

Guide to the Trinity Cathedral (Sacramento, California) Archives

Collection Summary

Title of Collection: Trinity Cathedral (Sacramento, California) Archives

Inclusive Dates of Collection: 1887-2009

Collection Creator: Trinity Cathedral Church

Locations and Physical Descriptions:

Conference Room Cupboards – 13 file storage boxes, 6 document boxes, 1 album box, 1 photo storage box, 1 video/photo storage box, 2 oversize boxes

Conference Room Closet – Nancy Tennyson Collection: 15 photo boxes, 1 slide & photo box, 1 CD & photo box, 6 scrapbooks

Location:

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Access

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Preferred Citation

The Trinity Cathedral Archives at the Trinity Cathedral Church, Sacramento, California.

Acquisition Information

The items in this collection were donated to the Archives by members and staff of Trinity Cathedral. Many items were donated in relationship to the celebration of the Cathedral's centennial in 1997-1998.

Outline of Cathedral History

The faith community now known as Trinity Cathedral Church in the Episcopal Diocese of Northern California originated as St. Andrew's Mission, Sacramento. There had been

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Episcopal services in Sacramento since 1849; the first church was named Grace Church, which was replaced by St. Paul's, founded in 1877. St. Andrew's Mission's inaugural service was scheduled on March 7, 1897, and the first parochial report was published in the 1898. The services were held in rented space at 23rd and K Street and the first clergyman was a missionary priest, the Rev. Alfred George. In 1899, land was purchased at 26th and M (Capitol) where the Cathedral buildings still exist. In 1901, a service of consecration was held at the new building of the church that had been reorganized and named Trinity Mission Church.

Timeline of Significant Events:

1849	First Episcopal Services in Sacramento
1897-98	Saint Andrew's Mission Founded
1900-03	Reorganization by Bishop Moreland. The new church, named Trinity Mission Church, was built and consecrated
1903-06	The Rev. Robert Percy Eubanks was vicar
1909-10	New Cathedral House built
1910	Trinity designated as pro-Cathedral; first Dean The Very Rev. John R. Atwill
1912	Trinity petitions to become a parish
1913	The Rev. Isaac Dawson, vicar in charge
1934	Trinity merges with St. Paul's to become Christ Church Cathedral Two deans appointed: W.H. Hermitage and E.S. Bartlam
1934	Trinity becomes "The Bishop's Chapel"
1937	The Very Rev. E.S. Harper, Dean
1937	Trinity Church renovated; Boys Choir begun
1941-1945	Cathedral House served as home for servicemen
1945	Trinity again becomes a parish
1948	Trinity reconsecrated as pro-Cathedral
1948-51	The Very Rev. Rex. A. Barron, Dean
1951-53	The Very Rev. J. Nelson Brockman, Dean
1953-57	The Very Rev. Miller M.B. Sale, Dean
1954	September, ground broken for a new church building
1955	May 30, cornerstone of new Trinity Cathedral church laid
1955	October 23, new Cathedral dedicated
1958-59	The Very Rev. Charles A. Myers, Dean
1959-65	The Very Rev. Malcolm McClenaghan, Dean
1966-73	The Very Rev. J. Ogden Hoffman, Dean
1973-1974	The Very Rev. Judson Leeman, Priest-in-Charge
1974-1987	The Very Rev. C. Howard Perry, Dean Stained glass windows and pipe organ installed
1987	The Rev. Can Kent McNair, Priest-in-Charge
1987-2004	The Very Rev. Donald G. Brown, Dean Completion of Trinity 2000 Building Program
2005	The Very Rev. Anthony (Bud) Thurston, Interim Dean
2006-	The Very Rev. Brian Baker, Dean

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Collection Scope and Content Summary

The Trinity Archives are a collection of historical memorabilia that give insight into the life of the Cathedral including such items as historical research notes and reports, oral history, programs, newspaper clippings, photographs, records of cathedral organizations and committees including minutes and scrapbooks, certificates, calendars, blueprints, sketches, journals, newsletters, brochures, pamphlets, flyers, personal correspondence, sermons and homilies, photographic material including prints, negatives, and slides, videos, and physical ephemera such as a key, plate, cup, and hat. Files of service programs and newsletters are limited and incomplete.

Most of the materials cover the post-World War II period to the present. However, there are Altar Guild records dating back to the beginnings of Trinity Mission Church in 1902.

Not included in the historical archives are the records of the Cathedral related to official acts such as budgets, personnel records, minutes of the Vestry, annual reports to the congregation, the records of baptisms, marriages, and funerals. For information on managing official records, refer to the Web site of the Archives of the Episcopal Church at <http://www.episcopalarchives.org/index.html>.

Arrangement of the Collection

The Trinity Archives begin with the Centennial Project and Special Events and the remainder of the print Archives are organized chronologically, followed by the special collections.

The major categories of the print archives in Storage Boxes 1, 2, 2A, & 7, 8, 9, 10 are:

- I. Trinity Centennial History Project Sub-Committee, 1996-1998
- II. Centennial Special Events, 1997-1998
- III. Trinity, Early Years and 1946-1951
- IV. Trinity, 1951-1959
- V. Trinity, 1960-1974
- VI. Trinity, 1974-1986, Dean Charles Howard Perry
- VII. Trinity, 1987-2004, Dean Donald G. Brown
- VIII. Trinity, 2005 – Anthony (Bud) Thurston, Interim, 2005;
Dean Brian Baker, 2006 -
- IX. Rev Grant S. Carey Collection, Associated with Trinity, 1977- , Canon, 1983-
- XIV. Trinity, 2005-2016, Sunday Service Programs and Cathedral Cross

These are the Special Collections in Storage Boxes 3 – 7, & 11:

- X. Trinity Women's Guilds: Altar, 1902-1920, 1945-1971;
St. Cecelia's, 1946-1990; Pinafairs, 1968-1996
- XI. Diocese of Northern California History
- XII. Miscellaneous Ephemera
- XIII. Photos and Oral History

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These are the Special Collections in other containers:

- Album A: Trinity Centennial History Project Sub-Committee Notebook, 1996-1998
- Document Box B: Rev. J. Nelson Brockman Collection, Trinity Dean, 1951-1953
- Document Box C: Trinity Stained Glass Windows
- Document Box D: Kirken' 'o' the Tartan, 1978-2009
- Document Box E: Renaissance [Elizabethan] Faire, 1982-1983
- Oversize Box F: Mrs. Dorothea Porter Collection
- Document Box G: Rev. Grant S. Carey, Sermon Notes, 1956-1959
- Document Box H: Jeffrey D. Arthur Collection, Photographs, 1930s-1990s; Cathedral Specifications, 1954
- Photo Storage Box I: Pat Hill Collection, Photographs, 1980s-2010
- Video/Photo Storage Box J: VHS videos, DVDs, Photos, Slides, Postcards
- Oversize Box K: Pictures, framed and mounted
- Storage Box 12: Antique communion set

The Nancy Tennyson Collection is located in the conference room closet. Nancy Tennyson was the Cathedral's Canon for Family Ministries, and her collection of photos related to youth activities from the 1990s to 2009 is unprocessed. It consists of 15 photo boxes, 1 slide & photo box, 1 CD & photo box, and 6 scrapbooks.

For further reference, see the attached Chronology of Clergy in Charge and Bishops.

Detailed Contents of Containers (see attached pages)