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Abstract

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Extent

2.5 Cubic Feet 5 boxes

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Administrative History

The Episcopal Diocese of Southwestern Virginia was originally formed from the Diocese of Virginia, which was organized in 1795 and included the area that is now the states of Virginia and West Virginia. West Virginia achieved its statehood in 1863, and split from the Diocese in 1877. In 1892 the Diocese of Southern Virginia was formed, and in 1919 the western part of the diocese split off to form the Episcopal Diocese of Southwestern Virginia. Robert Carter Jett, D.D., of the Virginia Episcopal School, was consecrated Bishop of the Diocese in March 1920. He selected Roanoke as the headquarters, and St. John's for his parish church. Bishop Jett established a diocesan newsletter, encouraged interdenominational cooperation among the Protestant sects, and oversaw a program of church construction and the growth of mission schools. In 1938 Bishop Jett retired and Henry Disbrow Phillips assumed the duties of Bishop of the Diocese. Under Phillips' leadership, the Diocese continued to expand in parishioners and influence, most notably in the growth in the Diocese's function in education. William Henry Marmion became the third Bishop of Southwestern Virginia in May 1954, and led the Diocese through an era of social upheaval in the 1960s. Bishop Marmion was strongly against racial segregation, and was confronted with the problem of challenging the long-held beliefs of many of his parishioners while integrating blacks into the church at the same time. The 1960s and 1970s also saw women pushing for a higher status in society, and the Diocese saw women increasingly become part of the church leadership as lay readers, deacons, and priests. Bishop Marmion also guided his parish into accepting the revisions of the Book of Common Prayer. Bishop Marmion retired in 1979, and Bishop Heath Light assumed leadership that same year.

The Standing Committee of the diocese meets under the authority of the Canons of General Convention and the Diocese of Southwestern Virginia. The Standing Committee is primarily concerned with issues of ordination, clergy discipline, and real property.

See *Hills of the Lord: the Background of the Episcopal Church in Southwestern Virginia, 1738-1938* by Katherine L. Brown (1979) or http://www.dioswva.org/about/our_history.html for more information on the early history of the Diocese.

For more information on individual churches in the diocese, including those in the collection, visit the diocese website at <http://www.dioswva.org/index.html>.

Scope and Content

The collection includes accounting records, attendance records, documents from the diocese, bills, correspondence, and service programs for five churches and one diocese organization. The records contain Christ Church of Roanoke, Christ Church of Schuyler, St. Andrew's in Galax, St. John's in Roanoke, and Saint Peter's in Roanoke, as well as those of the diocese Standing Committee.

Related Archival Materials

Additional information on the churches in this collection and the diocese in general may also be found the following collections also at Virginia Tech Special Collections and University Archives:

- Bishop William H. Marmion Papers, Ms1986-013
- Episcopal Diocese of Southwestern Virginia Records, Ms1985-004

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Local/Regional History and Appalachian South

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Christ Episcopal Church (1917-) (Roanoke, Va.)

Christ Episcopal Church (Schuyler, Va.)

St. Andrew's Episcopal Church (Galax, Va.)

St. John's Episcopal Church (Roanoke, Va.)

St. Peter's Episcopal Church (Roanoke, Va.)

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Arrangement

The collection is divided into six series based on organization.

Series I: Christ Church, Roanoke contains correspondence, expenses, tithe pledges, 50th Anniversary materials, minutes of the vestry and congregation, order book, and tithe reports. This series arranged by type of material. Folders for each material type are in chronological order. Items within each folder are in their original, reverse chronological order.

Series II: Christ Church, Schuyler consists of expense records, correspondence, Woman's Auxiliary, Sunday School supply magazine, and Parochial reports. These materials are organized in alphabetical order by type of the materials. Within each file, the materials are in chronological order.

Series III: St. Andrew's of Galax has a single service records book (March 4, 1956 - August 20, 1967).

Series IV: St. John's of Roanoke includes pages of correspondence from 1936-1940. Some correspondence deals with expenses. Letters are in chronological order.

Series V: St. Peter's of Roanoke comprises a single book of minutes for the Vestry meetings (Jan. 7, 1917 - Feb. 22, 1957).

Series VI: Standing Committee contains correspondence, council meeting records, and signed Canon 9, section I, subsection III change documents. This series arranged by type of material. Folders for each material type are in chronological order. Items within each folder are in chronological order.

Description of Subordinate Components

Series I: Christ Church, Roanoke

Unit Date 1913-1948

Language English.

Correspondence - The Vestry

Unit Date 1919-1921

box-folder 1 (box)

Container 1 (folder)

Correspondence - The Vestry

Unit Date 1922-1923

box-folder 1 (box)

Container 2 (folder)

Correspondence - The Vestry

Unit Date 1923-1926

box-folder 1 (box)

Container 3 (folder)

Correspondence - The Vestry

Unit Date 1925-1927

box-folder 1 (box)

Container 4 (folder)

Correspondence - The Vestry

Unit Date 1928-1929

box-folder 1 (box)

Container 5 (folder)

Correspondence - The Vestry

Unit Date 1930-1931

box-folder 1 (box)

Container 6 (folder)

Correspondence - The Vestry

Unit Date 1931-1933

box-folder 1 (box)

Container 7 (folder)

Correspondence - Renovations and Improvements (includes drawings)

Unit Date 1917-1919, n.d.

box-folder 1 (box)

Container 8 (folder)

Expenses and Correspondence

Unit Date 1931-1932

box-folder 2 (box)

Container 1 (folder)

Expenses and Correspondence

Unit Date 1934-1936

box-folder 2 (box)

Container 2 (folder)

Fiftieth Anniversary Book

Unit Date 1892-1942

box-folder 2 (box)

Container 3 (folder)

Golden Anniversary Year Book from Woman's Auxiliary

box-folder 2 (box)

Container 4 (folder)

Minutes of the Vestry

Unit Date 1905-1914

box-folder 2 (box)

Container 5 (folder)

Minutes of the Vestry and Congregation

Unit Date 1914-1919

box-folder 2 (box)

Container 6 (folder)

Minutes of the Vestry and Congregation

Unit Date 1935-1936

box-folder 2 (box)

Container 7 (folder)

Minutes of Vestry Meetings

Unit Date 1937-1939

box-folder 3 (box)

Container 1 (folder)

Minutes of Vestry Meetings

Unit Date 1940-1943

box-folder 3 (box)

Container 2 to 3-3 (2 folders) (folder)

Minutes of Vestry Meetings

Unit Date 1944-1946

box-folder 3 (box)

Container 4 to 3-5 (2 folders) (folder)

Minutes of Vestry Meetings

Unit Date 1948

box-folder 3 (box)

Container 6 (folder)

Order Book

Unit Date 1914-1923

box-folder 3 (box)

Container 7 (folder)

Papers

Unit Date 1947

box-folder 4 (box)

Container 1 (folder)

Tithe Reports**Unit Date** 1918-1934**box-folder** 4 (box)**Container** 2 (folder)**Vestry Correspondence****Unit Date** 1913-1915**box-folder** 4 (box)**Container** 3 (folder)**Series II: Christ Church, Schuyler****Unit Date** 1934-1956**Appalachian Electric Power Company Stubs and Correspondence****Unit Date** 1950-1952**box-folder** 4 (box)**Container** 4 (folder)**Budgets****Unit Date** 1946-1952**box-folder** 4 (box)**Container** 5 (folder)**Checkbook Stubs****Unit Date** 1950-1951**box-folder** 4 (box)**Container** 6 (folder)**Children's Home Society of Virginia****Unit Date** 1950**box-folder** 4 (box)**Container** 7 (folder)**Church Finance Corporation Bills****Unit Date** 1950-1956**box-folder** 4 (box)**Container** 8 to 4-9 (2 folders) (folder)**Church Fire Insurance Corporation****Unit Date** 1951, 1955**box-folder** 4 (box)**Container** 10 (folder)**Correspondence****Unit Date** 1951, 1954**box-folder** 4 (box)**Container** 11 (folder)

Correspondence from Diocese of Southwestern Virginia**Unit Date** 1954**box-folder** 4 (box)**Container** 12 (folder)**Diocese of Southwestern Virginia Expense and Field Department****Unit Date** 1950-1951**box-folder** 4 (box)**Container** 13 (folder)**Diocese of Southwestern Virginia Donation Cards****Unit Date** 1950-1951**box-folder** 4 (box)**Container** 14 (folder)**Nelson Episcopal Parish****Unit Date** 1950-1955**box-folder** 4 (box)**Container** 15 (folder)**Papers****Unit Date** 1943-1955**box-folder** 4 (box)**Container** 16 (folder)**Parochial Report****Unit Date** 1951**box-folder** 4 (box)**Container** 17 (folder)**People's National Bank Deposit Slips****Unit Date** 1950-1951**box-folder** 4 (box)**Container** 18 (folder)**People's National Bank Statements****Unit Date** 1949-1951**box-folder** 4 (box)**Container** 19 (folder)**People's National Bank Papers****Unit Date** 1951-1953, n.d.**box-folder** 4 (box)**Container** 20 (folder)**The Southwestern Episcopalian****Unit Date** 1950**box-folder** 4 (box)**Container** 21 (folder)

"Sunday School Supplies and Holiday Specialities" Catalog

Unit Date 1934

box-folder 4 (box)

Container 22 (folder)

Woman's Auxiliary Papers

Unit Date 1951, 1955

box-folder 4 (box)

Container 23 (folder)

Series III: St. Andrew's of Galax

Unit Date 1956-1967

Service Record Book

Unit Date 1956-1967

box-folder 4 (box)

Container 24 (folder)

Series IV: St. John's of Roanoke

Unit Date 1936-1940

Correspondence

Unit Date 1936-1940

box-folder 5 (box)

Container 1 (folder)

Series V: St. Peter's of Roanoke

Unit Date 1913-1957

Correspondence and Pledges

Unit Date 1913-1930

box-folder 5 (box)

Container 2 (folder)

Minute Book for Vestry Meetings

Unit Date 1917-1957

box-folder 5 (box)

Container 3 (folder)

Series VI: Standing Committee (Episcopal Diocese of Southwest Virginia)

Unit Date 1919-1939

Canon 9, Section I, Subsection III

box-folder 5 (box)

Container 4 (folder)

Correspondence

Unit Date 1920-1932

box-folder 5 (box)

Container 5 (folder)

Correspondence**Unit Date** 1923-1939**box-folder** 5 (box)**Container** 6 (folder)**Council Meeting Records****Unit Date** 1932, n.d.**box-folder** 5 (box)**Container** 7 (folder)**Southwestern Virginia Diocese Correspondence****Unit Date** 1919-1926**box-folder** 5 (box)**Container** 8 (folder)