

Saint Paul's Episcopal Church Records, 1819-1971

Physical Description:

1.63 linear feet, including

Bound volumes, correspondence, photographs, deeds, plats

Dates:

1819-1971

Provenance:

This collection was loaned to the Pendleton District Commission in 1980 by Holy Trinity Episcopal Church and returned to the church in 2001. Holy Trinity re-donated the materials in 2011.

History:

Saint Paul's Episcopal Church of Pendleton, S.C. was formed in 1819. It was the first Episcopal Church in the South Carolina upcountry and originally met in the old Farmers Hall (now known as the Edens House). The church building (located on West Queen Street) was constructed in 1822 by William Henry Morningstar. In 1964, due to declining membership, the church was declared an "unorganized mission" and members were absorbed into the parish at Holy Trinity, Clemson, which had originally been St. Paul's mission to Clemson College. Holy Trinity continues to care for the building and grounds of Saint Paul's and holds special services there. Many notable figures were members of the congregation and are buried in the churchyard, including members of the Calhoun and Clemson families, and Confederate officer Barnard E. Bee.

Scope and Content:

This collection consists of membership and organizational records from Saint Paul's Episcopal Church, including deeds and plats, as well as vestry minutes, baptism, marriage and other membership records, regarding both white and African American communicants. The collection also contains the papers of the Reverend Andrew Cornish, rector of Saint Paul's from 1848-1875. The bulk of this material dates from the 19th century. Other records include collected clippings, photographs and notes related to the history of the church.

Related Materials:

See also *A Brief Informal History of Holy Trinity Episcopal Church, Clemson SC 1899-1999* and *Records of St. Paul's Episcopal Church*, located in the Research Room and "Saint Paul's" in the Research Room vertical files. Photocopies of the majority of the collection are also located in the Research Room vertical files. See also SC2011.1, digital donation.

Location:

Saint Paul's Episcopal Church Records are located in the PDC Special Collections area. Plats and several oversize items are located in the PDC oversize documents flat file.

Series Description:

Series 1: History includes newspaper clippings, photographs, church bulletins and other items describing the history of the church and the congregation. This series dates from the mid to late twentieth century. Original order (format and event) was maintained. Photographs have been individually catalogued in Past Perfect.

Series 2: Vestry Minutes contains the proceedings of the Saint Paul's vestry (primary governing board of the parish). These notes are primarily contained to bound volumes, but also include three folders of loose materials. Bulk of material dates from 1820-1911.

Series 3: Membership Records includes bound volumes that list baptisms, marriages, confirmations, burials and donations. Material dates from 1833-1969. Included are the records of African American members, 1834-1869.

Series 4: Reverend Andrew Cornish Papers include essays, sermons and other papers written by Cornish while a student at Washington College in Connecticut.

Series 5: Organizational Records includes correspondence (1819-1971), land and financial records and visitor registries.

Box List:

(The collection is also described at the item level in the attached list, created by former curator Donna Roper)

Box 1:

1. History, "History After the Fact"
2. History, "History of St. Paul's"
3. History, "Newspaper Clippings"
4. History, "Photographs"
5. History, "St. Paul's Organ"
6. History, "St. Paul's 150th Anniversary, 1969"
7. Vestry Minutes, "Proceedings of the Vestry of St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Pendleton, S.C." June 17, 1820-13 Nov. 1836
8. Vestry Minutes, 1837-1844
9. Vestry Minutes, Loose Minutes and Notes
10. Membership Records, African American Baptisms, Marriages and Offerings, 1834-1869
11. Membership Records, Attendance and Donations, 1909, 1918
12. Membership Records, Miscellaneous Documents Relating to Membership
13. Membership Records, Transfers, 1951-1961
14. Reverend Andrew Cornish Papers, Sermons, Essays, 1832-1834, Washington College, Connecticut

Box 2:

1. Organizational Records, Correspondence, 1819-1971

2. Organizational Records, Land and Financial Documents
3. Organizational Records, Register of Church Services 1951-1971
4. Organizational Records, St. Paul's Sunday School Library Record, ca. 1890s
5. Organizational Records, Visitor Register, 1941-1954

Box 3: Bound Volumes (Bracketed Numbers from Original PDC Arrangement)

1. [1] Vestry Minutes, June 17, 2810-June 19, 1836; April 10, 1853-April 23, 1911, and text regarding the role of African Americans in the church, 1885.
2. [3] "Register of St. Paul's": Baptism, 1833-1901; Confirmations (African American and white) 1833-1904; Communicant List, 1833-1884; Marriages, 1833-1907; Burials, 1833-1906; Accounts, 1848-1879; Marriages of African Americans, 1870-1883; Burials of African Americans, 1866-1878; Baptisms of African Americans, 1842-1873. Loose pages in front list families who were church members in 1843, 1850, and 1853-54.
3. [4] Register of Baptisms, 1909-1921; Confirmations 1910-1921; Marriages, 1910-1920; Funerals, 1908-1921; List of Families, 1918.
4. [5] Member Contributions, Accounts 1926-1938
5. [6] Baptisms 1922-1947; Confirmations 1922-1947; Marriages 1928-1936; Burials 1923-1951; Memorials, 1930-1969. Pages 260-267 contain a history of St. Paul's, including rectors, original members, prominent burials, list of photographs in vestry.

Flat File: Manuscript Collections, Folder 1

1. Organizational Records, Plats, Plan, Certificate of Incorporation

Item-Level Inventory of Records of St. Paul's Episcopal
Pendleton, S.C.
by Donna Roper

1. Bound Record Book: Volume with 273 numbered pages, many blank. Includes vestry minutes from June 17, 1820 to June 19, 1836. Also vestry minutes from April 10, 1853, to April 23, 1911. The June 17, 1820 minutes detail the organization of the church. Pages 232-233 itemize building costs for the church structure. Pages 266-267 contain letter on rights of Negro citizens in the church in 1885
2. Bound Record Book: Paperbound book with 34 unnumbered pages recording vestry minutes from June 12, 1837, to October 24, 1844.
3. Bound Record Book, "Register of St. Paul's": Volume with approximately 400 unnumbered pages. Lists Baptisms, 1833-1901; Confirmations (Negro and white) 1833-1904; Communicant List, 1833-1884; Marriages, 1833-1907; Burials, 1833-1906; Accounts, 1848-1879; Marriages of Negroes, 1870-1883; Burials of Negroes, 1866-1878; Baptisms of Negroes, 1842-1873; Loose flyleaf has index of contents in 1885, with a 1901 revision. Burial Lists include date of death, where buried, date of burial, residence, birthplace, age, and remarks. Loose pages in front list families who were church members in 1843, 1850, and 1853-54.
4. Bound Record Book: Softbound volume with less than 30 pages of records. Includes register of Baptisms, 1909-1921; Confirmations, 1910-1921; Marriages, 1910-1920; Funerals, 1908-1921, List of Families, 1918.
5. Bound Record Book: Volume with 153 numbered pages. Record of Members' Contributions, Accounts, 1926-1938.
6. Bound Record Book: Volume with 301 numbered pages, many blank. Contains Baptisms, 1922-1947; Confirmations, 1922-1947; Marriages, 1928-1936; Burials, 1923-1951; Memorials, 1930-1969. Pages 260-267 contain a history of St. Paul's, including rectors, original members, prominent burials, list of photographs in vestry. Inside cover shows index of contents. Loose paper lists rectors.
7. Bound Record Book: Softbound volume in poor condition, lists original "proceedings" of parish, June 17, 1820, to November 15, 1836.
8. Correspondence: File folder contains contents as follows:
 1. Ch. Hanekel to Warren Davis, Columbia, Sept. 1, 1819. The Bishop has informed him that an appropriation of \$400 has been made to support a missionary in Pendleton for the summer and fall months

2. Rev. Rodolphus Dickinson to Thomas Lynch Dart Greenville, April 4, 1821. Encloses his testimonials. Will officiate on alternate Sundays at Pendleton and Greenville.
3. Thomas S. Grimke to Thomas Pinckney, Jr., Charleston, April 5, 1821. Protestant Episcopal Society for Advancement of Christianity in S.C. Appropriates \$500 per annum for a missionary in Pendleton and Greenville.
4. Rev. Frederick Dalcho to Benjamin Dupre, Charleston, SC, August 17, 1821. Financial affairs.
5. Right Rev. Nathaniel Bowen, Instrument of Consecration of St. Paul's, Pendleton, November 23, 1823
6. Rev. William Barlow to Francis K. Huger, Waterbury, October 11, 1830. Declines call to be St. Paul's rector.
7. Rev. W.T. Potts to Vestry, Pendleton, October 29, 1839. He wants either a yearly salary of \$1,000, or the right to leave during the winter months
8. Thomas Pinckney, Jr., to Right Rev. Christopher e. Gadsden, Charleston, March 6, 1841. Asks for financial support.
9. Pastoral letter (printed), of Right Rev. C.E. Gadsden, Epiphany, 1849.
10. Edward Noble to Rev. A.H. Cornish, Pendleton, n.d. Relates to possible purchase of Mi Casa.
11. Lila Davis to Rev. A.H. Cornish, Camden, December 29.
12. Right Rev. W.B.W. Howe to Rev. A.H. Cornish, Charleston, July 14, 1874. Will hold his visitation of St. Paul's in August.
13. Elihu Chauncey to Mrs. Catherine D. Cornish, New York, April 1, 1887. Form letter from the "fund for the Relief of the Widows and Orphans of Deceased Clergymen; and of Aged, Inform, and Disabled Clergymen," enclosing a \$50.00 semi-annual appropriation.
14. Elihu Chauncey to Mrs. Catherin D. Cornish, New York, Oct. 1, 1888. Same as #15.
15. Elihu Chauncey to Mrs. Catherine D. Cornish, New York, April 1, 1889. Same as #15 and #16.
16. Rev. R. Maynard Marshall to Rector and Parishioners, Beaufort, April 25, 1920. Regrets that he cannot attend the centenary of the parish.
17. Rev. Lyttleton E. Hubbard to Rector and Vestry, Elizabeth, N.J., May 10, 1920. Same as #18.
18. A.W. Jones, for American European Studies, to Mrs. W.E. Seabrook, Atlanta, September 19, 1926. About a stained glass order that has gone astray.
19. Mr. and Mrs. J. Will Hunter, Mr. and Mrs. Miles Norton Hunter, and Miss Louise G. Hunter, to congregation, n.d. A thank-you note for support during the loss of their mother.
20. Right Rev. John F. Hines to Miss Louise G. Hunter, New York, May 24, 1967. Regrets that he cannot attend the 150th anniversary celebrations at St. Paul's.

21. Rev. Jarman B. Casey to Miss Louise G. Hunter, Greenville, Sept. 29, 1969. Thanks her for a tour.
 22. Miss Foy Stevenson to Rector, Columbia, July 27, 1971. Requests information on the organ at St. Paul's.
9. Black Records: File folder with loose and town pages from the Register (#3 above). Lists Baptisms of Negroes 1856-1858, Burials 1862-1866, Communicants 1861-1875, Marriages 1841-1868, church accounts 1838-1865. Cover sheet states "within, are the torn sheets of that portion of this record which contain the names of Negroes baptized by Rev. Mr. Cornish in the days of slavery."
10. Miscellaneous Papers. File folder with the following papers:
1. Single page with vestry minutes of February 11, 1821
 2. Proceedings of the vestry, September 15, 1821
 3. Building committee to Henry Morningstar, a summary of costs for church (undated, but ca. 1822)
 4. Invoice and payment record of materials for church, November 9, 1822
 5. Copy of carpenter's bill for church, November 9, 1822
 6. Copy of minutes of the proceedings of the vestry, July 17, 1822
 7. By-laws of St. Paul's (2 pages, undated)
 8. Bill for work done on the roof of the church, September 7, 1859
 9. Brief record of vestry proceedings, January 13, 1822
 10. Single page mentioning Fannie J. Lewis, June 30, 1868
 11. Single page reading "Edward Morris—aged 68 of Charleston"
 12. Confirmations (?) dated April 4, 1854
 13. Notations written on 1923 envelope regarding Marguerite Earle Sloan, with reference to page 71 of the Register book, September 22, 1877
 14. List of communicants, 1901
 15. Single page referring to burials of a Calhoun, Seaborn, and Robinson, undated
 16. Two pages of resolutions of appreciation for past service upon the resignation of Rev. G.E. Zachary. Undated, but he left the church in 1926
 17. Certificate from the Missionary District of New Mexico and Southwest Texas, that Mr. & Mrs. Happoldt are members of the St. Clements, El Paso, Texas, parish.
 18. Letter of transfer for J.M.C. Sloan, June 1, 1944
 19. Baptism form for Susan Frances Sloan, July 26, 1947
11. Newspaper Clippings. File folder containing the following:
1. Photocopy of *Pendleton Messenger* article of October 3, 1821, on first Holy Confirmation in the Upcountry.
 2. "Church Charlestonians Built," *Charleston News & Courier* article on a church in Flat Rock, NC, July 12, 1931

3. Undated *Greenville News* article entitled "Bishop Guerry to Preach on Sunday," with reference to 100th anniversary of St. Paul's.
4. May 18, 1969, *Anderson Daily Mail* article about the 150th anniversary of St. Paul's.
5. May 23, 1969, clipping from *Anderson Independent*, photo of participants in St. Paul's 150th anniversary service.
6. July 21, 1968, article from the *Anderson Independent* on the history of St. Paul's.
7. June 21, 1981, article and letters to the editor from the *Clemson Messenger*, about General Barnard E. Bee, his sword, and the letters correct mistakes in the article
8. Undated newspaper article on "The Story of Mount Vernon."
9. November 13, 1921, article from the *Charleston News and Courier*, "Prayer Opening Arms Parley."
10. Cover page of *The Living Church*, September 14, 1938, with portrait of the recently deceased Right Rev. Kirkman G. Finlay.
11. Magazine article, two pages, on the installation of Henry Knox Sherrill as new head bishop of U.S. Episcopalians.

12. Photographs. File folder with the following:

1. Six photos of the exterior of St. Paul's, various size prints. Undated
2. Six photos of the interior, various size prints. Two dated 1956, one dated 1957, others undated.
3. Small color print of ten people (unidentified) posed in front of the church.
4. St. Paul's Choir, undated, unidentified
5. Miss Louise Hunter at the organ in the church.
6. Rev. Porcher (postcard photo), rector 1891-1899
7. Large portrait of Joseph Campbell, signed, dated July 16, 1924

13. "History After the Fact," a file folder containing various items about the church, but written in later times:

1. Three copies of the program for St. Paul's 150th anniversary.
2. Handwritten notes about Thomas Frederick David, bishop of S.C.
3. Handwritten notes about William Bell White, bishop of S.C.
4. Handwritten notes about Rev. Thomas Dart.
5. Handwritten notes about Ellison Capers, bishop of S.C.
6. Handwritten notes and typed version of a brief history of St. Paul's, by Louise G. Hunter.
7. Two envelopes containing information about the Jardine organ. Written Oct. 9, 1971.
8. Handwritten notes about the Right Rev. W.A. Guerry, bishop of S.C.
9. Page with assorted notes on early families in the church (statistics)
10. Letter and text about Rev. O.T. Porcher, from John S. Taylor to Louise Hunter, November 17, 1969.
11. Typewritten biography of Rev. Rodolphus Dickinson.

12. Handwritten note on the beginning of the church.
 13. Typewritten list of tombstones and inscriptions of the Bee, Stevens, Foisin, and Fayssoux families.
 14. Two handwritten resolutions, to Mr. and Mrs. Lyttleton E. Hubbard and to Rev. C. Satterlee.
14. Church Plat, surveyed by W.A. Shearer on December 13, 1924.
15. Sermons and Essays of the Rev. Andrew H. Cornish