

Rev. James Miller fonds 1936 – 2004 1m measurement textual records

Biographical note

James Miller was born on January 7th, 1930 in Port Union, NL. He was the only child of Thomas and Susannah (nee King) . On August 13, 1952 he married Myra Gertrude Harnum in her home town of Green's Harbour, Trinity Bay.

Reverend Miller was a fisherman, a taxi driver and a teacher among a few of his jobs. Being a teacher meant that he was often in charge of Sunday services and became a Lay Reader in the Church. The Anglican Church was in great need of Minister's so on August 26, 1971 Bishop Seaborn ordained him as a Deacon on November 29, 1974 at the Cathedral in St. John's.

He served the Parish of Trinity from 1983 to 1984 and the Parish of Hermitage (date unknown) when he retired and moved back NB and then to Green's Harbour, though he kept his house in New Bonaventure and returned for a few years during the summer months.

Rev. James Miller died on May 20, 2012 after a lengthy battle with cancer. His wife Myra remained in Green's Harbour until her death on July 5, 2015.

Custodial history

These records were kept at Reverend Miller's home in New Bonaventure. He likely acquired them during his years serving the Parish of Trinity. The items in these fond's were taken from the house in Bonaventure and donated to the Archives by Donna and Lillian Brown (his wife Myra's nieces) shortly after Myra's death.

Scope and content

The records consist of a ledger from St. John's Church, New Bonaventure which records the church's income and expenditures from 1936 – 1971. There are also two books that have records of confirmations, one book is for the Parish of Trinity and the other for the Parish of Port Rexton-Trinity East. There is also another book which records for the year 1980 and what appears to be contributions of the congregation of St. John's Church, New Bonaventure. Another book contains the income and expenditures of the Supreme Grand Lodge SUF, St. George's Lodge from 1962 - 2004. There are conveyance of land documents for his personal property in New Bonaventure.

Series 1: Income and Expenditures of St. John's Church, New Bonaventure -1936-1971, 1980, 1990-1995

This series contains a ledger which has a record of income and expenditures for the church from the years 1936 – 1971, 1980, 1990 - 1995

- 1.01.01 Ledger 1936 – 1971
- 1.01.02 Ledger 1980
- 1.01.03 Financials of St. John The Evangelist Church, New Bonaventure 1990-1995
- 1.01.04 Annual meeting Selection of Officers 1991-1993, 1995
- 1.01.05 Ordination of Deacons. Copy of Service on August 26, 1984.

Series 2: Confirmation Records 1947-1977

This series contains two books of confirmation records one for the Parish of Trinity and one for the Parish of Port Rexton – Trinity East. The books cover particular years when the Bishop was here to complete confirmations.

- 2.01.01 Parish of Trinity Confirmations [1947, 1951, 1955, 1959, 1964, 1966, 1968, 1970, 1974, 1977]
- 2.01.02 Parish of Port Rexton – Trinity East Confirmations [1948, 1950, 1954, 1958, 1962, 1964, 1966, 1968, 1970, 1972, 1974, 1977]

Series 3 Income and Expenditures for Supreme Grand Lodge SUF St. George’s Lodge – 1962-2004

- 3.01.01 Income and Expense Ledger 1962-2004

Location: Shelf

Series 4 Personal Land Conveyance Documents

- 4.01.01 Letters and documentation of sale and purchase of personal property in New Bonaventure.

Location St. John Evangelist Church records located in Box 10 joint with Ivanhoe Church