

Church of England Women's Association (CEWA), All Saints (English Harbour)
fonds. - 1896 - 1903, 1925 - 1996. - 5.7 cm textual records

Administrative history

The Church of England Women's Association (C.E.W.A) was founded in 1876 at Heart's Content. The C.E.W.A promoted Christian unity and fellowship at home and overseas. The C.E.W.A was formed in English Harbour December 19th, 1925 and an Altar Guild was formed in May 1929, eight women from the congregation attended the first meeting. The group was formed with the purpose of changing and preparing the altar and work included cleaning the brass and making new altar cloths. The Guild also carried out other work such as sewing, knitting, embroidery, e.t.c. that they sold at their regular sales of work at Easter and during the Fall of the year. Proceeds from these sales were donated to various charities at home and abroad as well as contributions were made to the Rector's stipend and church repairs.

The organization became known as the Anglican Church Women's Association, (A.C.W.A), after restructuring in 1969. In 1976 the word "Association" was omitted and a new organization was formed, the Anglican Church Women (A.C.W.). The A.C.W. closed in English Harbour in the late 1990's due to the small number of members in the organization.

Custodial history

The original records are stored at All Saints Anglican Church, English Harbour. Permission was received from Rev. John Gilliam, Rector, Anglican Parish of Port Rexton to have these records copied for the archives.

Slope and Content

The records have been organized into four series according to form and function: Series 1: Record of Sales, 1896 - 1903, 1925 - 1996; Series 2: All Saints Guild, 1929 - 1985; Series 3: C.E.W.A, 1985 - 1996; and Series 4: Miscellaneous, 1955 - 1956, 1984 - 1986, 1991 - 1993.

Notes

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Donated by the Rector of the Anglican Parish of Port Rexton, Rev. J. Gilliam, August 2004.

Series 1: Record of Sales and Accounts - 1896 - 1903, 1925 - 1996. - 2 cm

A record of the amount of material that would be given out to the women of the group and the work that they would return for the annual Easter or Fall Sales.

1.01 Record of Sales, 1896 - 1903

1.02 Accounts of Women's Work, 1925 - 1966

This book also contains some of the minutes of meetings of the Guild.

1.03 Accounts, 1966 - 1996

Financial records of the women's organization recording income and expenditures.

Location: Church Record Box 19.

Series 2: All Saint's Guild. - 1929 - 1985. - 2.5 cm

This series contains minutes for the Altar Guild and for the Women's Guild. Minutes give a detailed account of the annual general meetings, election of officers, Treasurer's Reports and the events that the women would hold as fundraisers for themselves and for the church.

2.01 All Saint's Altar Guild, 1929 - 1968

2.02 All Saint's Guild, 1967 - 1985

Location: Church Record Box 19.

Series 3: C.E.W.A.- 1985 - 1996. - 0.7 cm

The minutes of the C.E.W.A. records the business of their meetings, entries for each time they met to do sewing (work), reports of the success of the annual sale, attendance records and records of departed sisters.

Location: Church Record Box 19.

Series 4: Miscellaneous. - 1955 - 1956, 1984 - 1986, 1991 - 1993. - 0.5 cm

Records include correspondence and annual reports.

Location: Church Record Box 19.