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Cavendish-Breadalbane Pastoral Charge (Prince Edward Island)

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Reference Number: PC/610

Title: Cavendish-Breadalbane Pastoral Charge fonds

Dates: 1832-2018

Extent: 50.5 cm of textual records

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.

Cavendish-Breadalbane Pastoral Charge is located on Prince Edward Island and contains the communities of faith of Breadalbane (Central Trinity) and Cavendish.

In 1925, the Congregational, Methodist and most Presbyterian Churches were united into one denomination -- The United Church of Canada. At this time, the Granville Pastoral Charge included the preaching points of Breadalbane, Rose Valley, North Granville, and Pleasant Valley. The name of the pastoral charge was changed to Breadalbane in 1926. The Cavendish Pastoral Charge included Cavendish, New Glasgow, North Rustico, and Stanley Bridge.

On June 30, 1970, Cavendish and Breadalbane Pastoral Charges amalgamated to form the Cavendish-Breadalbane Pastoral Charge. At this time, the pastoral charge contained Breadalbane, Cavendish, New Glasgow, Pleasant Valley, Rose Valley, and Stanley Bridge. North Granville United Church and North Rustico United Church were closed at this time. The North Rustico United Church building was sold in 1968.

Pleasant Valley and Rose Valley closed in 1986. New Glasgow and Stanley Bridge were last listed as preaching points in 2007.

Effective January 1, 2019, The United Church of Canada underwent some structural changes including the elimination of all Presbyteries. At this time, Cavendish-Breadalbane 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records; membership rolls; minutes; a deed; annual reports; an order of service; newspaper clippings; and unpublished histories from Cavendish-Breadalbane Pastoral Charge and its Methodist and Presbyterian antecedents. Fonds is composed of the following sous-fonds:

- Cavendish-Breadalbane Pastoral Charge records
- Granville Methodist Circuit records
- Strathalbyn Presbyterian Pastoral Charge records
- Breadalbane Pastoral Charge records
- North Granville United Church records
- Rose Valley United Church records
- Cavendish-New London Presbyterian Pastoral Charge
- Cavendish Pastoral Charge records

Cavendish United Church records
Stanley Bridge 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 were received in August 1988; September 1996; 2009 (accession 09-051); 2010 (accession 10-004); 2019 (accession 19-054); and 2020 (accession 20-025).

Related Material: See Margate Pastoral Charge fonds and Hunter River Pastoral Charge fonds.

Associated Material: Records have been microfilmed by the Provincial Archives of Prince Edward Island and are available there.

Reference Number: PC/610/1

Title: Cavendish-Breadalbane Pastoral Charge records

Dates: 1963-1978; 1984; 1987-1988; 1990-1995; 1997-2007; 2009-2018

Extent: 25 cm of processed textual records

Scope and Content: Sous-fonds consists of annual reports; an order of service; newspaper clippings; and unpublished histories from Cavendish-Breadalbane Pastoral Charge. Sous-fonds is composed of the following series:

Annual Reports
Orders of Service
Church Histories

Note:

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

File List:

Annual Reports

File Number	File Title/Description	Dates
AR/607	Annual reports	1984; 1987-1988; 1990-1995; 1997-2007; 2009-2018

Orders of Service

File Number	File Title/Description	Dates
PC/1483/6	Lucy Maud Montgomery Interfaith Memorial Service bulletin	August 18, 1996

Church Histories

File Number	File Title/Description	Dates
CH/604	-“History of Rose Valley United Church,” 4 pp.	1976
	-“History of Breadalbane United Church,” 3 pp.	1978
	-Newspaper clipping: “Pioneer Traditions Enshrined in United Church at Cavendish” by J.L.M.	n.d.
	-Newspaper clipping: “New Glasgow congregation to mark 150 th anniversary), <i>The Guardian</i>	September 29, 1990
	-Copy of letter from Maritime Conference Archivist to Mrs. George Dunning re. information about church in Granville	November 5, 1970
	-“History of Cavendish United Church” by Rev. Wilfred Wilson, <i>The Guardian</i> , 3 pp.	June 7, 1975

-“Cavendish Church Has Long Record of Service” by Jean L. MacFadyen, <i>Journal-Pioneer</i> , 4 pp.	July 7, 1969
-“A Short History of the Cavendish Church,” 6 pp.	n.d.
-“History of the Breadalbane Church” by Edward Milley, 2 pp.	March 4, 1942
-“The History of Breadalbane United Church” compiled by Mrs. H.F. MacKay, 2 pp.	November 1963
-“The Churches of Stanley Bridge, 1880-1890” by Helen M. MacRae MacEwen, 52 pp.	1990
-Brief update on Breadalbane Pastoral Charge, n.d.	n.d.
-Note by Helen MacEwen re. loss of pre-1928 records of Stanley Bridge United Church	n.d.
-Newspaper clipping: “Spotlight on the past: Fashion show takes a look at wedding attire changes” by Jim Brown, <i>Journal Pioneer</i>	n.d.
-Newspaper clipping: “School is in” re. Central Trinity United Church	n.d.
-Notes on history of Pleasant Valley, 2 pp.	n.d.
-“History of Pleasant Valley United Church of Canada Period, 1876-1925,” 6 pp.	n.d.
-Newspaper clipping: “Church Re-Opens in Cavendish”	n.d.
-Notes on history of Rose Valley, 1 p.	n.d.
-List of records at Cavendish-Breadalbane Pastoral Charge	March 1978
-Notes on history of North Granville, 1 p.	n.d.
-Newspaper clipping: “Japanese Couple Wed at Cavendish,” <i>The Charlottetown Guardian</i>	July 30, 1975
-Newspaper clipping: “History of Church Activities in Cavendish Goes Back To Early Beginnings of Settlement” by Rev. Wilfred Wilson	June 4, 1975

Reference Number: PC/610/2

Title: Granville Methodist Circuit records

Dates: 1841; 1876-1918

Extent: 4 cm of textual records

Administrative History: Granville was a point on the Margate Methodist Circuit from 1858 until it became the head of the Granville and Hunter River Methodist Circuit in 1893. The name of the circuit was changed to Granville Methodist Circuit in 1899. The circuit included Granville, Pleasant Valley, Stanley Bridge, Hunter River, and Wheatley River.

Pleasant Valley Methodist church was erected in 1878.

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

Scope and Content: Sous-fonds consists of baptism/marriage/burial records; membership roll; minutes; and a deed from Granville-Hunter River 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
- Legal/Property Records
- Records of Youth Groups

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/271/2	Granville Methodist Circuit/Granville and Hunter River Methodist Circuit register: Burials (June 16, 1894-May 21, 1915) Marriages (December 26, 1893-December 7, 1913) Baptisms (August 12, 1893-June 27, 1914) Also includes membership roll [1893]-1918	1893-1915
PC/271/2a	Index to baptisms for above register (1893-1914)	
PC/271/5	Granville-Hunter River Methodist Circuit: Baptisms (August 19, 1893-April 1895) Burials (June 16, 1894-March 14, 1895)	1892-1895; 1898

Marriages (December 26, 1893-March 4, 1895)
 List of Graham family baptisms (1892; 1895; 1898)
 Also includes Official Board minutes (1876-1895) and a membership list (1893)

Membership Records

File Number	File Title/Description	Dates
PC/129/23	Granville Methodist Circuit/Granville and Hunter River Methodist Circuit membership roll Also includes baptism/marriage/burial records (1893-1915)	[1893]-1918
PC/271/5	Granville-Hunter River Methodist Circuit membership list Also includes baptism/marriage/burial records (1892-1895) and Official Board minutes (1876-1895)	1893

Records of Official Board

File Number	File Title/Description	Dates
PC/271/5	Granville-Hunter River Methodist Circuit Quarterly Official Board minutes Also includes baptism/marriage/burial records (1892-1895) and a membership list (1893)	August 18, 1876- November 27, 1895

Records of Board of Trustees

File Number	File Title/Description	Dates
PC/271/12	Resolution relating to Granville Methodist Circuit parsonage	[1893-1895]

Property Records

File Number	File Title/Description	Dates
PC/129/23	Grenville-Deed for land for a church for the Bible Christians	1841

Records of Youth Groups

File Number	File Title/Description	Dates
PC/271/8	Pleasant Valley Methodist Mission Band minutes and roll	May 1915-October 1918

Reference Number: PC/610/3

Title: Strathalbane Presbyterian Pastoral Charge records

Dates: 1876; 1904-1925

Extent: 1 cm of textual records

Administrative History: The Strathalbyn (variant Strathalbane) Presbyterian Pastoral Charge consisted of Hartsville (ca 1916 South Granville was included in place of Hartsville), Rose Valley and Breadalbane. The charge included North Granville in 1925

Rose Valley (Lot 67) was initially called Scotch Settlement. Early Presbyterian worship in the area was in the school house at Springton. The first church was built in what is now Hartsville. In 1876, tenders were given for a church in Rose Valley and the building opened the same year. People of Breadalbane worshipped in Rose Valley until 1913 when a church was built, opening on 2 November 1913.

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

Scope and Content: Sous-fonds consists of a communion roll and a postcard from Strathalbyn Presbyterian Pastoral Charge.

Note:

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

File List:

Membership Records

File Number	File Title/Description	Dates
PC/271/4	Strathalbyn (Breadalbane) communion roll	1904-1925

Correspondence

File Number	File Title/Description	Dates
PC/271/12	Postcard from S.G. Gunn, Prince Edward Island Presbytery	1876

Reference Number: PC/610/4

Title: Breadalbane Pastoral Charge records

Dates: 1952

Extent: 0.5 cm of textual records

Administrative History: Upon the formation of The United Church of Canada in 1925, the Granville Pastoral Charge included the preaching points of Breadalbane, Rose Valley, North Granville, and Pleasant Valley. The name of the pastoral charge was changed to Breadalbane in 1926.

On June 30, 1970, Cavendish and Breadalbane Pastoral Charges amalgamated to form the Cavendish-Breadalbane Pastoral Charge. At this time, the pastoral charge contained Breadalbane, Cavendish, New Glasgow, Pleasant Valley, Rose Valley, and Stanley Bridge.

Scope and Content: Sous-fonds consists of an annual financial report from Breadalbane Pastoral Charge.

Note:

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

File List:

Annual Reports

File Number	File Title/Description	Dates
PC/129/20	Financial report	1952

Reference Number: PC/610/5

Title: North Granville United Church records

Dates: 1930-1970

Extent: 2 cm of textual records

Administrative History: In 1925, the Methodist church in North Granville became North Granville United Church and was part of the Breadalbane Pastoral Charge. North Granville United Church was closed in 1970.

Scope and Content: Sous-fonds consists of congregational meeting minutes from North Granville United Church.

Note:

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

File List:

Congregational Records

File Number	File Title/Description	Dates
PC/130/3	Congregational meeting minutes	January 11, 1930-January 5, 1949
PC/130/4	Congregational meeting minutes	January 9, 1951-January 10, 1967
PC/130/5	Congregational meeting minutes	January 20, 1968-October 7, 1970

Reference Number: PC/610/6

Title: Rose Valley United Church records

Dates: 1949-1951; 1976

Extent: 1.5 cm of textual records

Administrative History: In 1925, the Presbyterian church in Rose Valley (Lot 67) became Rose Valley United Church. Rose Valley United Church was part of the Breadalbane Pastoral Charge until the charge was amalgamated with Cavendish Pastoral Charge on June 30, 1970. The church was closed in 1986.

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

Records of Youth Groups

Orders of Service

Note:

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

File List:

Records of Youth Groups

File Number	File Title/Description	Dates
PC/271/11	Young People's Union minutes and roll	January 7, 1949-April 13, 1951

Orders of Service

File Number	File Title/Description	Dates
PC/1467/1	Order of service for 100 th anniversary	July 25, 1976

Reference Number: PC/610/7

Title: Cavendish-New London Presbyterian Pastoral Charge

Dates: 1838-1926

Extent: 6 cm of textual records

Administrative History: Cavendish was visited by Presbyterian minister the Rev. James MacGregor in 1806. The first settled Presbyterian minister was in Princetown (Malpeque) in 1810 and the first church was built at Yankee Hill near the entrance to New London Harbour in 1816. Cavendish and New London formed a separate and distinct congregation in 1826. The land for a church and cemetery was donated by James MacNeill in 1831. The present church was built in 1902.

The New Glasgow Presbyterian Church was built in 1840. The church was moved in 1888 and officially re-opened 9 December 1888. New Glasgow joined the Brookfield Presbyterian charge in 1896 and became associated with Cavendish in 1915.

North Granville Presbyterian Church was built in 1877.

In 1925, the churches of the Cavendish-New London Pastoral Charge became part of The United Church of Canada.

Scope and Content: Sous-fonds consists of baptism/marriage/burial records; membership lists; and minutes from Cavendish-New London Presbyterian Pastoral Charge. Sous-fonds is composed of the following series:

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

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/271/1	Cavendish-New London Presbyterian register: Baptisms (1838-1850; 1850-1877) Marriages (one for 1840; one for 1845) Also includes session minutes (1838; 1856; 1860-1874) and a communion roll (n.d.)	1838-1877
PC/270/1	Cavendish-New London-Scotch Settlement Presbyterian register: Baptisms (1845-1894) Marriages (1852-1862)	1845-1894

Membership Records

File Number	File Title/Description	Dates
PC/271/1	Cavendish-New London Presbyterian communion roll Also includes baptism/marriage records (1838-1877) and session minutes(1838; 1856; 1860-1874)	n.d.
PC/271/3	North Rustico-Cavendish Presbyterian communion roll	1902-1926

Records of Congregation

File Number	File Title/Description	Dates
PC/271/6	Cavendish Presbyterian congregational meeting minutes Also includes minutes from Cavendish United Church (1925-1929)	July 2, 1901-1925

Records of Session

File Number	File Title/Description	Dates
PC/271/1	Cavendish-New London Presbyterian session minutes Also includes baptism/marriage records (1838-1877) and a communion roll (n.d.)	May 1838-November 1838; December 8, 1856; 1860-1874

Reference Number: PC/610/8

Title: Cavendish Pastoral Charge records

Dates: 1927-1932; 1962-1967

Extent: 3 cm of textual records

Administrative History: Upon the formation of The United Church of Canada in 1925, the Cavendish Pastoral Charge included Cavendish, New Glasgow, North Rustico, and Stanley Bridge.

On June 30, 1970, Cavendish and Breadalbane Pastoral Charges amalgamated to form the Cavendish-Breadalbane Pastoral Charge.

Scope and Content: Sous-fonds consists of minutes and financial records from Cavendish Pastoral Charge. Sous-fonds is composed of the following series:

Records of Treasurer

Records of Women's Organizations

Note:

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

File List:

Records of Treasurer

File Number	File Title/Description	Dates
PC/271/7	Subscription book for minister's salary	1927-1932
PC/271/12	Annual financial reports	1929; 1932

Records of Women's Organizations

File Number	File Title/Description	Dates
PC/129/21	UCW minutes and roll	January 21, 1962- December 17, 1967

Reference Number: PC/610/9

Title: Cavendish United Church records

Dates: 1925-1929; 1962-1983

Extent: 4.5 cm of textual records

Administrative History: In 1925, the Presbyterian church in Cavendish became Cavendish United Church.

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

- Records of Congregation
- Records of Women's Organizations
- Records of Youth Groups

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/271/6	Congregational meeting minutes Also includes minutes from Cavendish Presbyterian (1901-1925)	1925-January 25, 1929

Records of Women's Organizations

File Number	File Title/Description	Dates
PC/129/22	UCW minutes and roll	January 1962-December 1969
PC/130/1	UCW minutes and roll	January 13, 1970-March 1978
PC/130/2	UCW minutes and roll	April 1978-November 8, 1983

Records of Youth Groups

File Number	File Title/Description	Dates
PC/271/9	Young People's Society minutes and roll	December 1932-January 1935
PC/271/10	Young People's Society minutes and roll	January 1, 1937-December 3, 1938

Reference Number: PC/610/10
Title: Stanley Bridge United Church records
Dates: 1928-2008
Extent: 3 cm of textual records

Administrative History: In 1925, the Methodist and Presbyterian congregations in Stanley Bridge united to become Stanley Bridge United Church. On July 31, 1929, the church building burned down. A new church was formally opened on November 9, 1930. The church was closed in 2007.

Scope and Content: Sous-fonds consists of congregational meeting minutes and unpublished histories from Stanley Bridge United Church. Sous-fonds is composed of the following serie:

- Records of Congregation
- Records of Congregation

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/261/21	Congregational meeting minutes	September 4, 1928-January 17, 1939
PC/261/22	Handwritten transcription of above minute book by Helen MacEwen	
PC/261/23	Congregational meeting minutes	January 16, 1940-January 10, 1945
PC/261/24	Photocopy of above minute book	
PC/261/25	Congregational meeting minutes	December 28, 1945-January 7, 1972
PC/261/26	Congregational meeting minutes	January 15, 1978-February 25, 1993
PC/261/27	Photocopy of congregational meeting minutes	January 21, 1994-March 11, 2008

Records of Women's Organizations

File Number	File Title/Description	Dates
PC/1493/1	-“Stanley Bridge Prince Edward Island Women’s Missionary Society and Ladies’ Aid (1900-1962) and United Church Women (1962-2008)” by Helen MacEwen	2008
	-Note re. closure of Stanley Bridge UCW	September 2017
	-Photograph of Marilyn Simpson, Eliza MacEwen, and Helen MacEwen	2017
	Col. 10 cm x 15 cm	

Ministers of Cavendish-Breadalbane Pastoral Charge

1970-1971: J.D. Wharry
1971-1977: Wilfred Wilson
1977-1979: Blair Lewis
1979-1980: Wilfred Wilson
1980-1983: John Patterson
1983: Roland Hutcheson
1984-1987: Daniel J. Compton, Jr.
1987: Roland Hutcheson
1988-1991: John Bennett
1991-1992: ----
1992-1994: Blair C. Whyte
1994-2000: Hugh C. MacLean
2000-2001: ----
2001-2003: Norman MacDougall
2003-2005: M. Lorraine Lambert
2005-2007: ----
2007-2016: Claudia Kitson
2016-2017: Elaine Palmer-Harding
2017-2018: Wallace C. Ellis

Ministers of Breadalbane Pastoral Charge

1925-1929: D. Coburn

1929-1933: Thos. Palethorpe

1933-1938: A.R. Wallis

1938-1942: Ed. Milley

1942-1946: D.J. Morrison

1946-1955: W.B. MacPhail

1955-1958: H.S. Raynor

1958-1959: Anthony G.N. Ware

Ministers of Cavendish Pastoral Charge

1925-1926: Melville Aitken
1927-1928: Peter Jackson
1928-1932: Harold Bishop
1932-1937: W.A. Patterson
1937-1943: George Tilley
1943-1947: Eric Coffin
1947-1953: George Gough
1953-1955: Rev F.W. Sawdon
1956-1960: Rev. E.A.C. Haley
1960-1961: Campbell MacKinnon
1961-1964: Morley Bentley
1964-1967: Frank Stiles
1967-1968: T.R. Goudge
1968: Curtis MacDonald
1969-1970: J.D. Wharry

Ministers of Margate Methodist Circuit

1858-1860: Richard Johnson
1860-1861: J.S. Coffin
1861-1862: H. Sprague
1862-1864: H. Sprague
1864-1866: E. Evans
1866-1869: W.W. Colpitts
1869-1870: W. Ryan
1870-1872: R. Tweedy
1872-1873: J.G. Bigney
1873-1875: A.E. LePage
1875-1877: H.J. Clarke
1877-1880: E. Slackford (assisted in 1878 by W. Wass and in 1879 by J.W. Wadman)
1880-1883: W. Maggs (assisted in 1880 by T. Pierce and in 1881 by J.W. Tait)
1883-1886: H.R. Baker
1886-1889: C.W. Hamilton
1889-1890: C.E. Turner
1890-1893: A.D. MacLeod

Ministers of Granville Methodist Circuit

1893-1895: A.D. McLeod
1895-1899: H. Pierce
1899-1902: J. Dystant
1902-1906: G.A. Sellar
1906-1910: H. Pierce
1910-1914: J.B. Gough
1914-1918: L.J. Leard
1918-1922: G. Ayers
1922-1925: O.H. Peters
1925: R.H. Baxter