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FONDS DESCRIPTION

Dates

1971-1998

Extent

8 cm of textual records

5 volumes of textual records

Biographical Sketch

In the late 1960s, some members of the Adelaide Street Baptist Church and the Kensal Park Baptist Church were desirous of establishing a new, separate congregation. In 1968, Thelma (née Dale) Stinson offered the new congregation the use of her home at the north-east corner of Southdale and Wonderland Roads in London. The newly created Church at Westmount's constitution was written in 1970.

Mrs. Stinson sold a ten acre parcel of her land to the congregation in 1972. Despite declining membership in the church, the members of the Church at Westmount decided to take on an ambitious project based on the United Nations "Year of the Disabled" in 1981. In partnership with the Dale Human Resources Institute, the Church at Westmount established the Dale Home for Brain Damaged Adults (also known as The Dale Home) at the former Dale family homestead. One acre of land was sold in order to help finance the venture.

In 1985, the Dale Home Board of Directors was formed and the Dale Home was formally opened. Because of the decline in church membership, and the need for the Dale Home's expansion, the Church at Westmount was formally dissolved in 1988 and a new non-profit organization, the Agape Foundation of London, was formed.

Since 1989, the Agape Foundation has assisted in development of the London area community through grants and special awards to non-profit, charitable groups working to improve education, the arts, recreation, social services and the environment. The Agape Foundation provides grants for start up costs and funds for organizations whose services would no longer be available to community without short-term funding. The Dale Home became Dale Head Injury Services, and later Dale Brain Injury Services. Dale Brain Injury Services continues to assist adults with acquired brain injuries in the London area.

Scope and Content

This fonds contains administrative documents of the Church at Westmount, the Dale Home, and the Agape Foundation of London. Minutes of meetings, correspondence, financial reports, property records, and a photograph are included.

Arrangement

The fonds is arranged into the following series:

Series 1: Record books

Series 2: Church at Westmount and Dale Home land documents

Series 3: Photograph

Series 4: Church at Westmount and Dale Home miscellaneous documents

Finding Aids

File and item lists are available.

Immediate Source of Acquisition

Donated by Reg Hill, former director of the Agape Foundation, in 2000.

Conditions Governing Access

No restrictions on access.

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SERIES DESCRIPTIONS and FILE LISTS

Series 1 Record books

Dates

1971-1998

Extent

5 volumes of textual records

Scope and Content

This series contains record books for the Agape Foundation and the Church at Westmount. Minutes of meetings, correspondence, notes, and financial statements are together in binders, sorted by date.

Arrangement

This series is arranged in the following sub-series:

Sub-series 1.1: Agape Foundation record books

Sub-series 1.2: Church at Westmount record books

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Sub-series 1.1 Agape Foundation record books

Dates

1988-1998

Extent

2 volumes of textual records

Scope and Content

This series contains record books for the Agape Foundation. Minutes of meetings, correspondence, notes, and financial statements are together in one binder, sorted by date.

Item List

Title	Dates	Box
Agape Foundation [vol.]	1988-1992	B2016
Agape [vol.]	1992-1998	B2016

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Sub-series 1.2 Church at Westmount record books

Dates

1971-1988

Extent

3 volumes of textual records

Scope and Content

This series contains record books for the Church at Westmount. Minutes of meetings, correspondence, notes, and financial statements are together in one binder, sorted by date.

Item List

Title	Dates	Box
Record book [vol.]	1971-1976	B2016
Church at Westmount [vol.]	1977-1979	B2016
Church at Westmount [vol.]	1980-1988	B2016

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Series 2 Church at Westmount and Dale Home land documents

Dates

1987-1988

Extent

1 folder of textual records

Scope and Content

This series contains documents relating to the Church at Westmount and the Dale Home property. Sale documents for the property at 392 Southdale Road West, London, as well as background information on the property and the activities of the Church at Westmount and the Dale Home, are included.

File List

Title	Dates	Box/File
Land documents	1987-1988	B2016-3

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Series 3 Photograph

Dates

[reproduced ca. 1980, (original material ca. 1900)]

Extent

1 photograph : b&w ; 18x13 cm

Scope and Content

This series contains a photograph, presumably provided by the Dale family, of the exterior of the Dale family homestead which used to stand at the north-east corner of what is now Southdale and Wonderland Roads in London.

Item List

Title	Dates	Box/File
Photograph	[reproduced ca. 1980, (original material ca. 1900)]	B2016-4

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Series 4 Church at Westmount and Dale Home miscellaneous documents

Dates

1975-1988

Extent

4 cm of textual records

Scope and Content

This series contains miscellaneous documents of the Church at Westmount and the Dale Home. Like the contents of the binders in Series 1, minutes of meetings, correspondence, and other documents are included.

File List

Title	Dates	Box/File
Copies and undated items	1975-1988	B2016-1
Church at Westmount and Dale Home miscellaneous documents	1984-1988	B2016-2