

Regional Council 15 Archives

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Mulgrave Pastoral Charge (Nova Scotia)

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Reference Number: PC/304

Title: Mulgrave Pastoral Charge fonds

Dates: 1925-1992; 1994; 1998-1999; 2003-2009; 2011; 2013-2020

Extent: 51 cm of textual records and 2 photographs

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.

Mulgrave Pastoral Charge consists of the communities of faith of Bayfield (St. Matthew's United Church), Hadleyville, and Mulgrave (Trinity United Church) which are located on the eastern end of mainland Nova Scotia in Antigonish and Guysborough Counties.

In 1925, the Congregational, Methodist and the majority of Presbyterian Churches in Canada were united into one denomination--The United Church of Canada. At this time, Mulgrave Pastoral Charge consisted of the preaching points of Mulgrave and Bayfield. The Presbyterian Church in Mulgrave (St. Matthew's) did not enter the Union of 1925, but subsequently many former members joined the new United Church.

Hadleyville was added to the pastoral charge in 1930 but was moved to Boylston Pastoral Charge the next year. Hadleyville became part of Mulgrave Pastoral Charge again in 1939.

Melford United Church was added to Mulgrave Pastoral Charge in 1952 and was closed in 2010.

Effective January 1, 2019, The United Church of Canada underwent some structural changes including the elimination of all Presbyteries. At this time, Mulgrave 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; a membership roll; minutes; financial statements and accounts; an attendance book; a financial campaign booklet; photographs; reports; unpublished histories; and newspaper clippings from Mulgrave Pastoral Charge and its Methodist antecedents. Fonds is composed of the following sous-fonds:

- Mulgrave Pastoral Charge records
- Trinity United Church (Mulgrave) records
- Melford United Church records
- Mulgrave Methodist Circuit 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 from the pastoral charge in November 1992; January 1993; 1998 (accession 98-070); and 2001 (accession 01-096).

Related Records: See also Eastern Guysborough Pastoral Charge records.

Associated Material: Microfilmed records of some of the pastoral charge records are located at the Nova Scotia Archives.

Reference Number: PC/304/1

Title: Mulgrave Pastoral Charge records

Dates: 1895-1941; 1948-1991; 1994; 1998-1999; 2003-2009; 2011; 2013-2020

Extent: 26 cm of textual records and 2 photographs

Scope and Content: Sous-fonds consists of baptism/marriage/burial records; a membership roll; minutes; financial statements and accounts; a financial campaign booklet; an attendance book; reports; unpublished histories; and newspaper clippings from Mulgrave Pastoral Charge.

Sous-fonds is composed of the following series:

Baptism/Marriage/Burial Records

Membership Records

Records of Official Board

Records of Board of Stewards

Records of Treasurer

Records of Youth Groups

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/990/7	Register: Baptisms (1925-June 22, 1941) Marriages (1925-December 24, 1940) Burials (1925-May 25, 1941) Also includes baptism/marriage/burial records from Mulgrave Methodist Mission (1896-1925)	1925-1941
PC/990/8	Baptism register	November 10, 1963- August 20, 1989
PC/990/9	Burial permits	1951-1991

Membership Records

File Number	File Title/Description	Dates
PC/990/18	Membership roll	1948-1951

Records of Official Board

File Number	File Title/Description	Dates
PC/990/5	Minutes Also includes Official Board minutes (1907-1925) and membership roll (1911-1912) from Mulgrave Methodist Mission	1925-March 30, 1926

PC/990/6	Minutes	January 29, 1957-October 20, 1967
PC/992/9	Minutes	January 25, 1968-November 29, 1990

Records of Board of Stewards

File Number	File Title/Description	Dates
PC/1642/12	Stewardship booklet "Labour in Faith" by Lewis U. Wood	1962

Records of Treasurer

File Number	File Title/Description	Dates
PC/1642/9	Financial statement	1952
PC/990/13	Treasurer's book	1958-1959
PC/990/14	Treasurer's book	1965-1972
PC/990/15	Treasurer's book	1972-1979
PC/990/16	Treasurer's book	1980-1988
PC/990/12	Mission & Service Fund (M&S) treasurer's book and correspondence	1971-1973
PC/990/10	Budgets and financial statements	1952-1974
PC/990/11	Invoices and receipts re. manse	1968-1973

Records of Youth Groups

File Number	File Title/Description	Dates
PC/991/1	Afton-Bayfield Sigma-C's attendance book	1956-1957
PC/991/10	Mulgrave-Melford Hi-C minutes	April 4, 1968-November 10, 1970

Annual Reports

File Number	File Title/Description	Dates
AR/305	Annual reports	1981; 1984-1985; 1990; 1994; 1998-1999; 2003-2009; 2011; 2013-2020

Church Histories

File Number	File Title/Description	Dates
CH/304	-Newspaper clipping: "Churches by the Sea-St. Matthew's United Church, Bayfield" by M. Allen Gibson	n.d.
	-Newspaper clipping: "Two-Fold Anniversary Celebrations" re. St. Matthew's United Church (Bayfield) by Mrs. Sam Facey	1975
	-History: "St. Matthew's United Church, Afton, 1875-1975," 2 pp.	1975
	-"History, Middle Melford United Church, Guysborough County, N.S." by Vera Grant, 1 p.	n.d.

Reference Number: PC/304/2

Title: Trinity United Church (Mulgrave) records

Dates: 1925-1992

Extent: 21 cm of textual records

Administrative History: In 1925, the Methodist church in Mulgrave became part of Trinity United Church as part of the Mulgrave Pastoral Charge.

Scope and Content: Sous-fonds consists of membership rolls; minutes; financial accounts; and an unpublished history from Trinity United Church (Mulgrave). 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 Sunday School
- Records of Women's Organizations
- Records of Youth Groups
- Church Histories

Note:

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

File List:

Membership Records

File Number	File Title/Description	Dates
PC/990/2	Membership roll Also includes session minutes (1949-1964)	1949-1955

Records of Congregation

File Number	File Title/Description	Dates
PC/990/3	Congregational meeting minutes Also includes Official Board minutes and Board of Steward minutes (1925-1955)	August 9, 1925-May 22, 1955

Records of Official Board

File Number	File Title/Description	Dates
PC/990/3	Minutes Also includes congregational minutes and Board of Steward minutes (1925-1955)	August 9, 1925-May 22, 1955

Records of Session

File Number	File Title/Description	Dates
PC/991/2	Minutes	August 22, 1966-June 2, 1974

Records of Board of Trustees

File Number	File Title/Description	Dates
PC/991/7	Trustee Board of Parsonage financial accounts Also includes accounts from Mulgrave Board of Methodist Parsonage (1899-1907)	1956

Records of Board of Stewards

File Number	File Title/Description	Dates
PC/990/3	Minutes Also includes congregational minutes and Official Board minutes (1925-1955)	August 9, 1925-May 22, 1955
PC/990/2	Minutes Also includes membership roll (1949-1955)	March 29, 1949-December 31, 1949; December 31, 1952-December 31, 1955; August 24, 1964
PC/991/3	Minutes	February 19, 1957-July 29, 1963
PC/991/4	Minutes	September 23, 1963-October 24, 1966
PC/991/5	Minutes	December 20, 1966-November 7, 1990
PC/991/8	Correspondence, reports, applications, and financial records re. renovations	1972

Records of Treasurer

File Number	File Title/Description	Dates
PC/991/11	[Trinity United Church] weekly envelope record book	1939-1941
PC/991/12	[Trinity United Church] weekly envelope record book	1951-1952
PC/991/13	[Trinity United Church] weekly envelope record book	1953-1954
PC/991/14	[Trinity United Church] weekly envelope record book	1955-1958
PC/991/15	[Trinity United Church] weekly envelope record book	1959

PC/991/16	[Trinity United Church] weekly envelope record book	1961-1962
PC/991/17	[Trinity United Church] weekly envelope record book	1963
PC/991/18	[Trinity United Church] weekly envelope record book	1964

Records of Sunday School

File Number	File Title/Description	Dates
PC/991/9	Sunday School teachers' meeting minutes	October 21, 1962-January 26, 1970

Records of Women's Organizations

File Number	File Title/Description	Dates
PC/992/2	Ladies Aid minutes and roll	January 13, 1943-February 9, 1944
PC/992/3	Ladies Aid minutes and roll	January 1947-November 29, 1954
PC/992/5	Ladies Aid treasurer's book	1943-1945
PC/992/4	Ladies Aid treasurer's book	1945-1950
PC/992/1	UCW treasurer's book	1980-1992

Records of Youth Groups

File Number	File Title/Description	Dates
PC/992/6	Maple Leaf Mission Band minutes and roll	November 24, 1945-October 23, 1953
PC/992/7	Maple Leaf Mission Band minutes and roll	November 1953-December 8, 1961

Church Histories

File Number	File Title/Description	Dates
CH/304	"History of Trinity United Church," 6 pp.	n.d.

Reference Number: PC/304/3
Title: Melford United Church records
Dates: 1974; 1986; 2010
Extent: 0.5 cm of textual records and 2 photographs

Administrative History: Melford United Church became part of Mulgrave Pastoral Charge in 1952. Prior to this, it had been a Methodist church but hadn't been active for some years after the formation of The United Church of Canada. Melford United Church closed in 2010.

Scope and Content: Sous-fonds consists of an unpublished history, photographs, and a newspaper clipping from Melford United Church. Sous-fonds is composed of the following series:

- Photographs
- Church Histories

Note:

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

File List:

Photographs

File Number	File Title/Description	Dates
V/5/281	Photograph of exterior of Melford United Church Col. 19 x 11 cm. Printed from inkjet printer. Photograph by Christopher Cook, Port Hawkesbury. Written description of church on separate paper.	2010
V/5/282	Photograph of interior of Melford United Church (front of church) Col. 19 x 11 cm. Printed from inkjet printer. Photograph by Christopher Cook, Port Hawkesbury. Written description of church on separate paper.	2010

Church Histories

File Number	File Title/Description	Dates
CH/304	-Newspaper clipping: "Churches by the Sea: A great church aid-'a mother in Israel' re. Melford United Church by M. Allen Gibson. <i>Halifax Chronicle-Herald</i>	March 9, 1974
	-"History of Melford United Church" by Vera Grant, 2 pp.	1986

Reference Number: PC/304/4
Title: Mulgrave Methodist Circuit records
Dates: 1895-1925
Extent: 4 cm of textual records

Administrative History: In the early years, ministers from first Guysborough Methodist Circuit and then later the Boylston Methodist Circuit introduced Methodism to the Mulgrave area. Mulgrave was originally part of the Boylston Methodist Circuit which included Bayfield, Oyster Ponds (now Hadleyville) and Melford. Mulgrave later became part of the Port Hawkesbury Methodist Circuit. Construction on a church building was begun in Mulgrave in 1862 but it was destroyed by a gale in 1863. Work on another building was begun ten years later and it also was felled by a gale along with two other churches on August 25, 1873. Finally, another building was completed in August 1878. This building was sold and a new building was built in 1911. It was dedicated on January 7, 1912 and is still the building in use today.

In 1895, the Methodist church in Mulgrave received its first resident minister, the Rev. Joel Mader. In that same year, Mulgrave became the head of its own circuit. A parsonage was built in Mulgrave in 1896.

A Methodist church was built in Hadleyville (formerly known as Oyster Ponds) in 1885. A church was dedicated at Melford in 1905.

The Bayfield-Afton Methodist Church was built by Elisha Randall on his farm in 1876. The church was moved by several teams of oxen in the early 1880s to its present location at Afton on the Bayfield Road. Until 1895, this church was supplied from Manchester Methodist Circuit.

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

Scope and Content: Sous-fonds consists of baptism/marriage/burial records; a membership roll; minutes; a cemetery plot plan; and financial accounts from Mulgrave Methodist Mission. Sous-fonds is composed of the following series:

- Baptism/Marriage/Burial Records
- Membership Records
- Records of Quarterly Official Board
- Records of Board of Trustees
- Records of Treasurer
- Cemetery Records

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/990/7	Mulgrave Methodist Mission register: Baptisms (May 9, 1896-1925) Marriages (April 6, 1897-1925) Burials (January 31, 1900-1925) Also includes baptism/marriage/burials from Mulgrave Pastoral Charge (1926- 1941)	1896-1925

Membership Records

File Number	File Title/Description	Dates
PC/990/5	Mulgrave Methodist Mission membership roll Also includes Quarterly Official Board minutes (1907-1926)	1911-1912

Records of Quarterly Official Board

File Number	File Title/Description	Dates
PC/990/4	Mulgrave Methodist Mission Quarterly Official Board minutes	August 8, 1895-February 1908
PC/990/5	Mulgrave Methodist Mission Quarterly Official Board minutes Also includes a membership roll from Mulgrave Methodist Mission (1911-1912) and minutes from Mulgrave Pastoral Charge (1925-1926)	August 27, 1907-1925

Records of Board of Trustees

File Number	File Title/Description	Dates
PC/991/6	Port Mulgrave Methodist Church Board of Trustees minutes Also includes record of collections (1880- 1882) and list of pew owners [1875]	1875-1887

Records of Treasurer

File Number	File Title/Description	Dates
PC/991/7	Mulgrave Methodist Board of Parsonage accounts Also includes accounts from Mulgrave United Church (1956)	1899-1907
PC/991/6	Port Mulgrave Methodist Church: Record of collections (1880-1882) List of pew owners [1875]	[1875]; 1880-1882

Also includes Board of Trustees minutes
(1875-1887)

Cemetery Records

File Number	File Title/Description	Dates
ARCH/os	Mulgrave Methodist Cemetery plans -One trace copy after 1905 drawing by Charles W. Tayler -One ink copy of the above on blue fabric -One 1905 drawing with some plot holders named	1905

Ministers of Mulgrave Methodist Circuit

1895-1896: Joel Mader
1896-1899: R.O. Armstrong
1899-1902: S. Jefferson
1902-1905: W.B.M. Parker
1905-1908: A. Lund
1908-1909: Supply
1909-1912: J.N. Ritcey
1912-1913: E. Plowman
1913-1914: J. Mader
1914-1917: A.J. Reynolds
1917-1918: J.B. Heal
1918-1920: J. Sharp
1920-1925: F.J. Pentelow
1925: Supply

Ministers of Mulgrave Pastoral Charge

1925-1929: H.M. Upham
1929-1934: N.J. Thomas
1934-1935: A.J.H. Fraser
1935-1940: A.J. Reynolds
1940-1941: H.S. Bird
1941-1943: M.R. Ewing
1943-1945: S.E. Hayward
1945-1948: E.G. Cowan
1948-1952: E.G. Barrette
1952-1956: R.W. Rogers
1956-1960: D. McConnell
1960-1962: E. Lloyd Salsman
1962-1964: Lewis U. Wood
1964-1967: Jan Huntjens
1967-1970: Elmer Asaph
1971-1974: Grant G. Richardson
1974-1975: James Stirling
1975-1976: ----
1976-1978: Elmer Asaph
1978-1986: Edward S. Hales
1986: Clayton Austin (student supply)
1987: ----
1987-1988: Steven K. Moore
1988-1989: ----
1989-1991: Karen E. MacLeod-Wilkie
1992: ----
1992-1997: Valerie L. Kingsbury
1997-1999: ----
1999-2000: Kate Crawford (student supply)
2000-2005: A. David Tuck
2005-2006: ----
2016-2014: James L. Chisholm
2014-2017: Heather Manual
2017-2018: ----
2018-2020: Served from Eastern Guysborough
2020: ----