

St. Luke's Church (Old Bonaventure) fonds. - 1889 - 2004 – 30.8 cm textual material

Administrative history

“The first [St. Luke's] was in the vicinity of the old cemetery nearer to the harbour. It was blown down in a June gale. An interesting note is that a cow that was seeking protection from the elements was killed in the collapse.

A Mr. Short was in charge of the building of the present edifice and some lumber, namely the wide hemlock boards from England, was salvaged from the old ruins. The present Church was consecrated by Bishop Jones on November 13, 1892 when The Rev'd. William Weaver was Rector of the Parish. [The service was at 10:30 a. m. and 54 people attended.] The original roof was covered with Trinity Bay slate and the belfry stood separate from the main building.

In the mid-nineteen hundreds the wood posts were replaced by concrete pillars and the bell was moved to a newly constructed tower. In more recent times the roof received repairs both inside and out and an attractive spire was added atop the tower.”

Source: TIDINGS, May 2000 (a newsletter of The Bonaventure- English Harbour Development Association)

Custodial History

The records were kept and maintained at St. Luke's Church, Old Bonaventure until 2009 when they were donated to the archives by a congregational/community committee.

Scope and Content

The fonds consist of four Vestry Books for the years 1889 - 2004. Financial records for 1963-1990 that covers the income and expenditures related to the Church's operation and records of Congregational Meetings from 1927 – 1962 and 1964 – 1991.

The records have been organized into series according to form and function.

Notes

Supplied title based on provenance.

Donated by the committee to deal with the closeout of St. Luke's.

Series 1: Vestry Books. - 1889 - 2004. - 9 cm

Vestry books are maintained in the vestry of a church and are written up after each Church service by the person who conducted the same. Information includes the type of service held, the text, subject of the sermon, amount collected for the offering and other remarks.

The series consists of four original volumes:

- 1.01 Vestry book 1889 - 1926
- 1.02 Vestry book 1926 - 1942
- 1.03 Vestry book 1942 - 1968
- 1.04 Vestry book 1968 - 2004

Series 2: Financial Records. - 1963 - 2004. – 16.9 cm

This series includes all the records having to do with financial matters and consists of the records of the financial transactions that are relevant to St. Luke's Church, Old Bonaventure. This includes the loose paper records from 1982 - 1985, 1988 1990, 1994-1995, 1999-2004. The financial record books from 1963 - 1978, 1986, 1987, 1988-1989, 1990. It also includes quarterly reports from 1994-1995 and 1999-2003 which provide a breakdown of individual givings to the Church.

2.01 Financial Records 1963 - 2004

2.02 Quarterly Reports 1994 – 2003

2.02.01 Quarterly Reports 1994 -1995

2.02.02 Quarterly Reports 1999 - 2001

2.02.03 Quarterly Reports 2002 - 2003

Series 3: Minutes of Meetings & Financial Records. 1927 - 1962; 1964 - 1993. – 4.1 cm

This series includes records having to do with financial matters and records of Congregational Meetings for St. Luke's Church.

3.01 1927 – 1962

3.02 1964 – 1993

Series 4: Christmas Memorial Request Sheet.- 0.8 cm

This series includes request sheets which would be submitted in order to light a bulb in memory of someone or sing a hymn in their memory.

Location: Church Records Box 20 and 21.