Christ Episcopal Church - Bowling Green, Kentucky (MSS 464)

Follow this and additional works at: http://digitalcommons.wku.edu/dlsc_mss_fin_aid
Part of the Architecture Commons, Religion Commons, and the United States History Commons

Recommended Citation
http://digitalcommons.wku.edu/dlsc_mss_fin_aid/3022

This Finding Aid is brought to you for free and open access by TopSCHOLAR®. It has been accepted for inclusion in MSS Finding Aids by an authorized administrator of TopSCHOLAR®. For more information, please contact topscholar@wku.edu.
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, paper 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**

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

**BIBLIOGRAPHIC RECORD**

MSS 464

CHRIST Episcopal Church – Bowling Green, Kentucky

1850-1992

Correspondence, programs for special events, (particularly building projects and anniversaries) directories, minutes of annual vestry meetings, lists of church lay leaders, news clippings, etc. from Christ Episcopal Church, Bowling Green, Kentucky. 

½ box. 8 folders. 71 items. Originals, photocopies, cassette tape.

SC2012.226.1
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
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

Jeffrey  06/21/2013