

Rev. James A. Donaghy Fonds

Title: Rev. James A. Donaghy Fonds

Dates: 1910- 1944

Extent: .25m textual records + photographs

Repository: United Church of Canada Archives Winnipeg

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Historical Note

Rev. James A. Donaghy (1871-1956) served the Presbyterian and United Churches of Canada for over thirty years. James A. Donaghy was born in Goderich, Ontario on April 2, 1871. Before entering the ministry, Donaghy worked as a farmer and in business.

In 1908, Donaghy graduated from Manitoba College (Presbyterian) Winnipeg. He was ordained a Presbyterian Church in Canada minister the following year. Donaghy was associated with the Indian Springs (Swan Lake), Manitoba charge from 1910 to 1927. He served the Elphinstone/Okanese Indian reserve for seven years, the community of McConnell for three years, and the Swan Lake reserve for seven years. Before his retirement in 1940, Rev. Donaghy also served Helston, Lavenham and Stockton. Rev. Donaghy passed away in Winnipeg on April 25, 1956.

Scope and Content

The surviving records of Rev. James A. Donaghy include: a Manuscript entitled *Okanese Indian Mission* detailing the history and documenting life of the Okanese Indian Reserve, containing text and 13 b/w photos, as well as Baptisms performed at Okanese and Elphinstone dating from 1910 to 1915, 1917, and 1941 to 1944; a manuscript documenting the history of and life on the Swan Lake Reserve entitled *The Swan Lake Indian Reserve and Mission*, containing text and 23 b/w photos, dating from 1875 to 1927; a Pamphlet containing a story entitled 'A Long Distance Murder: How Medicine Men Kill', date unknown; Correspondence, pertaining to service and work at the Swan Lake Mission, dating from 1920 to 1929; and the contents of a Scrapbook/binder pertaining to the Long Plain Reserve, containing historical sketches, correspondence, clippings and photographs (31 b/w photos).

Custodial History

The records of Rev. James A. Donaghy came to the archives of the Conference of Manitoba and Northwestern Ontario (now United Church of Canada Archives Winnipeg) as part of a transfer of records around 1970.

Documentation Digitization

Relevant items in this fonds related to Indian Residential Schools are included in the United Church of Canada Archives Winnipeg 2014 Index of IRS Related Records and were digitized for submission to the Truth and Reconciliation Commission. Contact the Archivist for more information.

Language

The records are in English.

Restriction on Access

Some restrictions may apply.

Accruals

No further accruals are expected.

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