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SUMAS UNITED CHURCH

an inventory of its records held by the

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In the 1880's the communities of Chilliwack and Sumas had grown too large to be served by the original Methodist Church at Atchelitz Creek. Sumas Methodist Church was built at Yale and Adams Roads, and dedicated in October, 1886.

In 1925 the Church became Sumas United Church.

By 1971 the congregation, which had almost always been too small to support a full-time minister, was declining. It voted to disband, and the final service was held on February 28, 1971. The majority of its members joined Carman United Church.

The surviving records of the Church include the Minute books from 1899 to 1971, some correspondence concerning the disbanding of the Church, and annual reports for 1955 to 1969. It is not known how they came into the possession of the Chilliwack Archives.

<u>File</u>	<u>Description</u>
1	Minute book, 1899-1964.
2	Minute book, 1966-1971.
3	Items enclosed with minute book, 1966-1971: Letter, 1972 Mar. 6 from Ken Kiernan Minutes, Trustees of Sumas United Church, 1972 Feb. 21 and 1972 Mar. 13.
4	Items from pocket in minute book, 1966-1971: Treasurer's report, 1968. Financial statement, Sunday School, 1967. Annual Reoprt, United Church Women, 1967. 2 letters of Rev. Glen G. Watts. 1972-1973, concerning cessation of Sumas United Church. Financial statement for 1970. Letter, Rev. W. R. B. Nixon to the Clerk of Session, Carman United Church, 1971. 2 reports to Fraser Presbytery concerning cessation of Sumas United Church, 1971.
5	Items from pocket in minute book, 1966-1971: Treasurer's reoprt, 1966. Annual report, 1st Sumas Boy Scouts, 1966. Annual reports, Junior Choir, 1967, 1969. Annual report, United Church Women, 1968. Financial statement, Sunday school, 1968. Minutes, [Board of Trustees?], 1971 Mar. 1. Annual reports:
6	1955 - Sumas - Sardis Pastoral Charge - financial report. 1956 - Financial statement. Women's Association - annual report. Choir - report Sunday School - statement Letter of resignation, Fred W. Toop.
7	1957 - Reports to the Congregational Meeting, 1958. Choir - report 1958 - General report Choir report Sunday school - report Letter of appreciation to [Fred] Zink
8	1959 - Reports Sunday School - financial statement Choir - report 1960 - Reports to the congregational Meeting, 1961. Sunday School - financial statement. 1961 - Annual reports.