

“Excerpts from the original history in Record of the ‘church of Christ in Esquesing Instituted in 1820’ “

The above words are the precise title that Reuben Butchart gave to his handwritten copy of information taken from the record book of the Esquesing, or Norval, church, led throughout nearly all its history by either John Menzies or his son James. Butchart refers to this record book in *The Disciples of Christ in Canada Since 1830* (Canadian Headquarters’ Publication Churches of Christ [Disciples] 332 Bloor St. West, Toronto, Canada [1949]). Butchart states, “The present writer in much later years, secured the loan of the church original and only book of record from a member of the Menzies family, living in Toronto; also the wooden ‘offering’ box and communion cup. The records are explicit about such matters as membership and of baptism, death, removal, and where removed to, and include the financial records and much other interesting information.” It is not known whether this record book is still extant, but Butchart’s notes are in the E. J. Pratt Library, Victoria University in the University of Toronto, in the “Reuben Butchart Fonds” in the library’s special collections, Box 1, File 8, described as a “typescript copy by RB of a history of Disciples in Esquesing Tp., Halton County, Ont.” However, it is not a typescript copy but is handwritten. On June 14, 2013, I endeavored to make a faithful copy of these membership records, following, as best I could, the spelling, capitalization (or lack of it), and remarks about the individuals listed. I also copied some other information, but did not copy the financial records, some of which are found in Butchart’s above-mentioned book. Occasionally it was difficult to know whether Butchart was quoting the record book or inserting a personal comment. Occasionally, too, it was difficult to decipher the spelling of names. Although the first entry is for 1820, it is known from other sources that the names of other original members who left the church soon after its origin are not included, among whom are Alexander Stewart and family and Thomas Stephens and family. It would seem, at least to me, that the actual record of additions and subtractions (for whatever reason) begins with the 1824 entry. – Edwin Broadus.

When added to the church		(Remarks)
1820	John Menzies, Pastor Isabella Menzies Duncan McKinnon, deacon Amy McKinnon	(died 2nd Dec 1859) (left) Died Dec 29, 1852 (left) Died 21 March 1874
1824	Grace Robertson	
1826	Samuel Watkins Wm Cook	(left) Expelled
1833	Mrs Cook	Withdraw
“	Sarah McKinnon	now in Erin
“	James Mitchell (Pastor)	Now in Eramosa 1846
“	Alexr Anderson	Now in Eramosa
1835	John Anderson	died in 1874
“	Elizabeth Anderson	
1837	William Trout (Pastor) Catherine Trout	St Vincent (1845) do dead
1838	William A. Stephens Ellen Stephens sen. Harriet Orr	moved Owen Sound in 1850 died 30th January 1844 left – now in Eramosa
1839	James Menzies (deacon) Ann Menzies	died April 30 1887
Nov 15		
1840	John McIntosh Isabell McIntosh	died died
June 7	John McKinnon Clementine McKinnon	(Expelled 9th Jany 1842 see p 11) Restored left no longer member restored
June 7	Thomas Stephens	to Collingwood in 1846
“	Effy McKinnon	(left) no longer member
June 28	Sally Stephens	dead
	Peter Laird (deacon)	
July 5	Eliza Stephens	(removed to Michigan) 1843

Sept 13	Ellen Stephens Catherine Laird Ann Miller	Dead Moved 1847 Dead July 13 1842
Sept 19	John McKinnon	Now in Erin dead
"	Janet Sloan	left the church
Oct 4	Rachael Orr	Now in Eramosa
"	(John Anderson)	died Sept 12 1842
"	Margaret Anderson)	died March 10 1847
	David Hill baptized by Z F Green	Run away 7th June 1841
"	James D Stephens	Removed to Nottawasaga
1841	Betsy Hull	Excommunicated 6th June 1841
Feb 5	Isabella Menzies	
Feb 10	Alex Stephens	removed to Owen Sd 1843
"	Finlay McNaughton	Removed to Wisconsin 1845
"	James English	left the neighborhood in May 1841
"	Grace Mitchell	(rebaptized moved away 1846 Dead
"	Ellen Stephens	Removed
"	Frank White	Removed to Dorchester 1856
1841	Sally McLaren	Excommunicated 4th July 1841 See p. 7
Feb 18	Mary McNaughton	died in Wisconsin
"	Mary Smith (by JM)	Removed in 1846
Feb 21	Ruth Bell "	did not join the church
"	Duncan Anderson (by JM)	Removed in 1846
"	Pamela Smith (JM)	Removed 1844 dead
Feb 23	John Gair B	Excluded from the church 18 Dec 1862
June 12	David Smith WT	Excluded dead made shipwreck of his faith
Aug 8		
Oct 6	Margaret Gair B	Moved away in July 1843 Garafraxa
1842	William Kent sr B	dead (left 1846)
Apr 16	Kent B	Removed 1846
20	Ann Stephens B	Removed died Dec 1845
	George Gair B 2Fby	Moved away in Feb 1843 to Garafraxa
	William Ensly	restored left in 1846 Dead
May 31	Mrs Graham	from Baptist moved to Erin 1849
June 26	John Neaven by Dr. O.C	Expelled in 1843
July 24	Edward McMillan	Moved away dead
Oct 8	Christianna Anderson by Mit	
Dec 25	McMillan	Moved away
1843	Ann Darroch	Moved away 1843
Jan 15	Peter Steep	by letter recommended by Pastor Maclosky Climmel
Feb 19		Ireland
Oct 15		moved 1845
1844	Robert Stephens	
March 5	Rachael Stephens	bapt. by R. Williams
	Mary Stephens	
	Thomas C. Stephens	
	Jane Stephens	dead
March 6	Jane Robertson	removed in 1846
May 26	Janet Robertson	Expelled Sept 1849 for a crime mentioned in 1 Cor 5th
June 23	Mary James	Chap.
"	George Gray	
"	Peter Campbell	died Sept 1845
July 14	John Palmer	disowned by letter May 1845 since dead

Sept 15		disowned by letter 2nd Nov 1845
Oct 20	James Young	left
1845		
July 13	<u>Members received by letter & otherwise</u>	Expelled in 1845
1845	Jacob Snure and wife	
	W. Richardson	
	Jn Fullerton	
	Members supposed to belong to church	
	Catherine McArthur	Moved away
	Duncan Sinclair	Moved away in 1846 or 7
	Maria Sinclair	do
	Jacob Snure	Moved away in 1851
	Rebecca Snure	do
	Doan	do
	Others who have been received from	other churches
	Mary Stephens Ballanfad	moved away
	Mary Stephens Norval	removed to Owen Sd in 1851
	William Fullerton	removed in 1846
	William Pickard	do 1846 since dead
1846		moved away in 1849 dead
July 12	Ann Wheeler	
1847		
Oct 3		moved away dead
1848	Betsy Campbell	
Feb 13		no longer member
1849	William Richardson	
May 13		Expelled
"	Thomas Mann	left the church in April 1851 returned in March 1853
May 16	John Johnston	left
"	Margaret McIntosh	
1853	Isabella McIntosh (91)	
March 28		Expelled
"	Nelson Laird	Moved away
"	Sophia Madden	Moved to Toronto
"	Elizabeth Menzies	left
"	Catherine Madden	left 1854
March 31	Albian Spencer	does not attend
1854	Leonard Robinson	
Feb 26		left 1854
"	Malcolm McNaughton	removed
March 5	Catherine Hamilton	left 1854 – dead
March 26	Henry Rice	left 1855
	Ellen Crunkshank	

Notation at the top of the next page in the manuscript: "Continuation of names in a list dated Feb 1857 additional names only added by copyist" (*Whom Butchart refers to as a "copyist" is unclear to me. EB*)

Members in Feb 1857

Margaret Graham	
Janet Robertson	
John T. Johnston	Moved to Meaford 1865
Sarah Olafield	Removed in 1858
Margaret Johnston	Moved to Meaford in 1865
Richard Lord	Moved to Toronto in 1865

	Wm McCrewson	removed in 1858
	Mary Jane McIntosh	
	? James A. Menzies	left died Nov 18
	Isabell James	Moved to Erin
	Catherine Menzies	
	Catherine McIntosh	
	John Nixon	(expelled 1863)
	Anne McKinnon	left
	Rachael Robinson	left
	James Robinson	removed
1860		
4 March	Nelson Laird	restored left
6 Aug.	Wm Irwin baptized	Removed
1862		
30 March	Clementine McKinnon	returned
1 April	Isabella Robinson	(alias Mrs. J. Robinson) baptized by Lister died 1869
2 April	Jane Campbell	Baptized by Bro Lister left
	Edward Orr	
	Henry Orr	
	John McKinnon	
	Robert McKinnon	left in 1867
	Catherine McKinnon	left in 1867
	Anderson	
1864		
July 4	Jane Ensly	died in 1866
"	Abner Brown	baptized by A Anderson moved to Toronto in 1865
July 16	James Ensly	by Bro Thompson
"	Wm Holmes	do
"	Wm Scott	do
"	Jas Moore	do
"	Robert Holmes	do
"	Eliza Robinson	do
July 18	Michael G. Cashman	do Moved to Toronto 1865
July 26	Mary Ensly	do died in 1866
	Thomas Mitchell	by J. McKinnon
1867		
Sept 18	Annie Grace Menzies	was baptized by Bro Colin Sinclair
Oct 1	Effie McIntosh Alma McIntosh	
	Rebecca McIntosh by C Sinclair	
3	John Lord Peter McIntosh by	(died in 1868)
5	same	(moved away)
	Mary Frazer by do	

Butchart included the following, which he apparently found in the church records: "On 10th May 1841 Bro Zephen F Green was commended by the churches of Clinton and Louth Bro Green had come recommended by the ch at Hallowell Pr Edward District; of which body he is a member"