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McKENZIE, Rev. Donald (1799-1884). Presbyterian Minister.  
Zorra, Ontario.

Originals, 1823-1824, 1833-1897, 189 pages. Photocopies,  
1835, 1890, 4 pages. Finding Aid No. 1286.

The Rev. Donald McKenzie (1799-1884) was born,  
1 January 1799, in Dores, Inverness-shire, Scotland,  
and educated at Aberdeen and Edinburgh. In 1833, the  
Synod of Ross invited him to be their missionary in  
Upper Canada and he was ordained for that purpose,  
16 April 1834, by the Presbytery of Dingwall. He  
arrived in Canada in mid-1834 and in June 1835 was  
inducted to the charge of the congregation in Zorra,  
Oxford County. He served as minister there until his  
retirement in 1872. His interest in education led to  
his appointment in 1844 as Superintendent of Education  
in Zorra. He himself taught elementary subjects as  
well as the classics and was instrumental in having  
schools built and teachers certificated. He died,  
8 April 1884, at Ingersoll.

Finding Aid No. 1286 provides a chronological list of  
the collection.

Educational material, 1823-1824. Originals 85 pages.

Exercise book of "Questions in Natural Philosophy"  
containing problems in science and calculations  
relating to their solution, as well as a long  
astronomical poem. (File 1)

Presented in 1973 by the Rev. Ronald Rowat of  
Manotick, Ontario.

(This item was formerly described in MG 24, K 48)

Personal papers, 1833-1882, 1886-1897. Originals 104  
pages. Photocopies 4 pages.

Included are :

Church papers, 1833-1863, relating to the Rev. Donald  
McKenzie's ordination, call to the Zorra ministry,  
salary, and doubts regarding the Presbyterian church  
union of 1861, as well as a letter of introduction,  
1834, from Isaac Buchanan. (File 2, pages 1-14, 18-25)  
Correspondence, 1854-1882, consisting of 18 letters  
by the Rev. Donald McKenzie, and one by his wife,  
Christina Cameron McKenzie, mainly to his friend, the  
Rev. John Scott and to his daughter Margaret, son Aleck,  
and granddaughter Tina Rowat. (File 2, pages 15-17, 26-99)  
Papers of the Rev. A.C. McKenzie, son of the Rev. Donald  
McKenzie, 1886-1897. These consist of his call to be  
minister of the Presbyterian Church of Owego, N.Y., 1886;  
a newspaper cutting containing his picture and an account  
of his visit to Zorra and Toronto in 1890; and a letter,  
1897, from his cousin, Mrs. J.B. Laird, mentioning his  
book and appointment to Elmira College. (File 2, pages 100-  
108)

Presented in 1980 by Miss Helen Brown of Ottawa, Ontario,  
a great-granddaughter of the Rev. Donald McKenzie, together  
with the papers of her father, the Rev. Walter George  
Brown (MG 30, C 168).

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REV. DONALD MCKENZIE

(1799-1884)

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Scotland 1823-1824	Donald McKenzie		"Questions in Natural Philosophy". Exercise book containing problems in science and calculations relating to their solution, as well as a long astronomical poem. Written from both ends of the book.	1 - 85
<u>File 2</u> Presented by Miss Helen Brown, Ottawa, Ontario, in 1980				
Zorra Township, Upper Canada 30 August 1833			Minute of the Meeting of the Trustees of the Presbyterian Congregation of Zorra containing resolutions regarding the building of a Church in the Village of Embro, the finishing of the meeting house on the Seventh Concession, the appointment and payment of a minister, etc. 16 signatures.	1 - 4
Dingwall, Scotland 21 May 1834	William Glass, Clerk to the Presbytery of Dingwall		Extract from the Minutes of the Presbytery of Dingwall, 15-16 April, 1834, regarding the ordination of the Rev. Donald McKenzie. (Also copy)	5 - 7 8 - 10
Toronto 13 August 1834	Isaac Buchanan, merchant	Donald Matheson, merchant at Embro, Zorra	Letter of introduction for the Rev. Donald McKenzie.	11 - 12

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Zorra, U.C. 30 January 1835	Inhabitants of the Townships of Zorra, Nissouri, and Oxford in connection with the Established Presbyterian Church of Scotland	Rev. Donald McKenzie	Call to the Rev. Donald McKenzie, signed by 80 men, obliging themselves to pay him £90 p.a. as their pastor. (Photocopy)	13 - 14
<u>Embroy</u> , C.W. 21 January 1854	Rev. Donald McKenzie	Margaret McKenzie	Letter to his daughter recently gone away to boarding school in London, C.W.	15 - 17
Embroy, C.W. 9 November 1860	Rev. Donald McKenzie	The Revd. Dr. Candlish	Draft of a letter, 1861, to Dr. Candlish asking his opinion on McKenzie's doubts concerning the 4th. Article in the Basis of Presbyterian Church Union regarding the headship of Christ over the nations.	18 - 21
<u>Embroy</u> , C.W. 1863	<u>Rev. Donald McKenzie</u>	His Congregation	Appeal for increase in stipend, with supporting calculations, read 8 December 1863.	22 - 25
Glenness 4 March 1864	Christina McKenzie	Margaret McKenzie	Family letter to her daughter at a school in Toronto. With family information pencilled on the back by a later hand.	26 - 31
Embroy, C.W. 13 July 1864	Rev. Donald McKenzie	Margaret McKenzie	Giving directions for her journey home from Toronto.	32 - 36
Embroy, Ontario 6 December 1871	Rev. Donald McKenzie	Aleck McKenzie	Family letter to his son, mentioning news of other members of the family, and referring to the death of his son Donald. Mentions the assistance in the ministry which he is to receive from the Rev. Mr. McTavish.	37 - 40

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Ingersoll, Ontario 17 May 1877	Rev. Donald McKenzie	Aleck McKenzie	Letter to his son regarding his forthcoming visit and giving news of the family and church.	41 - 42
Ingersoll 13 November 1877	Rev. Donald McKenzie	Tina <u>Rowat</u>	Letter to his granddaughter. Family news.	43 - 46
Ingersoll 30 January 1879	Rev. Donald McKenzie	<u>Rev.</u> J <u>ohn</u> Scott	Letter to a friend. Family reminiscences and pious sentiments.	47 - 50
Ingersoll 22 September 1880	Rev. Donald McKenzie	<u>Rev. John</u> Scott	Letter to a friend. Family news, etc.	51 - 56
Ingersoll 24 September 1880	Rev. Donald McKenzie	<u>Rev. John</u> Scott	Letter to a friend. News of all the family, pious sentiments, etc.	57 - 62
Ingersoll 4 January 1881	Rev. Donald McKenzie	Rev. John Scott	Letter to a friend. Personal and religious news, pious sentiments, etc.	63 - 66
Ingersoll 9 April 1881	Rev. Donald McKenzie	<u>Rev. W.A.</u> McKay	Letter mentioning an operation on his right eye, and his refusal of an honorary doctorate.	67 - 69
Ingersoll 28 June 1881	Rev. Donald McKenzie	Rev. John Scott	Letter to a friend. Mentions the visit of Dr. McKay, deaths in his family, etc.	70 - 75
Ingersoll 15 September 1881	Rev. Donald McKenzie	Rev. John Scott	Letter to a friend. Mentions his failing strength of body and mind, news of family and friends, etc.	76 - 79
Ingersoll 17 February 1882	Rev. Donald McKenzie	Tina Rowat	Letter to his granddaughter. Family and church news, etc.	80 - 83
Ingersoll 10 July 1882	Rev. Donald McKenzie	<u>Rev. John</u> Scott	Letter to a friend. Pious sentiments, etc.	84 - 87

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Ingersoll 25 September 1882	Rev. Donald McKenzie	Rev. John Scott	Letter to a friend. Pious sentiments.	88 - 90
[Ingersoll 1882]	Rev. Donald McKenzie		Last page of a letter to an unknown correspondent.	91 - 92
Ingersoll 10 October 1882	Rev. Donald McKenzie	[Rev. John Scott]	Letter to "My very Dear Brother". Pious sentiments.	93 - 94
Ingersoll 24 November 1882	Rev. Donald McKenzie	Rev. John Scott	Letter to a friend. Pious sentiments.	96 - 99
Owego, N.Y., U.S.A. 19 January 1886			Minute of a meeting of the First Presbyterian Society of Owego recording their decision to extend a call to the Rev. A.C. McKenzie of Auburn, to become the pastor of their church at a salary of \$1,500.00 p.a.	100 - 101
Toronto 27 August 1890			Cutting from the <u>Toronto Mail &amp; Empire</u> . Gives an account of a visit of the Rev. A.C. McKenzie. Mentions the memorial to his father [the Rev. Donald McKenzie] in Zorra Cemetery. Includes a picture of the Rev. A.C. McKenzie, and some of his comments on his boyhood home in Oxford County, Ontario, as well as on his present home in Owego, N.Y. (Also photocopy)	102 103 - 104
West Zorra 18 March 1897	[Mrs.] J.B. Laird	[Rev. A.C. McKenzie]	Letter thanking him for the book [by himself], mentioning his appointment to Elmira College, and informing him of the death of Cousin Bertie's wife in Edinburgh.	105 - 108