

Inventory of the

St. Paul's Episcopal Church
DeKalb, Illinois

Records

In the

Regional History Center

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INTRODUCTION

The St. Paul's Episcopal Church Records were deposited in the Northern Illinois University Archives. In 1978, University Archivist J. Joseph Bauxar transferred the material to the Northern Illinois Regional History Center. Additional records were donated at a later date.

Property rights to the records remain with St. Paul's Episcopal Church, DeKalb, Illinois; literary rights are dedicated to the public. There are no restrictions on access to the collection.

Linear feet of shelf space: 5
Number of containers: 8 + 1 volume
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SCOPE AND CONTENT

The collection contains baptismal, communicant, burial, marriage, and family listings (1911-1948); records helpful for local and genealogical research. A register of church services (1915-1973) and programs (1917-1975) complete the collection. Many of the records needed to document the early history of St. Paul's Episcopal Church remain with the congregation.

The addendum consists of seven series: Church Records, Episcopal Church Women, Newspaper Clippings, Photographs, The Mars Hill Proclaimer, Service Bulletins, and Scrapbooks. Included in Series I is financial records, baptism, confirmation, marriage and burial information of church members, membership directories, and organizational documents. Series II contains meeting minutes, financial records, and correspondence for the Episcopal Church Women. Contained in Series III are newspaper clippings on activities and members. Series IV includes photographs of individuals and the church building. A newsletter, the *Mars Hill Proclaimer*, service bulletins, and scrapbooks make up the final three series.

The second and third addendums consist of five pre-established series: (I) Church Records; (III) Newspaper Clippings; (IV) Photographs; (V) The Mars Hill Proclaimer; and (VI) Service Bulletins. Most of the added material falls between the dates of 2010 and 2016, with a couple of records dating back to 1943. The annual parish meeting minutes from 1963-1988 were part of the later donations and can be found under addendum three.

HISTORICAL SKETCH

Founded in 1876 under the leadership Rev. William E. Tall, St. Paul's Episcopal Church constructed its first church building on South Second Street in 1878. The congregation dedicated the building in 1881. The church moved into a new brick building constructed on the same site in 1917. In 1966, St. Paul's moved to a location on Annie Glidden Road to be closer to the

students of Northern Illinois University. Their most recent move, in 1977, remains the present facility at 900 Normal Road.

With the arrival of the Normal School in DeKalb, St. Paul's began an effort to include the students in its church. The congregation inaugurated the First Canterbury program for college students in 1951 and established a student center at 328 Augusta in 1953.

St. Paul's greatest attribute has always been its congregation with Episcopal Church Women remaining at the forefront of fund-raising and community activities. The group has organized and run numerous events, the most important being the Annual Lobster Boil. Started in 1976 by the ECW, the Lobster Boil has, year after year, proven to be the most lucrative event put on by St. Paul's, bringing in thousands of dollars for church renovations and charitable donations.

SUBJECT TRACINGS

DeKalb
Episcopalians
Religion--DeKalb (Ill.)
St. Paul's Episcopal Church, DeKalb

COLLECTION INVENTORY

<u>BOX</u>	<u>FOLDER</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>
1	1	Programs, Hymns, 1917-1975
	2	By-Laws Alter Guild, 1925
	3	Cornerstone Records, n.d., Centennial Celebration Booklet, 1976
	4-6	The Mars Hill Proclaimer, 1985-1987
	1 volume	Alter Guild Minute Book, 1925-1941
	2 volumes	Register of Church Services, 1915-1932, 1943-1973
	1 volume	Register of Marriages, December 1942, August 1959
	1 envelope	Photograph, Interior of St. Paul's Episcopal Church (1) [missing 11/30/2001]
Oversize	1 volume	Canonical Record, 1911-1948 [On Permanent Loan]

ADDENDUM

Series I: Church Records

2	1	100 Years: Episcopal Churchwomen, 1984
	2	The Church History Series, 2005
	3	History of Episcopal Church Women of St. Paul's, 1984
	4	History of the Church of St. Paul, 1977
	5	Annual Parish Meetings, (1989-2007)
	6	Baptism Records, 1984-2012
	7	Burials, (1984-2013)
	8	Confirmations, (1979-2008)
	9	Marriage Certificates, (1985-2010)
	10	Register of Church Services, 1980-1981, (1985-1988)
	11	Charity Information, (1990-1995)
	12	Korea Outreach Thank You Cards, 2008, 2010
	13	Donation and Fee Form, 1970
	14	Pledge Charts, (1994-1999)
	15	St. Paul's Budget, (1974-1999)
	16	St. Paul's Church Endowment Fund, 1999
	17	Parish Directories, 1995-1999, 2001,2003,2004,2006,2007
	18	Parish Profile, 1999, 2010
	19	Church Correspondence, (1971-2008), n.d.
	20	Church Development Notes, 1975
	21	Follow-Up for Church Activities, (1980-1986), n.d.

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2	22	Parish Announcements, (1963-2010), n.d.
	23	Reports on Church Organizations, 2004, n.d.
	24	Petition for Morning Prayer Service, 1976
	25	Consecration Pamphlet, 1917
	26	Dedication and Celebration of Parish Status, 1969, 1983
	27	Funeral Program, 2008
	28	Music Sheet, n.d.
	29	Stations of the Cross, 1981
	30	United Thank Offering Prayer, n.d.

Series II: Episcopal Church Women

31	Annual Diocesan Directory of the Episcopal Church Women, Diocese of Chicago, (1992-1997)
32	Annual Meeting and Convention of Episcopal Church Women, Diocese of Chicago, (1991, 1996)
33	Treasurer's Reports, (1993-1995)
34	Budget Information, (1990-2000)
35	Meeting Agendas, (1975-1998)
36	Meeting Minutes, (1969-1999), n.d.
37	Budget, (1972-1993)
38	Board Meeting Minutes, (1971-1978)
39	Business Meeting Minutes, (1974-1984)
40	Meeting Attendance, 1993-1996
41	Advertisements and Correspondence, (1973-1991), n.d.
42	Handwritten Notes, (1975-1981)

Series III: Newspaper Clippings

43	Articles from Dorothy O'Brien, (1914-1921)
44	Articles on St. Paul's Episcopal Church, (1931-2006), n.d.
45	Lobster Boil, (1981-2006), n.d.
46	Newspaper Clippings, (1963-1966), n.d.
47	Newspaper Clippings, (1994-2012), n.d.

Series IV: Photographs

48	Bishop Wallace E. Conkling, n.d.
49	The Rt. Rev. Gerald Francis Burrill, 1954
50	Unidentified Cross, n.d.
51	Parishioner, 2005-2006
52	St Paul's Second Church Building, n.d.
53	St. Paul's Churches, (1878-1967)

<u>BOX</u>	<u>FOLDER</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>
2	54	"A Pioneering Bishop," Philander Chase, n.d.
	55	Various Photographs from Parish, 1941, 1966-1967, 2009

Series V: The Mars Hill Proclaimer

56	The Mars Hill Proclaimer, (1986-2004)
57	The Mars Hill Proclaimer, (2004-2013)

Series VI: Service Bulletins

3	1	Service Bulletins, (1997-2005)
	2	Service Bulletins, (2005-2006)
	3	Service Bulletins, (2006-2009)
	4	Service Bulletins, (2009-2010)

Series VII: Scrapbooks

4	1	St. Paul's in the News, 1976-1986
	2	News of St. Paul's, 1980-1993
	3	News of St. Paul's, 1992-2002

ADDENDUM 2

Series I: Church Records

5	1	The One Hundredth Anniversary of the Beginning of Regular Services Leading to the Church of St. Paul, DeKalb, 1975
	2	St. Paul's Episcopal Church Bylaws, 2015
	3	Financial Reports, 2013-2014
	4	Annual Parish Meetings, 2013-2014
	5	Baptism Records, (2011-2012)
	6	Burials, (2012-2013)
	7	Confirmations, (1943-2013)
	8	Parish Directory, February 2010 and October 2011
	9	St. Paul's Episcopal Church Directory
	10	Donation Thank You Letter, November 17, 2014
	11	Lobster Boil Report, 2015
	12	Prayer2Pass Flyer
	13	"The Passion of Our Lord Jesus Christ" Handout/Liturgical Interpretation, 2014

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Series III: Newspaper Clippings

5	14-16	Newspaper Clippings, 2013-2015
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Series IV: Photographs

	17	Lobster Boil DVD Slideshow, 2007
	18	Lobster Boil Group Photo, 2015

Series V: The Mars Hill Proclaimer

	19-21	Mars Hill Proclaimer, 2013-July 2015
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Series VI: Service Bulletins

	22-25	Service Bulletins, February 24, 2013-December 15, 2013
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6	1-6	Service Bulletins, January 5, 2014-June 14, 2015
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ADDENDUM 3

Series I: Church Records

	7	Annual Community Spelling Bee, St. Mary's Church, October 2015
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	8-9	Annual Meeting, 1963-1964, 1967
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7	1-10	Annual Meeting, 1968-1969, 1971-1988
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	11	Annual Reports, 1965
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	12	The Burial of Eva Marie Leonard Program, April 8, 2016
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	13	The Burial of Robert E. Brown Program, June 26, 2015
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	14	The Burial of Sharon Lee Downen Program, May 12, 2016
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	15	Charter Centennial Celebration of the Church of St. Paul, February 18, 1976
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	16	Lent Retreat 2016, 2016
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	17	St. Paul's Calendar of Events, 2015
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Series III: Newspaper Clippings

	18	Newspaper Clippings, 1971-2016
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Series IV: Photographs

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	19	Photographs, 2015	
Series V: The Mars Hill Proclaimer			
	20	“The Annual Meeting Issue,” Mars Hill Proclaimer, January 25, 1970	
	21-24	Mars Hill Proclaimer, 2015-July 2016	
Series VI: Service Bulletins			
	25-26	Service Bulletins, May 2015-July 2015	
8	1-7	Service Bulletins, August 2015-April 2016	