

Title:	Haynes Avenue Presbyterian Church fonds, 1876-1996		
Creator:	Haynes Avenue Presbyterian Church		
Dates of Material:	1876-1996	Record Group Number:	RG 787
Summary of Contents:	<p>Fonds consists of minute books, financial records, a marriage register, and a newspaper.</p> <p>1.1 Minute Book, 1876-1926. Contains a record of Haynes Ave. Presbyterian Church from its beginning. Early meetings were held in “the building” and some of those present at early meetings include John McCalla; H.S. McCollum; W. H. Drysdale; Geo. McGowan; R McArthur; Mrs. James Reed; Miss Sanderson; and Miss Brotherston. Entries document the growth of the church and note applications to the Presbytery in Hamilton with the Merritton Church for supply; formation and updating of the Communion Roll; new members; changes in church leadership; removal of congregation members by death or certificate; baptisms; the appointment/election of Elders; allotment of missionary money; laying of the cornerstone at the new Haynes Church (1895) with a lengthy news article; the mortgage on the Church building; and the death of John McCalla with an obituary (1902) and his wife (1921). Enclosed in the book are assorted papers including a list of ministers who served in the church (1877-1896) and a notice for the new church dedication (1896).</p> <p>1.2 Minute Book, 1906-1921. Board of Managers minutes. Minutes of regular monthly meetings. Members present at early meetings include S.F. Johnston; W.H. Drysdale; Chas. Smith; Jno. Whyte; Thos. Mesler; and E. Boreham. Topics addressed include the election of board members; financial matters; church building and grounds maintenance; special events such as anniversary socials and concerts; appreciation for the contributions of Mrs. McCalla; furnishings for the school; a social event to celebrate payment on a debt by burning the note on the building debt (1911); and purchase of a new organ. Enclosed in the book is a completed tax form (T4) for Haynes Presbyterian Church (1921). The last 50 pages of the book contain reports of the annual congregation meetings (1918-1921).</p> <p>1.3 Minute Book, 1922-1936. Board of Managers minutes. Minutes of regular monthly meetings. Members present at early meetings include Rev. Thomson; Mr. Johnston; Mr. Shepherd; Mr. Bradley; Mr. Harding; Mr. Boreham and Mr. Slingerland. Topics addressed include the payment of taxes, utilities, insurance and other financial matters; organization of social events; hiring of a church caretaker; fundraising efforts and appeals for special collections; maintenance of the church building and grounds; and lists of expenditures and outstanding</p>		

	<p>accounts. Enclosed in the book are several papers including financial statements for Westminster United Church (1933-34); an auditor's report for Westminster United Church (1935); several booklets and brochures on Church Union issued by the Joint Committee on Church Union; a year book and directory for Westminster United Church (n.d.) and Westminster Presbyterian Church (n.d.); and letters concerning the church's heavy mortgage debt (1939). Pages 204 to 295 contain reports of the annual congregational meetings of Westminster United Church (1922-1935).</p> <p>1.4 Financial records, 1914-1930. Contains lists of receipts and disbursements. Enclosed in the book are several papers including a financial statement for Westminster United Church for 1932 and 1936; a completed Sunday School Teachers' class book for attendance; and a letter to the managers of Haynes Avenue Presbyterian Church from Geo. Strong re: the purchase of an organ (1919).</p> <p>1.5 Financial records, 1924-1928. Contains lists of receipts and disbursements.</p> <p>1.6 Financial records, 1925-1934. Contains names and amounts contributed each week.</p> <p>1.7 Financial records, 1951-1996. Contains receipts issued for collections and annual expenses.</p> <p>1.8 Marriage Register, 1897-1918.</p> <p>1.9 <i>The Evening Journal</i>. St. Catharines, Ontario, March 31, 1911. The First page contains an article with the headline "Mortgage-Burning Exercise at Haynes Avenue Church".</p>
<p>Physical Description / Condition:</p>	<p>4 books of financial records 3 minute books 1 marriage register 1 newspaper</p>

Administrative/ Biographical Sketch:	<p>In 1876 John McCalla constructed a wooden building on Haynes Ave. on land donated by Mr. D.C. Haynes. McCalla was a member of Knox Presbyterian Church but felt that the future growth of the east end of St. Catharines would require another Presbyterian Church. The church began with 29 members. In 1895 the cornerstone for a new brick building on the corner of Queenston St. and Oakdale Ave. was laid by Mrs. Mary McCalla. In 1922 Haynes Ave. Presbyterian Church became Westminster Presbyterian Church. In 1925 the church became part of the United Church of Canada and yet another church was built to accommodate the expanding congregation. The new church opened in 1927 and is known as Westminster United Church.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Source: Westminster United Church History westminsteruc (westminsterunitedchurch.org) Retrieved 2022/06/15</p>		
Location:	Brock University Archives		
Source Information:	The materials were to donated to Brock University by the Westminster United Church with agreement from the church board, 2022.		
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