

# **Fundy St. Lawrence Dawning Waters Regional Council Archives**

## **Finding Aid #405**

### **Chatham Pastoral Charge (New Brunswick)**

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**Reference Number:** PC/405

**Title:** Chatham Pastoral Charge fonds

**Dates:** 1817-1980; 1987-1997; 1999-2001; 2004-2006; 2009; 2011-2021

**Extent:** 24 cm of textual records, 2 photographs, and 1 microfilm

**Administrative History:** A pastoral charge consists of one or more communities of faith (known as preaching points prior to 2019) under the spiritual leadership of a minister. The pastoral charge title usually reflects the breadth of the geographic area encompassing the charge.

St. Andrew's United Church is located in Chatham, Northumberland County, New Brunswick.

In 1925, the Congregational, Methodist and most Presbyterian Churches were united into one denomination--The United Church of Canada. In 1926, St. Luke's Methodist Church united with the United Church of St. Andrew and St. John (Presbyterian) to become the United Church of Chatham and began meeting in the former St. Andrew's and St. John building. The Methodist church building was used for Sunday School and youth groups. The United Church was renamed St. Andrew's United Church in 1966.

After a fire at Chatham in 1975-1976, the church building was burned. The current building was dedicated on June 4, 1978.

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membership rolls, minutes, correspondence, annual reports, orders of service, photographs, newspaper clippings, and unpublished histories from Chatham Pastoral Charge and its Methodist and Presbyterian antecedents.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

Chatham Pastoral Charge records

St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church (Chatham) records

United Church of St. Andrew's and St. John (Chatham) records

Chatham Methodist Circuit records

**Notes:**

**Immediate Source of Acquisition:** Records were received in 2006 (accession 06-027); 2010 (accession 10-043); 2019 (accession 19-049); and 2023 (accession 23-037).

**Accruals:** Further accruals are expected.

**Related Records:** See the Rev. Lewis Jack fonds; the Rev. George Sellar fonds; and the Rev. H.H.A. Anderson fonds for baptism/marriage/burial records. See Presbyterian Church of Nova Scotia fonds for Synod minutes re. Chatham (file PP-1-23).

**Associated Material:** Microfilm at the provincial Archives of New Brunswick is reel F1121.

**Microform Physical Description Note:** The microfilm is 16 mm.

**Reference Number:** PC/405/1

**Title:** Chatham Pastoral Charge records

**Dates:** 1926-1980; 1984-1985; 1987-1997; 1999-2001; 2004-2006; 2009; 2011-2021

**Extent:** 13 cm of textual records, 15 photographs, and 1 microfilm

**Scope and Content:** Sous-fonds consists of baptism/marriage/burial records, membership rolls, minutes, annual reports, orders of service, a photograph, newspaper clippings, and unpublished histories from Chatham Pastoral Charge. Sous-fonds is composed of the following series:

- Baptism/Marriage/Burial Records
- Membership Records
- Records of Congregation
- Records of Official Board
- Records of Board of Trustees
- Records of Adult Groups
- Annual Reports
- Orders of Service
- Church Histories
- Photographs

**Note:**

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

**File List:**

**Baptism/Marriage/Burial Records**

<b>File Number</b>	<b>File Title/Description</b>	<b>Dates</b>
PC/51/2 MF/219	Register: Baptisms (1926-June 27, 1944) Marriages (1926-June 17, 1944) Burials (1926-April 25, 1944) Also includes baptism/marriage/burial records from the United Church of St. Andrew and St. John (1922-1926)	1926-1944

**Membership Records**

<b>File Number</b>	<b>File Title/Description</b>	<b>Dates</b>
PC/51/2	Membership roll Also includes memberships from the United Church of St. Andrew and St. John (1921-1926)	1926-1940
PC/51/4	Historic roll	1940-1980

### Records of Congregation

File Number	File Title/Description	Dates
PC/51/5	Congregational meeting minutes Also includes Official Board minutes	January 20, 1926-January 15, 1936

### Records of Official Board

File Number	File Title/Description	Dates
PC/51/5	Minutes Also includes congregational meeting minutes	January 20, 1926-January 15, 1936

### Records of Board of Trustees

File Number	File Title/Description	Dates
PC/50/21	Minutes	January 19, 1927-February 2, 1961

### Records of Adult Groups

File Number	File Title/Description	Dates
PC/45/8	Women's Association minutes and roll	September 24, 1951- November 28, 1961
PC/1907/3	UCW treasurer's book	1988-1991
PC/1907/4	UCW treasurer's reports	1987; 1989; 1993-1997

### Annual Reports

File Number	File Title/Description	Dates
AR/410	Annual reports	1987; 1991-1992; 1994- 1997; 1999-2001; 2004- 2006; 2009; 2011-2021

### Orders of Service

File Number	File Title/Description	Dates
PC/1/26	-Orders of service (January 25, 1976; February 1, 1976) -Programme of 11 <sup>th</sup> annual meeting of Miramichi Presbyterial UCW held at St. Andrew's (March 10, 1973)	1973; 1976
PC/116/13	-Order of service (blank inside) with photograph of interior on cover (n.d.) -Dedication of St. Andrew's United Church (June 4, 1978) -Order of Service (February 21, 1965)	1965; 1978; n.d.
PC/634/19	Orders of service Includes brief history in summer bulletin	March 28, 1975; July 6, 1975; December 1, 1985;

	(1971) and tribute pamphlet at retirement of Rev. and Mrs. R.J. Miller (1983)	January 15, 1984; January 19, 1985
PC/1872/1	-January 25, 1976 (Sunday after fire) -May 2, 1976 -June 19, 1977 -Summer [1977] -October 2, 1977 -June 4, 1978 (dedication services) -January 15, 1978 -June 4, 1978	January 25, 1976; May 2, 1976; June 19, 1977; Summer [1977]; October 2, 1977; June 4, 1978; January 15, 1978; June 4, 1978
PC/1469/19	Orders of service	December 28, 1980; January 4, 1981; March 18, 1984; May 27, 1984; June 17, 1984; August 19, 1984; October 14, 1984; November 25, 1984

### Church Histories

File Number	File Title/Description	Dates
CH/403	-Newspaper clipping re. joint meeting of Session of St. Andrew and St. John and the Official Board and Trustees of Saint Luke's Church, <i>The United Churchman</i> .	March 24, 1926
	-Photocopy of photograph of St. Andrew's United Church printed in a newspaper	May 21, 1969
	-Newspaper clipping: "Chatham church razed"	n.d.
	-Newspaper clipping: "Stained glass windows pipe organ lost in church fire"	n.d.
	-Newspaper clipping: "111-Year-Old Church Destroyed." <i>The Miramichi Press Weekly</i>	January 21, 1976
	-Newspaper clipping: "Chatham church levelled by fire; pastor vows will be rebuilt," <i>The Moncton Times</i>	January 20, 1976
	-Newspaper clipping: "To Rebuild Chatham Church" by Paul Hansen, <i>The Telegraph Journal</i>	January 21, 1976
	-Newspaper clipping: "Money coming in to rebuild church," <i>The Moncton Times</i>	January 21, 1976
-Newspaper clipping: "16 boys, 5 to 8, lucky to escape," <i>North Shore Leader</i>	January 21, 1976	

	-Newspaper clipping: "First a spark, then flames, and Chatham landmark lies in ruins," <i>The Moncton Times</i>	January 21, 1976
	-Newspaper clipping: Photograph of construction site of new St. Andrew's United Church," <i>The Moncton Times</i>	July 15, 1977
	-Newspaper clipping: Photograph of St. Andrew's United Church under construction. <i>The Moncton Times</i>	October 10, 1977
	-"New Church Nears Finish," <i>The Moncton Times</i>	November 14, 1977
	-Newspaper clipping: "Chatham church expected to be completed by Oct."	1978
	-Newspaper clipping: "Invitation to dedication service of St. Andrew's United Church"	1978
	-Newspaper clipping: "St. Andrew's to be dedicated," <i>Miramichi Press</i>	May 31, 1978
	-Newspaper clipping: "Two years after devastating fire Chatham's Saint Andrew's United Church is functional again" by Dave Butler	n.d.
	-Newspaper clipping: "St. Andrews ready for services: a new church"	n.d.
	-Newspaper clipping: "Chatham St. Andrew's dedication tomorrow" by Dave Butler	n.d.
	-Photocopy of newspaper clipping: History of St. Andrew's Church, Chatham	n.d.
	-Print-out from website re. history of churches in Chatham	Printed 2004
	-History of St. Andrew's United Church, 1 p. typed	n.d.
	-Excerpt from book "Chapter Four-Attractions of the Miramichi: The Northumberland County Scots"	n.d.

### Photographs

File Number	File Title/Description	Dates
V/2/10	Postcard of exterior of St. Andrew's United Church (Chatham) Col. 9 x 14 cm. Photographed by Chuck Dewey, Chatham, N.B.	n.d.
V/53/136	Postcard of exterior of St. Andrew's United Church	[1970s]

	Col. 9 cm x 14 cm	
V/53/137	13 photographs of construction of St. Andrew's United Church Col. 8.6 cm x 8.6 cm	summer 1977



**Reference Number:** PC/405/2

**Title:** St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church (Chatham) records

**Dates:** 1817-1921

**Extent:** 7 cm of textual records, 1 photograph, and 1 microfilm

**Administrative History:** The first church in Chatham was St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church. It was built in 1817 at the corner of Water Street and St. Andrew Street. The first minister to administer church services was the Rev. James Thomsom. A second St. Andrew's Church building was built in 1870 at the southeast corner of Wellington Street and Henderson Street, which is the current location of St. Andrew's United Church.

Due to disagreements within the Presbyterian community in 1831, another church was built and named St. John's Presbyterian Church. This church was located at the northeast corner of University Avenue and Church Street. In 1921, St. Andrew's Church and St. John's Church united to become the United Church of St. Andrew and St. John.

**Scope and Content:** Sous-fonds consists of baptism/marriage/burial records, membership rolls, a deed; correspondence, an order of service; and a photograph from St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church in Chatham. Sous-fonds is composed of the following series:

Baptism/Marriage/Burial Records

Membership Records

Property/Legal Records

Correspondence

Orders of Service

Photographs

**Note:**

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

**File List:**

**Baptism/Marriage/Burial Records**

<b>File Number</b>	<b>File Title/Description</b>	<b>Dates</b>
PC/51/3 MF/219	St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church register (transcription): Baptisms (November 10, 1817-1921) Marriages (February 9, 1835-1921) Burials (May 27, 1831-1921) Also includes baptisms/marriages/burials from United Church of St. Andrew and St. John (1921-1926)	1817-1921
PC/51/2	St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church listing of births Also includes baptism/marriage/burial records from the United Church of St. Andrew and St. John	September 13, 1864-1894

### Membership Records

<b>File Number</b>	<b>File Title/Description</b>	<b>Dates</b>
PC/51/3	Communicants roll (transcription) Also includes baptism/marriage/burial records (1817-1926)	August 1827-1921
CH/403	Photocopy of roll of elders at Saint Andrews Church	1844-1921

### Legal/Property Records

<b>File Number</b>	<b>File Title/Description</b>	<b>Dates</b>
CH/403	Photocopy of deed from David Peabody to the trustees of St. Andrew's Church	July 4, 1835

### Correspondence

<b>File Number</b>	<b>File Title/Description</b>	<b>Dates</b>
PC/1/27	St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church (Chatham) – Letter from James McLean to "Milligan" asking him to come supply on a Sunday	November 12, 1912

### Orders of Service

<b>File Number</b>	<b>File Title/Description</b>	<b>Dates</b>
PC/1872/1	Order of service for re-opening services for St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church	September 24-October 1, 1899

### Photographs

<b>File Number</b>	<b>File Title/Description</b>	<b>Dates</b>
V/86	Postcard of St. John's Presbyterian Church (Chatham) B&W. 14 x 9 cm. Photographed by J. Fred Benson.	1907

**Reference Number:** PC/405/3

**Title:** United Church of St. Andrew's and St. John (Chatham) records

**Dates:** 1922-1926

**Extent:** 7 cm of textual records and 1 microfilm

**Administrative History:** In 1921, St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church and St. John's Presbyterian Church united to become the United Church of St. Andrew and St. John.

In 1926, the United Church of St. Andrew and St. John united with St. Luke's Methodist Church to become the United Church of Chatham. The congregation met in the former St. Andrew's and St. John building.

**Scope and Content:** Sous-fonds consists of baptism/marriage/burial records and membership rolls from the United Church of St. Andrew and St. John. Sous-fonds is composed of the following series:

- Baptism/Marriage/Burial Records
- Membership Records

**Note:**

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**File List:**

**Baptism/Marriage/Burial Records**

<b>File Number</b>	<b>File Title/Description</b>	<b>Dates</b>
PC/51/2 MF/219	Register: Baptisms (January 1, 1922-1926) Marriages (January 26, 1922-1926) Burials (January 12, 1922-1926) Also includes baptism/marriage/burial records from St. Andrew's United Church (1926-1944)	1922-1926
PC/51/3	Register: Marriages (1925-June 5, 1926) Burials (1925-May 30, 1926) Also includes baptisms/marriages/burials from St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church (1817-1925)	1921-1926

## Membership Records

<b>File Number</b>	<b>File Title/Description</b>	<b>Dates</b>
PC/51/2	Membership roll Also includes membership roll from St. Andrew's United Church (1926-1940)	1921-1926
PC/51/3	Communicants roll Also includes baptism/marriage/burial records (1817-1926)	1925-1926

**Reference Number:** PC/405/4

**Title:** Chatham Methodist Circuit records

**Dates:** 1830-1926

**Extent:** 4.5 cm of textual records and 1 microfilm

**Administrative History:** A Methodist Church was dedicated in Chatham on July 31, 1831 and was located on the southwest corner of Duke Street and Cunard Street. The building was damaged in 1845 and repaired. A new building built on Wellington Street and dedicated on August 2, 1886.

Chatham first appeared as a separate circuit in 1875. Before this time, Chatham was part of the Miramichi Methodist Circuit.

In 1926, the Methodist Church united with the Presbyterian United Church of St. Andrew and St. John to become the United Church of Chatham meeting in the former St. Andrew's and St. John building.

**Scope and Content:** Sous-fonds consists of baptism/marriage/burial records from Chatham Methodist Circuit.

**Note:**

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

**File List:**

**Baptism/Marriage/Burial Records**

<b>File Number</b>	<b>File Title/Description</b>	<b>Dates</b>
PC/51/1 MF/219	Chatham Methodist register: Baptisms (1830-June 1926) Marriages (May 1889-1925) Burials (July 1902-May 1907)	1830-1926

## Ministers of Miramichi Methodist Circuit

1830: M. Pickles  
1831: Enoch Wood and A. McNutt  
1832: E. Wood and H. Daniel  
1833: Albert DesBrisay and H. Daniel  
1834-1835: R. Williams and P. Sleep  
1836: R. Williams and H. Pickard  
1837: M. Pickles, W. Bannister, and S.D. Rice  
1838-1839: W. Temple, S. McMasters, and H. Pickard  
1840-1841: A. McNutt, J. Jennings and W. Allen  
1842: A. McNutt  
1843-1845: R. Sheppard  
1846-1848: G. Johnson  
1849-1851: C. Lockhart  
1852-1855: J. Snowball  
1956-1858: W. Smith  
1859-1861: G. Barratt  
1862-1865: W.W. Perkins  
1862-1863: W.H. Hertz (assistant)  
1864: C.B. Pitblado (assistant)  
1866-1869: E. Evans  
1866-1867: A.D. Morton (assistant)  
1868-1869: C.H. Paisley (assistant)  
1870-1871: I. Sutcliffe  
1870: A.B. Morris (assistant)  
1871: J. Strothard (assistant)  
1872: J.L. Sponagle and A.H. Webb  
1873: John Waterhouse and J. Crisp

## Ministers of Chatham Methodist Circuit

1875: J. Waterhouse  
1876: R.S. Crisp  
1876-1878: H. McKeown  
1879-1881: S.T. Teed  
1882-1883: D. Chapman  
1884: M. McLauchlan  
1885-1887: F.W. Harrison  
1888-1889: R.S. Crisp  
1890-1892: T. Marshall  
1893-1896: George Steel  
1897-1899: G.M. Young  
1900-1902: W.C. Matthews  
1903-1905: J. Strothard  
1906-1907: G.A. Sellar  
1908-1910: G.F. Dawson  
1911-1914: R.G. Fulton  
1915-1918: J.J. Pinkerton  
1919-1920: H.S.B. Strothard  
1921-1924: F.H. Littlejohns  
1925: George M. Young

### **Ministers of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church (Chatham)**

1875-1878: W.M. Wilson  
1879-1881: Robert Jardine  
1882-1888: Wallace Waits  
1889-1896: Joseph McCoy  
1897: ----  
1898-1906: D. Henderson  
1907-1915: George Wood  
1916-1920: E.B. Wylie  
1921: ----

### **Ministers of St. John's Presbyterian Church (Chatham)**

1875-1876: John M. Allan  
1877: ----  
1878-1881: J.A.F. McBain  
1882-1885: ----  
1886-1887: Neil McKay  
1898: ----  
1899-1913: James M. McLean  
1914-1917: John Harris  
1918-1925: J.H.A. Anderson



## **Ministers of Chatham Pastoral Charge**

1925: J.H.A. Anderson (St. Andrew's) and G.M. Young (St. Luke's)  
July 1926-June 30, 1931: G.A. Christie  
July 3, 1931-October 12, 1939-F.H. Holmes  
October 22, 1939-June 30, 1948: F.E. MacPherson  
July 1948-June 30, 1954: Sydney J. Hillier  
September 3, 1954-June 30, 1960: R.A. Ross  
July 1, 1960-June 30, 1964: E.A.C. Haley  
July 1, 1964-July 1983: R.J. Miller  
July 1, 1983-May 1989: Leslie C. McCurdy  
September 7, 1989-June 1996: Fred C. Burrill  
July 1996-June 2001: Donald J. Britt  
September 2001-December 2001: William MacLeod (supply)  
2002-2022: Charlene Maguire MacKnight  
2022-: Eunkyū Ji