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/915/1	Register Baptisms (1925-September 6, 1958) Marriages (1925-December 23, 1960) Burials (1925-August 25, 1964) Also includes baptism/marriage/burial records from Caledonia Methodist Circuit (1898-1925)	1925-1964
PC/915/2	Photocopy of above register	

Membership Records

File Number	File Title/Description	Dates
PC/906/1	Membership Register Also includes membership records from Caledonia Methodist Circuit (1909-1925)	1925-1961

Records of Treasurer

File Number	File Title/Description	Dates
PC/915/15	Caledonia-Pleasant River Pastoral Charge financial statements	1945-1946

Also includes Christmas play compiled
by Hazel Colp

Records of Women's Organizations

File Number	File Title/Description	Dates
PC/915/3	Caledonia-South Brookfield United Church Women (UCW) minutes and roll	January 8, 1964-December 13, 1967
PC/915/4	Caledonia-South Brookfield UCW minutes and roll	January 17, 1968- November 27, 1968
PC/915/5	Caledonia-South Brookfield UCW minutes and roll	January 9, 1973-October 13, 1976
PC/915/6	Caledonia-South Brookfield UCW minutes and roll	November 3, 1976-January 22, 1982
PC/915/7	Caledonia-South Brookfield UCW minutes and roll	February 12, 1982- November 27, 1985
PC/915/8	Caledonia-South Brookfield UCW treasurer's book – receipts and expenditures	1962-1963
PC/915/9	Caledonia-South Brookfield UCW treasurer's book – receipts and expenditures	1964-1965
PC/915/10	Caledonia-South Brookfield UCW treasurer's book – receipts and expenditures	1966-1967
PC/915/11	Caledonia-South Brookfield UCW treasurer's book – receipts and expenditures	1967-1968
PC/915/12	Caledonia-South Brookfield UCW treasurer's book – receipts and expenditures	1969-1971
PC/915/13	Caledonia-South Brookfield UCW treasurer's book – receipts and expenditures	1971-1972
PC/915/14	Caledonia-South Brookfield UCW	1973

treasurer's book – receipts and expenditures

Annual Reports

File Number	File Title/Description	Dates
AR/900	Annual reports	1988-1989, 1994, 1998, 2000-2002; 2012-2019

Church Histories

File Number	File Title/Description	Dates
CH/903	-Newspaper clipping: "Churches by the Sea: Trinity United, Pleasant River" by M. Allen Gibson, <u>Mail Star</u> .	December 13, 1986
	-Newspaper clipping: "Churches by the Sea: Trinity United Church, Pleasant River" by M. Allen Gibson, <u>Chronicle Herald</u> .	November 3, 1989
	-Newspaper clipping: "Churches by the Sea: Trinity United Church, Pleasant River" by M. Allen Gibson	December 14, 1968
	-Newspaper clipping: "Churches by the Sea: Union Church, South Brookfield" by M. Allen Gibson, <u>The Mail Star</u>	January 3, 1987
	-Newspaper clipping: "Churches by the Sea: Union Church, New Elm" by M. Allen Gibson	December 13, 1969
	-Newspaper clipping: "Churches by the Sea: United Church, Caledonia, Queens County" by M. Allen Gibson, <u>The Mail Star</u>	February 14, 1987
	-Newspaper clipping: "Churches by the Sea: St. Paul's United, Maitland Bridge" by M. Allen Gibson. <u>The Mail Star</u> .	February 7, 1987
	-Typed history of Trinity United Church (Pleasant River)	n.d.
	-"The Forgotten Souls" (history of Northfield Cemetery) by Murray S. Smith, 2 pp. typed Includes 2 photographs of cemetery	n.d.
	-Typed transcript of article about Caledonia Circuit from <u>The Provincial Wesleyan</u>	June 16, 1869
	-Listing of burials from the Caledonia Pastoral Charge Register which list	n.d.

	Northfield as the burial place (1898-1964)	
	-Typed transcript of article about Caledonia Methodist Circuit from <u>The Wesleyan</u>	April 21, 1892
	-Research notes on Caledonia Pastoral Charge by archivist	n.d.
	-Letter from archivist to Eugene V. Penney re. Northfield United Church	April 3, 1998
	-Photocopy of newspaper clipping: "Caledonia United marks 130 years" <u>The Advance</u>	May 12, 1999
PC/368/18	St. Paul's United Church (Maitland Bridge) history of the strawberry suppers, Written for the strawberry supper on July 16, 2005	2005
	-"A Unique Baptism" article re. the baptism of Zoheth Whitman written by Eugene Penney from the North Queens Heritage Society	2015
	-Photocopy of photograph of the Methodist churches on the Caledonia Methodist Circuit and minister Rev. John Phalen	1922
	-Photocopy of photograph of churches on Caledonia Pastoral Charge	[1950]
Photographs		
File Number	File Title/Description	Dates
V-67/4.192	Copy of photograph of exterior of Congregational Church in Baker Settlement B&W, 9 x 11.5 cm (received accession September 1990). Copy created [196-?]	[1904]
V-67/4.193	Photograph of exterior of Congregational Church in Pleasant River B&W, 10 x 12.5 cm	[1915]

Reference Number: PC/904/2

Title: Caledonia Methodist Circuit records

Dates: 1867-1925

Extent: 23 cm of textual records

Administrative History: As early as 1821, a Methodist class was reported to be meeting in Pleasant River. By 1841, these Methodists had become scattered and the people connected with either the Baptist or Congregational Church Congregations in the area. Interest in Methodism was renewed in Caledonia when Rev. Charles Stewart was sent to Caledonia to promote the Methodist cause. A Methodist church was opened in Caledonia on 23 May 1869. This church was renovated and reopened on 26 September 1897.

Many of the inhabitants of Caledonia were Presbyterians but the church building was too far away to attend so many Presbyterians joined the Caledonia Baptist congregation.

In 1854, the Liverpool Methodist circuit reached Mill Village in the east, north to Caledonia, and west to Sable River and Little Harbour. Mill Village was made the head of a circuit in 1855 and the Caledonia Circuit was formed in 1866. These two circuits were under the care of the Liverpool District. In 1877, the Caledonia Circuit contained the appointments of Brookfield, Caledonia, Caledonia Corner and Maitland Bridge.

A Methodist Society at Maitland Bridge was organized and a church erected in 1874. This church became St. Paul's United Church after the Methodist congregation joined The United Church of Canada in 1925.

In October 1872, a Union Church at South Brookfield, east of Caledonia, was erected for Baptists and Methodists in the area. People at South Brookfield were served by Congregational, Methodist or Presbyterian Ministers from Mill Village and Liverpool. In 1925, the Methodist Congregation joined The United Church of Canada.

In 1925, the Methodist churches became part of The United Church of Canada.

Scope and Content: Sous-fonds consists of baptism/marriage/burial records, a membership roll, minutes, financial accounts, correspondence, and reports from Caledonia Methodist Circuit.

Sous-fonds is composed of the following series:

- Baptism/Marriage/Burial Records
- Membership Records
- Records of Official Board
- Records of Board of Trustees
- Records of Treasurer
- Records of Board of Stewards
- Annual Reports
- Church Histories

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/905/20	Caledonia Methodist Circuit Register Baptisms (1867-1879, 1894) Marriages (1867-1879) Also includes Quarterly Official Board minutes and Stewards accounts (1869- 1893)	1867-1879, 1894
PC/915/1	Caledonia Methodist Circuit Register Baptisms (September 21, 1898-1925) Marriages (August 15, 1898-1925) Burials (February 7, 1902-1925) Also includes baptism/marriage/burial records from Caledonia Pastoral Charge (1925-1964)	1898-1925
PC/915/2	Photocopy of above register	

Membership Records

File Number	File Title/Description	Dates
PC/906/1	Caledonia Methodist Circuit membership register Also includes membership records from Caledonia Pastoral Charge (1925-1961)	1909-1925

Records of Official Board

File Number	File Title/Description	Dates
PC/905/20	Caledonia Methodist Circuit Quarterly Official Board minutes (including description of dedication service Caledonia Methodist Church, 1869) Also includes Stewards accounts (1869- 1893) and baptisms/marriage records (1867-1879, 1894)	1869-1893
PC/905/21	Caledonia Methodist Circuit Quarterly Official Board minutes and accounts Also includes printed annual reports (1907, 1909)	1887-1910

PC/905/22	Caledonia Methodist Circuit Quarterly Official Board minutes Also includes minutes from Caledonia United Church (1925-1943)	1911-1925
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Records of Board of Trustees

File Number	File Title/Description	Dates
PC/905/22	Caledonia Methodist Board of Trustees minutes and accounts Also includes minutes from Caledonia United Church (1925-September 30, 1943)	March 10, 1876-1925
PC/915/16	South Brookfield Methodist trustees day book: Accounts (1867-1872) Board of Trustees minutes (December 26, 1898-1925) Building Committee minutes (September 23, 1869-October 13, 1884) Also includes minutes from South Brookfield United Church (1925-January 31, 1932)	1867-1884; 1898-1925
PC/915/17	South Brookfield Methodist Church trustees papers: -Committee of Trustees report for purpose of painting and repairing church (1898) -Letter from Richard Hunt, secretary of trustees, re. financial matters (March 13, 1885) -Indenture: Trustees of the Wesleyan Methodist Church at South Brookfield and Richard Seldon (October 12, 1872) -Notice to summon South Brookfield Methodist Building Committee to pay outstanding bills (January 17, 1876)	

Records of Treasurer

File Number	File Title/Description	Dates
PC/905/22	Caledonia Methodist accounts/collections book Also includes accounts from Caledonia United Church (1925-1943)	1919-1925

PC/915/18	South Brookfield Methodist Church financial papers	1867-1870, 1872, 1876- 1878, 1884
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Records of Board of Stewards

File Number	File Title/Description	Dates
PC/905/20	Caledonia Methodist Circuit Stewards accounts Also includes Quarterly Official Board minutes (1869-1893) and baptism/marriage records (1867-1879, 1894)	1869-1893

Annual Reports

File Number	File Title/Description	Dates
PC/905/21	Caledonia Methodist Circuit annual reports Also includes Quarterly Official Board minutes (1887-1910)	1907; 1909

Church Histories

File Number	File Title/Description	Dates
PC/915/19	Handwritten copy of newsclipping re. opening South Brookfield Methodist Church	October 9, 1872

Reference Number: PC/904/3

Title: Pleasant River Congregational Church records

Dates: 1925-1943

Extent: 6.5 cm of textual records

Administrative History: The Pleasant River Congregational Church was organized in 1846 by the Colonial Society. On 4 August 1856 the Congregational Church at Pleasant River was opened for worship. In 1901, plans were made for a new church and this building was dedicated on 24 July 1904. The old church building was demolished. The Pleasant River Congregational Union minister held services at Brookfield, Caledonia, New Elm and Pleasant River.

A Congregational chapel was also opened at Brookfield in 1856 and churches organized in Baker's Settlement, Hemford (Ohio) and New Elm. The Congregational chapel at Hemford was opened on 2 March 1890. The congregation at Ohio (Hemford) was formally organized as a separate congregation from Pleasant River on 13 February 1877.

In 1906, Baptists and Congregationalists entered into an agreement under which a church was built in New Elm.

In 1926, the Congregational congregation at Pleasant River joined the United Church of Canada and formed the Pleasant River Pastoral Charge with the appointments of Baker's Settlement, Hemford, New Elm, East and West Clifford and Pleasant River.

Scope and Content: Sous-fonds consists of baptism/marriage/burial records, membership roll, and minutes from Pleasant River Congregational Church. Sous-fonds is composed of the following series:

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

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/906/2	Register: Marriages (1846-1848, 1873-1879, 1893-1896) Baptisms (1846-1898) Burials (1846-1877)	1846-1898
PC/906/3	Register:	1896-1925

Baptisms (1896-1943)
 Marriages (1905-1957)
 Burials (1904-1958)
 Also includes baptism/marriage/burial records from Trinity United Church (1925-1958)

Membership Records

File Number	File Title/Description	Dates
PC/906/2	Membership roll	1846-1898
PC/906/3	Membership roll Also includes membership roll from Trinity United Church (1925-1964)	1909-1925

Records of Congregation

File Number	File Title/Description	Dates
PC/906/2	Minutes of congregational meetings	September 13, 1846-March 27, 1899
PC/906/3	Minutes of congregational meetings Also includes minutes from Trinity United Church (1925-April 18, 1971)	March 11, 1901-1925

Reference Number: PC/904/4
Title: Caledonia United Church records
Dates: 1925-1943
Extent: 6.5 cm of textual records

Administrative History: In 1925, the Methodist church in Caledonia became Caledonia United Church.

Scope and Content: Sous-fonds consists of minutes and financial records from Caledonia United Church. Sous-fonds is composed of the following series:

- Records of Congregation
- Records of Official Board
- Records of Board of Trustees
- Records of Treasurer
- 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/905/22	Congregational meeting minutes	1934-1943

Records of Official Board

File Number	File Title/Description	Dates
PC/905/22	Minutes Also includes Official Board minutes from Caledonia Methodist (1911-1925)	1925-1943

Records of Board of Trustees

File Number	File Title/Description	Dates
PC/905/22	Minutes and accounts Also includes minutes/accounts from Caledonia Methodist (March 10, 1876-1925)	1925-September 30, 1943

Records of Treasurer

File Number	File Title/Description	Dates
PC/905/22	Accounts and Collections Also includes financial statements (1953, 1957) as well as accounts and collections from Caledonia Methodist (1919-1925)	1925-1943

Orders of Service

File Number

PC/941/22

File Title/Description

Programme for 130th Anniversary Sunday

Dates

May 23, 1999

Reference Number: PC/904/5
Title: Trinity United Church (Pleasant River) records
Dates: 1925-1971
Extent: 3 cm of textual records

Administrative History: Upon the formation of The United Church of Canada in 1925, Pleasant River, originally a Congregational congregation, was a pastoral charge with the appointments of Baker's Settlement, Hemford, New, Elm, East and West Clifford and Pleasant River. The Caledonia and Pleasant River Pastoral Charges amalgamated in 1927.

The Pleasant River congregation adopted the name Trinity United Church in 1954.

Scope and Content: Sous-fonds includes baptism/marriage/burial records, a membership roll, and minutes from Trinity United Church. Sous-fonds is composed of the following series:

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

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/906/3	Register: Baptisms (1925-1943) Marriages (1925-1957) Burials (1925-1958) Also includes baptism/marriage/burial records from Pleasant River Congregational Church (1896-1925)	1925-1958

Membership Records

File Number	File Title/Description	Dates
PC/906/3	Membership roll Also includes roll from Pleasant River Congregational Church (1909-1925)	1925-1964

Records of Congregation

File Number	File Title/Description	Dates
PC/906/3	Congregational meeting minutes Also includes minutes from Pleasant River Congregational Church (March 11, 1901-1925)	1925-April 18, 1971

Reference Number: PC/904/6

Title: South Brookfield United Church records

Dates: 1925-1932

Extent: 2 cm of textual records

Administrative History: In 1925, the Methodist church in South Brookfield became South Brookfield United Church under the Caledonia Pastoral Charge. South Brookfield was closed by the South Shore Presbytery in 1977 and the members transferred to the Caledonia United Church. The church building was sold to the Zion United Baptists.

Scope and Content: Sous-fonds consists of minutes and a list of financial supporters from South Brookfield United Church. Sous-fonds is composed of the following series:

Records of Board of Trustees

Records of Treasurer

Records of Congregation

Note:

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

File List:

Records of Board of Trustees

File Number	File Title/Description	Dates
PC/915/16	Minutes Also includes minutes from South Brookfield Methodist (December 26, 1898-1925)	1925-January 31, 1932

Records of Treasurer

File Number	File Title/Description	Dates
PC/915/16	List of subscribers	1931

Ministers of Caledonia Methodist Circuit

1866: E.B. Moore
1867-1869: Charles W. Dutcher
1869: William Sargent
1870: Wilson W. Lodge
1873-1874: Caleb Parker
1875-1878: Robert McArthur
1878: William Purvis
1879-1881: John George Bigney
1881-1883: Robert Williams
1884-1886: John W. Shepherdson
1887-1889: Rozell S. Stevens
1890-1892: J. Hiram Davis
1893-1894: Supplies: Alex S. Tuttle, David B. Scott
1895-1897: Thomas A. Bowen
1898: William Arthur Outerbridge
1899: Supply – Alexander S. Tuttle
1900-1904: Frederick J. Pentelow
1904-1906: Charles Herbert Johnson
1907-1909: C.W. Porter-Shirley
1910-1914: William Boyd Parker
1914-1917: John Craig
1917-1919: Harry H. McNeill
1920-1921: W.H. Palmer
1921-1923: John Phalen
1923: Supply – Arthur Hockin
1924-1925: J. Norman Ritcey

Ministers of Pleasant River Pastoral Charge

1925-1926: J.M. Hooker

1927: T.R. Davidson

Ministers of Caledonia Pastoral Charge

1928-1934: J. Norman Ritcey
1934-1936: W.B. MacPhail
1936-1941: J.U. Bell
1941-1945: F.J. Scoates
1945-1946: S.H. Webb (lay supply)
1946-1949: James C. Parker
1949-1953: S.A. Custance (lay supply)
1953-1955: W.R. Collins (lay supply)
1955-1959: J.E. Forbes
1959-1961: A.J. Macintosh
1961-1963: Eric L. LeDrew
1963-1966: A.C. MacPhail
1966-1968: Fred I. Withers (lay supply)
1968-1970: Daniel V. Funnell
1970-1971: ----
1971-1973: Gerald G. Sacrey (student supply)
1973-1976: Boyce Martin (student supply)
1976-1977: ----
1977-1979: Boyce Parsons (student supply)
1979-1980: Eric Hillier (student supply)
1980-1984: Thomas A. Robinson
1984-1987: David R. Lutes
1987-1989: T. Cleveland-Thompson
1989-1992: Timothy R.W. Graham
1992-1998: Elizabeth A. Hogan
1998-2002: Natalie Buchanan
2002-2004: Linda I. Kuschnik
2004-2007: ----
2007-2012: Thomas Watson
2013-2014: ----
2015-2017: Carol Smith (United supply)
2017-: ----

Ministers of Pleasant River Congregational Pastorate

1873-1876: James Shipperley

1877-1879: David Hickey

1880: Student

1881-1891: William Peacock

1892: Vacant

1893-1895: James Blesedell

1896-1898: Vacant

1899-1901: George M. White

1902-1903: Vacant

1904-1906: I.A. Rose

1907: Vacant

1908-1919: George W. Ball

1923-1924: J.M. Hooker