

Vaughan Township Churches Collection

- TITLE:** Vaughan Township Churches Collection
- DATES:** 1959-1986, predominant 1978-1984
- EXTENT:** 1.1 m of textual records and other material
ca.. 300 photo prints
- BIO & ADMIN HIST:** The Vaughan Township Historical Society was formed in 1970 as an advocacy group for the promotion of the study of local history and the preservation of Vaughan's architectural and documentary heritage. In 1980, the Society embarked upon the task of recording the history of religion in the area through the compilation and publication of a monograph. A book committee was formed in April and the project was initiated in late spring/early summer. It was brought to a successful conclusion with the publication of the monograph in 1984.
- CUSTODIAL HIST:** The collection was generated by the Vaughan Township Historical Society between 1980 and 1986 in connection with the publication of the monograph, Somerville, Patricia and Macfarlane, Catherine, eds. A History of Vaughan Township Churches (Maple, 1984).
- SCOPE & CONTENT:** Collection consists of records generated as a consequence of the compilation and publication of A History of Vaughan Township Churches. These records span the period 1959-1984, with the bulk of the material chronicling the period 1978-1984. They reflect the function of the Vaughan Township Historical Society as a vehicle for the promotion and study of local history.
As with all literary productions, certain record types predominant: research notes, draft manuscripts and final manuscripts. Additionally, the particular nature of the work in question and the circumstances of its compilation (i.e. multiple contributors) resulted in the creation of correspondence files, financial documents, photographs and reports.
- ARRANGEMENT:** Upon receipt by Archives Vaughan, the fonds was found to be in good order. Accordingly, series were identified and the existing arrangement merely streamlined to enhance accessibility.
- TITLE SOURCE:** Title based on contents of collection
- RESTRICTIONS:** This fonds is in its entirety free of access restrictions.

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RELATED RECORDS: Other material relating to religion and established churches and their specific congregations in Vaughan may be found in the card catalogue under the corporate name of the specific church or under the general topical subject heading "Churches". For a list of the churches and congregations indigenous to Vaughan Township/Town of Vaughan between 1803 and 1984, refer to the Appendix.

GENERAL NOTE: Donated to City of Vaughan Archives in 1989.

ACCESSION NUMBER: M991.34

REPOSITORY: City of Vaughan Archives

TITLE: **Series I: Administrative Files**

DATES: 1979-1986

EXTENT: 8 cm of textual records

SCOPE & CONTENT: Series consists of material documenting the activities of the Vaughan Township Historical Society, with particular emphasis upon the Society's book committee, in relation to the administrative aspects of the publication of A History of Vaughan Churches. Records include preliminary project reports, lists of churches to be researched, correspondence, all manner of documents relating to the municipal and provincial grants used to fund the project and minutes. Among the addressed subjects are the membership of the book committee, project funding, advertising and marketing of the monograph and the role of Historical Society's members per se in research and writing relative to the students also employed in said tasks.

TITLE SOURCE: Title based on content of series.

ARRANGEMENT: The original ad hoc file arrangement of this minute series has been maintained.

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LOCATION: Box 1

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TITLE: **Series II: Research Files and Draft Histories**
DATES: 1982-1984
EXTENT: 47 cm of textual records
SCOPE & CONTENT: Series consists of individual files composed of research notes for and a draft of an individual congregation in Vaughan Township. In addition to providing information on these congregations, this series indicates the principals involved in the research and penning of the constituent parts of the monographs, as well as the research institutions availed of and specific material consulted.

ARRANGEMENT: Original file order has been maintained wherein specific congregations are grouped by denomination. Each denomination grouping is preceded by an introductory file which outlines the history of the denomination in Canada and abroad. The file order is echoed in the chapter composition of the monograph.

TITLE SOURCE: Title based on contents of series.
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LOCATION: Box 1-5
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TITLE: **Series III: Existing Church and Congregational Histories and Photo prints**
DATES: 1959-1983, predominant 1978-1983
EXTENT: 22 cm of textual records
SCOPE & CONTENT: Series consists of church and congregational histories collected by, as opposed to attributable to, the Vaughan Township Historical Society. Most files include one to five photo prints depicting church structures and/or memorial cairns. The majority of these images are attributable to Philip Macfarlane. Not all congregations eventually included in the monograph appear in this series. Not all files include photo prints.

TITLE SOURCE: Title based on contents of series.
ARRANGEMENT: As is the case with the preceding series, arrangement is such that files correspond to the chapter composition of the monograph.

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LOCATION: Box 5-6
REPOSITORY: City of Vaughan Archives

TITLE: **Series IV: Draft Manuscript**

DATES: 1983-1984
EXTENT: 7 cm of textual records
SCOPE & CONTENT: Series consists of individual chapter drafts of the monograph. Of particular note is "Chapter XI: Faiths New in Vaughan", which was not included in the final publication.
TITLE SOURCE: Title based on contents of series.
ARRANGEMENT: The file arrangement parallels the chapter organization of the book.
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LOCATION: Box 7
REPOSITORY: City of Vaughan Archives

TITLE: **Series V: Master Copies of Final Draft of Manuscript and Published Photo prints**
DATES: 1984
EXTENT: 30 cm of textual records and other material
SCOPE & CONTENT: Series consists of master copies of the final draft of the manuscript along with photo prints of the images that were included in the actual publication. As in the majority of the previous series, the file arrangement duplicates the topical organization of the monograph. It is of note that not all photographic images appearing in the publication are represented by corresponding photo prints in this series. Some images from Series III were included in certain instances, while in other cases published images are not represented at all.
TITLE SOURCE: Title based on contents of series.
ACCESSION NUMBER: M991.34
LOCATION: Boxes 7-9
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