

Prairie Church History Collection

United Church of Canada, Living Skies Regional Council
(formerly Saskatchewan Conference)

About the Records

Note: See <https://memorysask.ca/prairie-church-history-collection> for detailed description.

Summary

Title proper: Prairie Church History Collection

Reference code: FG 11

Title notes: Previously identified as United Church of Canada Saskatchewan Conference, Saskatchewan and Prairie Church History sub-series (A.381.XI.F).

Creation: 1873–1962 [collected ca.1925-1980]

Physical description: 14.8 cm textual records

Finding aids: GS-168 includes original file and series listings, in section A.381.XI.F.

Associated materials

Local church histories and biographical files also included in the UCC Living Skies Region Archives.

About Archival Reference Numbers

When requesting access to specific records, please note the title and date listed, as well as all parts of the reference code, including:

- the locator code (e.g. "A.676");
- a roman-numeral series code (e.g. "XVII") and any sub-series codes present;
- individual file and/or item identifiers.

Example: A.676.XVII.D.1 – Edmund H. Oliver, Correspondence, 1911-1916.

Note: Records marked "restricted" in the finding aid will have to be reviewed before they can be made available to researchers. Requests should be sent to the Living Skies Archives office.

Collection list (from GS-168, volume 1)

XI. F. Saskatchewan and Prairie Church History.

There is no indication of one individual having collected these papers. One body of presbyterian-related material might possibly pertain to the writing of E.H.Oliver's history of religion on the prairies; another accumulation appears to have been assembled by the historian and archivist of the Saskatchewan Conference of the Methodist Church in preparation for an address given at the 1925 Conference. Another group was perhaps collected by Dr. John L. Nicol, at one time Superintendent of Home Missions for the United Church of Canada. The remainder is more general or diverse and has been listed as logically as its nature permits.

1. "Early History of the Congregational Church in Saskatchewan," 1936. 7 p.

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2. Methodism in Saskatchewan.
 - Address by Rev. W.P. McHaffie, Conference Archivist and Historian, to the Saskatchewan Conference of the Methodist Church, 1925. 3 mm
 - "Methodism in the Province of Saskatchewan", by John Maclean, Chief Archivist, Wesley College Library, Winnipeg, 1924. 3 mm
 - "Methodist Memories of Saskatchewan", by Rev. Frederick Passmore, 1925. 3 mm
 - "History of Methodism in Regina and Wascana", by Rev. George Daniel, n.d. 3 mm
 - "Regina Methodism", by John Maclean, Wesley College, Winnipeg. 3 mm
3. Newspaper articles on early methodism, 1945, 1956. 1 mm
4. Presbyterianism in Saskatchewan.
 - Report of the Historical Committee, 1919. This is a review of the history of presbyterianism in the Red River Colony and western Canada. 3 mm
 - Report on the Condition and Working of the Prince Albert Presbyterian Mission to the Indians on the Saskatchewan, by Rev. W.M. Moore. Printed for the use of the Foreign Mission Committee of the Canada [sic] Presbyterian Church, 1873. 52 p. 4 mm
 - The Presbyterian Church in Saskatchewan, 1866 - 1881. E.H.Oliver, Royal Society of Canada, 1934. 94 p. 5 mm
 - The Presbyterian Church in Saskatchewan, 1866 - 1925. Rev. J.R.McDonald, 1955. 58 p. 3 mm
 - The Synod of Saskatchewan of the Presbyterian Church in Canada from 1925 to 1935. Rev. D.G. Cameron. Refers to the continuing Presbyterian Church. Compiled at the request of E.H.Oliver. 13 p. 3 mm
5. Letter dated 1946 from the Rev. George Arthur, describing his experiences as a missionary in the Carrot River country, beginning in 1902. 1 mm
6. Newspaper article, 1923, on pioneer days in Saskatoon as described by Allen Bowerman, which mentions presbyterians and the place where they held services. 1 mm

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| 7. | Photograph of 326 - 11th Street, Saskatoon, known as the Marr residence, used as a military hospital during the North-West Rebellion, captioned "Presbyterians first visited here." | 2 mm |
| 8. | Typed one page M.S. on the background to Union and the influence of the doctrines and traditions of the uniting churches on the United Church of Canada. n.d. | 1 mm |
| 9. | <u>Beaver Lodge. A Story of a Frontier Settlement in Northern Saskatchewan.</u> Henry Esmund, Board of Home Missions, United Church of Canada, 1930. Henry Esmund was E.H.Oliver's nom-de-plume. | 5 mm |
| 10. | History of the C.G.I.T. in Saskatchewan, 1918 - 1954. 11 p. | 3 mm |
| 11. | History of the Y.W.C.A. in Regina, 1910 - 1935, in a letter to E.H.Oliver indicating that he had requested the information. | 1 mm |
| 12. | Chart showing the missionary work of church women's organisations in the three uniting churches and in the United Church of Canada, 1816 - 1962. | 1 mm |
| 13. | History of organised Sunday School work in Saskatchewan, 1888 - 1919. | 1 mm |
| XI. F. 14. | "Ministerial Associations in Saskatchewan", by Professor J.L. Stewart. n.d. These Associations were interdenominational. | 1 mm |
| 15. | "The Beginnings of Church Life on the Prairies". Newspaper article by E.H.Oliver, 1914. | 1 mm |
| 16. | <u>The Life and Labours of the Reverend Robert Terrill Rundle, Pioneer Missionary to the Saskatchewan.</u> Printed abstract, 1952, of a Ph. D. dissertation by Alfred Carter, 1935. 3 p. | 1 mm |
| 17. | Clippings and photocopies from the "Saskatchewan News" section of <u>The Christian Guardian</u> , 1914 - 1915. | 2 mm |
| 18. | "Historical Resume of the Beginning of Protestant Missionary Labours in Southern Saskatchewan." [1908 - 1931] 3 p. | 2 mm |
| 19. | Outline of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Manitoba and other provinces, 1897 - | 1 mm |
| 20. | "Free Methodism in Saskatchewan." R.H.Hamilton, 1935. 3 p. | 2 mm |

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| 21. | Religious Census of Saskatchewan, 1931, an alphabetical listing of churches, religious groups and sects, with numbers of adherents. | 2 mm |
| 22. | Material apparently collected by Dr. Nicol, Superintendent of Home Missions, United Church of Canada, 1929 - 1946. | |
| | Memos re Certain Bible Schools and 'Sects' in Saskatchewan. John L. Nicol, compiled 1944 - 1946. 37 p. | 5 mm |
| | Description of the Church of God. | 1 mm |
| | The Christian Science Movement. | 2 mm |
| | The Seventh Day Adventists. | 2 mm |
| | <u>The Doukhobors in Canada</u> , Lydia Gruchy, Board of Home Missions. 64 p. n.d. | 3 mm |
| | <u>The Pathfinder</u> , 1930, with article on the Doukhobors by Lydia Gruchy. | 3 mm |
| | "The Religious Education of the Canadian Doukhobors". 22 p. n.d. | 5 mm |
| | <u>The Ukrainian Greek Orthodox Church: A Historical Memorandum</u> . M. Stechishin (Yorkton), 1929. 60 p. | 1 cm |
| XI. F. 23. | United Church work among Ukrainians in Northern Saskatchewan. Material collected apparently by Dr. Nicol and indicated by him as such. | |
| | Letter to Dr. Nicol from John Roberts Kovalevitch, United Church Missionary in the Canora district, 1929. | 1 mm |
| | <u>The Story of the Ruthenians</u> . Rev. A.J. Hunter. 12 p. n.d. | 3 mm |
| | "A Statement of the Ukrainian Mission Work of the United Church of Canada," by Rev. P.C. Crath. 6 p. n.d. | 2 mm |
| | Response to the Rev. Crath's accusations, made to the Home Missions Committee, United Church of Canada, by E. Eustace and Maxim Berenzynski. n.d. | 2 mm |
| | "Reflections on the Ukrainian Situation." Rev. A.J. Hunter, Editor of the <u>Canadian Ranok</u> , in response to Rev. Crath. 11 p. n.d. | 2 mm |
| | Extracts from the <u>Canadian Ranok</u> , 1931. | 2 mm |

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| | "The Ukrainian People in Canada and Our Work Among Them." Address to the Alberta Conference, 1931, by Dr. A. E. Archer, of Lamont, Alberta. | 1 mm |
| | <u>Bulletin of the Ukrainian Bureau, London, England, No. 15 and No. 16, 1932, 1933.</u> | 1 mm |
| | "Bringing Up Children". A. Bereka, 1933. Reported extracts from a lecture. | 1 mm |
| | Memo on the Commission on City Missions and Non-Anglo Saxon Work, 1944. | 1 mm |
| | "Facts Concerning the History of the Independent Greek Church." n.d. | 2 mm |
| | "The Galicians at Home." Mrs. C.H. Monro, Ethelbert, Manitoba. n.d. | 2 mm |
| | <u>The Ukrainians, Our Most Pressing Problem.</u> N.L. Scott. K.C. Catholic Truth Society of Canada, Toronto, 1930. 64 p. | 3 mm |
| | Autobiographical sketch, by Rev. John Gregorash (Canora district) and letter to Dr. Nicol, 1943. | 2 mm |
| | Autobiographical sketch, by Rev. Theo Bay (Calder district), 1943. | 2 mm |
| | <u>The Ukraine.</u> Bedwin Sands, London, 1914. | 1 cm |
| XI. F. 24. | Anglican Missions in Saskatchewan. Newspaper clippings, 1953, 1954, 1974. | 1 mm |
| 25. | <u>Our Church in Rupert's Land: The Church of England in Canada.</u> Toronto, 1933. 16 p. | 2 mm |
| 26. | <u>Bruederfeld and Bruederheim. Moravian Settlements of German Russians in Alberta, Canada.</u> Extracts from the report of an official visitation, 1895. Moravian Publication Concern, Bethlehem, PA. 1896. | 2 mm |
| 27. | Alberta missionaries. Newspaper articles on Rev. H.B. Steinhauer, 1955, and on Maskepetoon, 1945. | 2 mm |
| 28. | <u>Birch Bark Talking.</u> A life of the Rev. James Evans, Missionary to the Indians of Norway House, Board of Home Missions, United Church of Canada, 1940. 28 p. 2 copies. | 4 mm |
| 29. | Autobiography of the Rev. J.A. Louseley, Methodist missionary of the Rossville Field and principal of the Indian Boarding School at Norway House. n.d. 39 p. | 5 mm |