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**PRE-1875 CHURCHES:
UNITED PRESBYTERY / UNITED SYNOD OF UPPER
CANADA
(1818-1840)**

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Introduction

This collection consists of approximately 10 cm of minutes and petitions of the United Presbytery of Upper Canada and its successor, the United Synod of Upper Canada.

The records were re-catalogued in February 1989 by Elspeth Reid.

The finding aid is listed as FA-PCUC.

Historical Sketch

The United Presbytery of Upper Canada was formed in 1818 with the name Presbytery of the Canadas. The Presbytery was an independent body with no official links to any parent body in Scotland, Ireland or the United States. However, there were informal links with the Secessionist churches in Scotland as most of the ministers who joined the Presbytery had been members of either the Associate or the Relief Presbyteries in Scotland. The Presbytery of the Canadas was re-organized as the Synod of the Canadas in 1819 but this was disbanded in 1825 and the resulting Presbytery took the name United Presbytery of Upper Canada. In 1831 the Presbytery re-organized itself as the United Synod of Upper Canada. Union with the Synod of the Presbyterian Church of Canada in connection with the Church of Scotland was discussed for many years and finally achieved in 1840 when the ministers and members of the United Synod became part of the larger denomination.

Archival Arrangement

The records are listed chronologically. Minutes are located in the periodicals section along with the minutes and acts and proceedings of other early Presbyterian denominations.

File No.	Date	Description
	1830 Aug.-Sept.	Minutes
	1831 Jan. June	Minutes
	1832 June	Minutes
1973-1042-1-1	1829	Petition to Sir John Colbourne, Lieutenant-Governor of Upper Canada Request to participate in any provision to be made for the support of Protestant Clergy in Upper Canada
1973-1042-1-2	1837	Address to Queen Victoria on Accession
1973-1042-1-3	1837	Memorials to Queen Victoria and Sir Francis Bond Head, Lieutenant Governor of Upper Canada Concerns request to participate in the Clergy Reserves