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Descriptive Inventory

MSS 464 CHRIST Episcopal Church – Bowling Green, Kentucky

1 box. 8 folders. 71 items. 1850-1992. Originals, photocopies, and cassette tape.

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ORGANIZATIONAL HISTORY

In June 1843 Bishop William Meade of Virginia traveled from Louisville to Nashville and stopped in Bowling Green to hold a service in the courthouse—the first Episcopal service held in the city. In 1844 Christ Episcopal Church was formed with nine communicants and the Reverend George Beckett as Missioner.

The church building has been at three locations: the first on East Main Street near the old hospital; in 1868 the second was built on College Street between 7th and 8th Streets; and in 1912 the present church building was constructed at the corner of 12th and State Streets. The old parish hall was built in 1924.

An addition to the building in the mid-1970s—designed by Joseph P. Wilk—included a large parish hall, kitchen, choir room, additional educational space and offices. Extending the sanctuary was accomplished in the early-1990s. An ambitious project to construct a large parish hall and classroom/office addition occurred at the end of the first decade of the twenty-first century; it included razing the 1924 parish hall. Additional property was obtained at the rear of the property for parking on College Street

COLLECTION NOTE

This small collection includes correspondence, programs for special events (particularly building projects and anniversaries), directories, minutes of annual vestry meetings, lists of church officers, news clippings, etc. from Christ Episcopal Church, Bowling Green, Kentucky. Church lay leaders are listed from 1850 to 1992 in Folder 4, but most of the collection material dates from the mid-twentieth century, particularly during the pastorate of H. Howard Surface (1953-2002). Several letters of resignation from the rectorship are included in Folder 2, along with a small amount of correspondence between G.W. Buchholz, an earlier rector, and H.H. Surface.

Staples, papers clips and other fasteners have been removed. Because of damage, some pages had to be photocopied on acid-free paper. All materials were placed in acid-free folders.

SHELF LIST

BOX 1	Christ Episcopal Church	1850-1992	71 items
Folder 1	Inventory		1 item
Folder 2	Correspondence	1921-1992	34 item
Folder 3	Minutes from annual parish meetings	1936-1939	3 items
Folder 4	Leadership lists	1850-1992	3 items
Folder 5	Special programs and brochures produced for signal events, particularly building projects and anniversaries	1944-1992	17 items
Folder 6	Church directories	1940-1942	2 items
Folder 7	Miscellaneous: event fliers, certificate, news clippings, etc.	1944-1981	8 items
Folder 8	Architectual drawings - details of pulpit, chancel rail, and lectern (1 drawing) and a light fixture (1 drawing); cataloged as Architectural Drawing 342.	n.d.	3 items
Folder 9	Cassette tape containing a discussion about the history of Christ Church by parishioner Kathleen H. Brashear	1986	1 item

BIBLIOGRAPHIC RECORD

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SUBJECT ANALYTICS

Architectural drawings B1,F8
 Ashby, Joe L. B1,F2
 Brashear, Kathleen H., 1895-1986 (Informant) B1,F9
 Buchholz, Gustavus William, Jr., 1908-1997 – Correspondence B1,F2
 Church buildings B1,F5,8
 Cole, A. Elliston, 1892-1963 B1,F2
 Curtis, Judson M. – Relating to B1,F2
 Deemer, Paul Caleb, 1920-2006 – Letters to B1,F2
 Douglas, James B1,F2
 Episcopal churches – Bowling Green – History
 Handy, Riley Dean, 1941-2010 B1,F2
 Hines, John Porter, 1878-1961 – Correspondence B1,F2
 Leavell, Charles G., 1906-1992 – Relating to B1,F2
 Light fixtures B1,F8
 McKee, Hugh C. B1,F2
 Moody, Thomas Newton, b. 1938 B1,F2
 Sumpter, Irene Malone (Moss), 1902-1996 B1,F2
 Surface, H. Howard, Jr., d. 2011 B1,F2
 Whitaker, Walter C., 1823-1887 – Correspondence B1,F2
 Woodcock, Charles Edward, 1854-1940 B1,F2

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