

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

## **Finding Aid # 620**

### **Summerside: Trinity Pastoral Charge (Prince Edward Island)**

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**Reference Number:** PC/620

**Title:** Summerside: Trinity Pastoral Charge fonds

**Dates:** 1853; [May 1865]; 1889-1892; 1895-1902; 1908-1914; 1945; 1949; 1951; 1958; 1960-1961; 1963; 1965; 1987; 1989-1999; 2001-2020

**Extent:** 11 cm of textual records and 1 photograph

**Administrative History:** Summerside, Trinity United Church is located in Prince Edward Island.

At the time of the formation of The United Church of Canada in 1925, more than ninety members of the Presbyterian Church in Summerside joined with Summerside Methodist Church to become Trinity United Church as part of Prince Edward Island Presbytery.

Effective January 1, 2019, The United Church of Canada underwent some structural changes including the elimination of all Presbyteries. At this time, South Shore 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of minutes; reports; a deed; financial accounts; brochures; a photograph; orders of service; newsletters; published and unpublished histories; and newspaper clippings. Fonds is composed of the following series:

Summerside: Trinity Pastoral Charge records

Summerside Methodist Circuit records

Summerside Presbyterian Church records

**Notes:**

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

**Accruals:** Further accruals are expected.

**Immediate Source of Acquisition:** It is unknown when the early nineteenth and twentieth century records arrived at the Archives. Other records were received in 1990 (accession September 1990); 2004 (accession 04-007); 2010 (accession 10-047); and 2015 (accession 15-118).

**Related Records:** See Bedeque Pastoral Charge fonds and Margate Pastoral Charge fonds.

**Associated Material:** Microfilms of some records from Summerside (1866-1965) are at the Prince Edward Island Public Archives and Records Office.

**Reference Number:** PC/620/1

**Title:** Summerside: Trinity Pastoral Charge records

**Dates:** 1945; 1949; 1951; 1958; 1960-1961; 1963; 1965; 1987; 1989-1999; 2001-2020

**Extent:** 7 cm of textual records

**Scope and Content:** Sous-fonds consists of reports; financial accounts; brochures; orders of service; newsletters; published and unpublished histories; and newspaper clippings. Sous-fonds is composed of the following series:

- Records of Board of Stewards
- Records of Youth Groups
- Annual Reports
- Orders of Service
- Newsletters
- Church Histories

**Note:**

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

**File List:**

**Records of Board of Stewards**

<b>File Number</b>	<b>File Title/Description</b>	<b>Dates</b>
PC/147/17	-Second Mile Canvass booklet (Fall 1958) -Vision Committee's goals set for 1965	1958; 1965
PC/147/18	"Our Church at Work, 1960-1961" stewardship book	1960-1961

**Records of Youth Groups**

<b>File Number</b>	<b>File Title/Description</b>	<b>Dates</b>
PC/147/16	CGIT treasurer's accounts and attendance roll	1993-1995

**Annual Reports**

<b>File Number</b>	<b>File Title/Description</b>	<b>Dates</b>
PC/147/6	Annual report	1951
AR/618	Annual reports	1987; 1989-1999; 2001-2020

**Orders of Service**

<b>File Number</b>	<b>File Title/Description</b>	<b>Dates</b>
PC/147/17	-Order of Service (May 13, 1945) -Order of Service (Summer Services-August 1956) -Newsletter (January 1949)	

- Order of Service (July 20, 1958)
- Order of Service (Summer Services-August 1961)
- Order of Service (Summer Services-August 1963)
- Order of Service (December 1, 1963)
- Order of service for dedication of Trinity United Church Centre (October 31, 1982)

PC/147/16                      Order of Service                      October 15, 1978

**Newsletters**

<b>File Number</b>	<b>File Title/Description</b>	<b>Dates</b>
PC/1103/3	Trinity Tidings newsletter (2)	n.d.; October 2004

**Church Histories**

<b>File Number</b>	<b>File Title/Description</b>	<b>Dates</b>
PC/147/17	-Newspaper clipping: "Special Service Held at Summerside," <i>Charlottetown Patriot</i> , May 25, 1959	May 25, 1959

CH/618	-Newspaper clipping: 'History of Trinity Traced'	1946
	-Photocopy of newspaper clipping: Photograph of Rev. C. Daniel Matheson receiving gift of car from congregation, <i>The United Church Observer</i>	September 15, 1993
	-"Historic Sketch of the Summerside Presbyterian Congregation" by Rev. J.M. McLeod, 2 pp.	July 18, 1942
	-"Outline History of Summerside Methodist Church" by J.A. Brace, 3 pp.	1942
	- <i>Summerside Saints and Sinners: A History of Trinity United Church</i> by George A. Leard	1958
	- <i>A Review of the Ministry of Trinity United Church, Summerside, P.E.I., 1958-1993</i> by Rev. Garland Brooks, 58 pp.	1993
	-Description of former Epworth Hall (90 Spring Street) printed from <a href="http://historicplaces.ca">historicplaces.ca</a>	Printed April 28, 2021

**Reference Number:** PC/620/2

**Title:** Summerside Methodist Circuit records

**Dates:** 1853; 1908-1914

**Extent:** 1 cm of textual records and 1 photograph

**Administrative History:** Rev. G.O Huestis and Rev. W.C. Beals were the first Methodist ministers to hold services in Summerside. In 1854, Methodists in Summerside decided to build a church on First Street. Construction began in the spring of 1859 and the building officially opened for worship on January 15, 1860. Before this time, the Methodists, along with other Protestant denominations in the town, had been meeting in the school at the corner of Second and Duke Streets as well as Strong's Hall on Water Street. Summerside had originally been part of the Bedeque Methodist Circuit but became part of Margate Methodist Circuit in 1858. Summerside became the head of its own circuit in 1866. In 1870, a hall was built on Spring Street for Bible Christians. This church became the church building for the united congregation of Methodists and Bible Christians in 1884.

A house on Market Street was purchased for a manse in 1882. The building now used by Trinity United Church was built on the north side of Dominion Park in 1893 and dedicated in 1894. The former church building was used as a meeting hall and Sunday School classrooms and became known as Epworth Hall. A new manse was built in 1914. Epworth Hall was demolished in 1983.

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

**Scope and Content:** Sous-fonds consists of minutes; a deed, a report; and a photograph from Summerside Methodist Circuit. Sous-fonds is composed of the following series:

- Property and Legal Records
- Records of Women's Organizations
- Photographs

**Note:**

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

**File List:**

**Property and Legal Records**

<b>File Number</b>	<b>File Title/Description</b>	<b>Dates</b>
PC/147/4	Deed: Joseph Green and Trustees of Wesley Chapel at Summerside	September 10, 1853
PC/147/8	Summerside Methodist Circuit Quadrennial Report of Church Property	1914

**Records of Women's Organizations**

<b>File Number</b>	<b>File Title/Description</b>	<b>Dates</b>
PC/147/7	Summerside Methodist WMS minutes and roll	June 10, 1908-June 20, 1913

**Photographs**

**File Number**

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**File Title/Description**

Postcard of exterior of Summerside  
Methodist Church

B&W. 8.9 cm x 14 cm. Sent to [M.I.  
Brace], Freetown, P.E.I., to Dr. and Mrs.  
F.C. Stephenson, Toronto, Ontario  
“Greetings from a member of this church at  
Freetown.”

**Dates**

[before 1916]

**Reference Number:** PC/620/2

**Title:** Summerside Presbyterian Church records

**Dates:** [May 1865]; 1889-1892; 1895-1902

**Extent:** 3 cm of textual records

**Administrative History:** As of 1853, Presbyterians in Summerside belonged to the Richmond Bay congregation. In 1861, the congregation of Richmond Bay was formed into two distinct congregations with Lot 16, St. Eleanor's and Summerside becoming a separate congregation. A church building was opened for worship in Summerside on March 19, 1865. In 1873, Summerside decided to separate from Lot 16 and called its own minister.

At the time of Union of Presbyterian, Congregational, and Methodists into The United Church of Canada in 1925, the Presbyterian Congregation was split. Five elders and more than ninety members withdrew to unite with the former Methodist Church of Summerside to form a United Church.

**Scope and Content:** Sous-fonds consists of annual reports and a newspaper clipping from Summerside Presbyterian Church. Sous-fonds is composed of the following series:

Annual Reports  
Church Histories

**Note:**

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

**File List:**

**Annual Reports**

<b>File Number</b>	<b>File Title/Description</b>	<b>Dates</b>
PC/147/5	Summerside Presbyterian Church annual reports	1889-1892; 1895-1902

**Church Histories**

<b>File Number</b>	<b>File Title/Description</b>	<b>Dates</b>
CH/618	Photocopy of newspaper clipping: "Opening of the Presbyterian Church at Summerside," <i>Home and Foreign Record</i>	[May 1865]



### **Ministers of Bedeque Methodist Circuit**

1853-1854: G.O. Huestis  
1853-1855: J. Burns (assistant)  
1854-1855: Wesley C. Beals  
1855-1856: John B. Strong  
1855-1856: Alex M. Desbrisay (assistant)  
1856-1858: G.M. Barratt  
1856-1858: Wm. C. McKinnon (assistant)

### **Ministers of Margate Methodist Circuit**

1858-1860: Richard Johnson  
1860-1861: B.J. Johnstone  
1861-1862: J.S. Coffin  
1862-1864: Howard Sprague  
1865-1866: E. Evans

### **Ministers of Summerside Methodist Circuit**

1866-1867: W.W. Percival  
1867-1870: A.S. Desbrisay  
1870-1871: J. McC. Fulton  
1871-1873: J.C. Berrie  
1873-1874: W.W. Brewer  
1875-1877: A.R.B. Shrewsbury  
1877-1879: C.W. Hamilton  
1879-1882: J.F. Betts  
1882-1885: J.S. Allen  
1885-1888: B. Chappell  
1888-1889: G.C. Palmer  
1889-1891: C.W. Hamilton  
1891-1894: W. Maggs  
1894-1897: R.W. Wedall  
1897-1899: Howard Sprague  
1899-1903: Neil McLauchlan  
1903-1906: A.D. McCully  
1906-1910: Hammond Johnson  
1910-1913: J. Strothard  
1913-1917: J.M. Rice  
1917-1921: H.C. Rice  
1921-1923: George Morris  
1923-1924: J.F. Denny  
1924-1925: F.E. Boothroyd

**Ministers of Summerside Bible Christian Circuit**

1871-1872: Henry Newcombe

1872-1876: J.H. Collins

1876-1879: E.A. Tonkin

1879-1882: J.H. Collins

1882-1884: J.A. Dafoe

## Ministers of Summerside Presbyterian Church

1854-1859: J.M. McLeod (Richmond Bay congregation)  
1855-1861: R.S. Patterson (North Bedeque congregation)  
1862-1871: W.R. Frame (Lot 16 and Summerside congregation)  
1872: ----  
1873-1887: Neil MacKay  
1887-1888: J.P. Gerrier  
1888-1894: Henry Dickie  
1894-1898: E.M. Dill  
1898-1904: W.H. Smith  
1904-1911: R.S. Strathie  
1911-1917: Hugh J. Fraser  
1917-1925: George Mitchell

## Ministers of Summerside Pastoral Charge

1925-1926: F.E. Boothroyd  
1926-1927: M.C. MacDonald  
1927-1931: J.P.C. Fraser  
1931-1935: L.B. Campbell  
1935: W.M. Ryan (supply)  
1935-1941: L.E.G. Davies  
1941-1942: K.G. Sullivan  
1942-1945: John Jarvie (supply)  
1945-1951: K.G. Sullivan  
1951-1956: C.D. Matheson  
1956-1968: Cecil R. Webber  
1968-1978: Merrill J. MacLeod  
1972-1979: Gary F. Clark (assistant minister)  
1978-1979: David N.L. Windsor  
1979-1984: James A. Von Riesen (assistant minister)  
1980-1985: W. Chalmers Hatcher  
1984-1985: Sara E. Harrison (DM)  
1985-1990: Susan C. King (DM)  
1987-1999: David H. Hamilton  
1990-1993: Susan C. King-Darby (DM)  
1993-1998: Russell F. Burns  
1996-2014: Carolyn I. McKillop  
1999-2004: Carolyn V. MacLeod  
1999-2004: Victor A. MacLeod  
2004-2016: Arthur E. Davies  
2004-2005: David H. Hamilton  
2005-2019: D. Andrew Richardson  
2019-: Rachel Campbell