

The Anglican Parish of Trinity fonds. - 1753 - 2002. - 70 cm textual records

Administrative history

The Anglican Mission at Trinity dates back to the early 18th century. In 1729, at the request of the people of Trinity and surrounding areas, the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel in Foreign Parts sent The Reverend Robert Kilpatrick to establish a mission at Trinity. A church was built soon after his arrival. The records of births, marriages and burials of the parish began in 1753 and included communities throughout Trinity Bay. In 1825 Newfoundland became part of the See of Nova Scotia and in 1839 Bishop Spencer became the first Bishop of the See of Newfoundland. In the early 1870s the parish of Trinity included communities from English Harbour to British Harbour including Ireland's Eye, but by the middle of the decade, a separate parish was established at Trinity East. Many of the communities that made up the parish were resettled under the provincial government resettlement program of the 1960s. In 1971 the parish of Trinity combined with the parish of Trinity East-Port Rexton. This arrangement lasted for a decade and in 1981 the parishes separated along traditional lines. From 1981 to the present time the parish of Trinity has included all the communities from Trinity to New Bonaventure.

Source: Parish of Trinity fonds; Encyclopedia of Newfoundland and Labrador; Trinity Historical Society files.

Custodial history

Records were held at the Rectory of the Parish of Trinity.

Parish Service Register, 1887 - 1913, was deaccessioned from the Eastern Diocese of Newfoundland and Labrador Archives on July 25, 2001 and added to the fonds.

Parish Church Registers, 1753 - 1867 (3 volumes), was deaccessioned from the Eastern Diocese of Newfoundland and Labrador Archives on June 28, 2002 and added to the fonds.

Register of Services, 1918 - 1934 for services held in Little Harbour, Delby's Cove, Spaniard's Cove, Dunfield, Lockston and Goose Cove was deaccessioned from the Eastern Diocese of Newfoundland and Labrador Archives in November 2002 and added to the fonds.

Rev. Henry Johnson's Diary, 1881 and Financial Documentation concerning the Building of the New Parsonage in 1916 was donated by Mr. Mark Allston of Orleans, Ontario in September 2003.

Scope and content

The fonds consists of early and more recent records of the parish. The early records include a parish list for 1878, a list of persons confirmed in the parish, from 1882 - 1888; parish service register, 1887 - 1913; Rev. Henry Johnson's Diary, 1881; annual reports of the St. Agatha's Branch of the Girls' Friendly Society, 1907; offerings from the Trinity Mission, 1904 - 1912 and 1923 - 1928. For the mid - 20th century records include: register of services, 1918 - 1934, minute books of the parish council, 1946 - 1971, parish list, 1943; diocesan funds account, 1927 - 1929, 1944 - 1957; accounts and rector's stipend, 1935 - 1962; members of the parish council 1947; correspondence from the Central Diocese for the period 1971 - 1981, when the parish was combined with that of Trinity East - Port Rexton and invoices, 1972 - 1985. The fonds also includes the original and photocopies of the registers of births, marriages and burials for the parish, 1753 - 1900.

Notes

Supplied title based on provenance.

Donated by Rev. G. Colbourne, Rector of the Parish of Trinity, 2000.

Copies of the Parish Registers, 1753 - 1867 are available at the Provincial Archives of Newfoundland and Labrador and the Eastern Diocese of Newfoundland and Labrador Archives.

A nominal index to the parish registers, compiled by the Genealogical Society of Newfoundland and Labrador, is available.

Further accruals are expected.

Location: Church Records Boxes 5, 14, 14a and 15.

1.01 Parish Registers, 1753 - 2002

The parish registers are the official documents of baptisms, marriages and burials that are kept by the church. Included is other information such as: names of parents, birth and baptismal dates, place of abode, witnesses to marriages, parents of bride/groom, maiden name of mother, occupation of husband to be, age at time of death and sometimes cause of death.

Photocopies of the registers are available to researchers

Photocopies are listed according to years that are held in each binder:

Baptisms, 1753 - 1979

Confirmations, 1890 - 1964 (select years)

Marriages, 1757 - 2002

Burials, 1757 - 1950

Location: Photocopied records are on the shelf and original records are in Church Records Box 15.

1.02 Parish List, 1878 and Annual reports of the Girl's Friendly Society, 1901 - 1907

This file contains a listing of names of people in the parish, from British Harbour to English Harbour their annual fees, amounts received and amount due. As well as the annual reports of the St. Agatha's Branch of the Girl's Friendly Society, 1901 - 1907.

1.03 Confirmation, 1882 - 1888

List of persons confirmed in the Parish of Trinity.

Location: Church Records Box 14

1.04 Parish Service Register, 1887 - 1913

This register begins as a parish service register where the clergy records information on each service that is held in each church in the parish. The information includes the

date, day of the week, nature of service, text used, subject of sermon, number in attendance, amount collected for the offering and any other remarks such as the weather.

The register also contains statistics returns for the parish, recording population of communities, number of churches, schools, burial grounds, average number of congregations and the number attending Sunday School, 1888 - 1910.

In 1889 the book becomes solely the vestry service register for St. Paul's Church, Trinity.

Location: St. Paul's Anglican Church 5.01, Church Records Box 5.

1.05 Lists of Offerings, 1904 - 1912, 1923 - 1928

A list of offerings that had been taken up at each church within the parish for Lenten Self Denial, Bishopric Fund and Queen's College. Names of the person contributing is listed along with the amount given.

1.05.001 List of Offerings, 1904 - 1912

1.05.002 List of Offerings, 1923 - 1928

1.06 New Parsonage Committee, 1913 - 1916

A call for tenders and the contract between the Parish and the builders of the new parsonage Marshall & Bartlett, correspondence with the Diocese and financial information.

1.06.001 Correspondence, 1913 - 1916

1.06.002 Call for Tenders and Contract, 1913 - 1916

1.06.003 Donations of Cash and Labour

1.06.004 Invoices, 1913 - 1916

1.07 Parish Council Minutes, 1946 - 1971

The parish council consists of representatives from all of the churches in the parish and they meet about once a month or at the call of the rector to discuss issues that affect the parish.

1.07.001 Parish Council Minutes, 1946 - 1955

1.07.002 Parish Council Minutes, 1955 - 1971

1.08 Parish List, 1943

A record of people in each congregation recording their name, age, marital status and

whether or not that person is baptized or confirmed. At a later date someone went back to update the list and recorded if the person had died or moved away.

1.09 Accounts and Rector's Stipend, 1935 - 1971

This file consists of an account of the amount of money that has been given to the Secretary/Treasurer of the parish in order to help pay the rector's stipend.

1.10 Members of the Parish Council, 1947

1.11 Diocesan Fund Account, 1927 - 1929, 1944 - 1957

A listing of each congregations contribution towards the Diocesan funds for Lenten Self Denial, Thanksgiving, Queen's College, Orphanage, Bishopric Fund, Missions, Korean Appeal and Envelopes.

1.11.001 Diocesan Fund Account, 1944 - 1955

1.11.002 Diocesan Fund Account, 1955 - 1957

1.12 Correspondence, 1943 - 1947

Various pieces of correspondence dealing with the Parish Hall and business of the parish.

1.13 Subscriber's List, 1921 - 1972

The subscriber's list records each member of a congregation who contributes towards the rector's stipend, this list includes the name of the individual and the amount paid.

1.14 Bills, 1972 - 1985

Various bills for work that was carried out within the parish.

Location: Church Records Box 14 and Shelf

1.15 Correspondence with the Central Diocese, 1971 - 1981

Correspondence dealing with the joining of the Parish of Trinity East - Port Rexton with the Parish of Trinity as well as information on the stipend for the rector.

1.16 Register of Services, 1918 - 1934

A register of services for the communities of Little Harbour, Delby's Cove, Spaniard's Cove, Dunfield, Lockston and Goose Cove. The minister would carry this register around with him while visiting these churches to record the services held in

each community.

1.17 Rev. Henry Johnson's Diary, 1881

Rev. Johnson was the Rector for the Parish of Trinity from 1883 - 1889. The diary contains details of his trip to Labrador in 1881, devotions and prayers

Location: Church Records Boxes 14a and shelf.