

Trinity Episcopal Church Records MS-531

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Summary Information

Repository	Michigan Technological University Archives and Copper Country Historical Collections
Creator	Trinity Episcopal Church (Houghton, Mich.).
Title	Trinity Episcopal Church Records
Date [inclusive]	1860-1989
Extent	2.14 cubic feet 4 manuscript boxes (3 legal, 1 letter), 1 flat box
Language	English
Language of Material	English
Mixed materials [Box]	1-5
Abstract	Records, 1860-1989, of Trinity Episcopal Church of Houghton, Michigan. Includes minutes of annual, vestry and women's auxiliary meetings, correspondence, parish registers, marriage records and church service registers. Also included are the founding documents with the articles of agreement. Additionally, partial records of several smaller Episcopal churches in Michigan with connections to Trinity Episcopal Church, including St. Luke's Church of Dollar Bay, St. George's Church of Hancock, St. Mary's Church of Painesdale and St. Peter's Church of South Range/Winona.

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Biography

Trinity Episcopal Church of Houghton, Michigan, was established in 1860. A copper mining boom had recently attracted numerous people to the area, including many miners, mining captains, and shopkeepers from Cornwall, England. To establish an Episcopal congregation in the community, nine prominent businessmen agreed to support a clergyman if the Bishop of the Diocese of Michigan would send one. The Quincy Mining Company donated land in the village of Hancock on which to construct a church building. However, soon after the wooden building was erected, the vestry decided to move the church to Houghton. A contractor was eventually hired to lift the building off its foundation and to carry it across the canal, where it served as the first church home of the new Episcopal congregation. Between 1907 and 1910 the wooden building was razed and the current stone building constructed. (excerpted from "History of Trinity Episcopal Church", <http://www.trinityhoughton.org/>).

Collection Scope and Content Summary

Minutes of annual, vestry and women's auxiliary meetings, Altar Guild Society, and the Rector's Aid Society of Trinity Church, correspondence, parish registers, marriage records and church service registers. Also included are the founding documents with the articles of agreement. Additionally, partial records of several smaller Episcopal churches in Michigan with connections to Trinity Episcopal Church, including St. Luke's Church of Dollar Bay, St. George's Church of Hancock, St. Mary's Church of Painesdale and St. Peter's Church of South Range/Winona.

Arrangement

MS-531 Trinity Episcopal Church Records is arranged into four series:

Series I, Church Registers and Records Books, 1860-1986 Series II, Minutes, 1882-1918 Series III, Annual Meetings/ Reports, 1957-1989 Series IV, Related Congregations, 1897-1918

Administrative Information

Publication Information

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Revision Description

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Available for use in the Michigan Technological University Archives and Copper Country Historical Collections.

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Acquisition

An initial gift of two cubic feet consisting of church registers and minutes from 1860-1986 was donated to the Michigan Technological University Archives and Copper Country Historical Collections on November 17, 1995 by Reverend Steven Powers. A second donation of 0.35 cubic feet consisting of annual reports was made by Reverend Powers on August 18, 1997.

Controlled Access Headings

Corporate Name(s)

- St. George's Church (Hancock, Mich.).
- St. Luke's Church (Dollar Bay, Mich.).
- Trinity Episcopal Church (Houghton, Mich.). Women's Auxiliary.

Genre(s)

- Agreements
- Correspondence
- Minutes
- Registers (Lists)

Geographic Name(s)

- Houghton (Mich.)

Subject(s)

- Church membership--Michigan--Houghton
- Marriage records--Michigan--Houghton

Series I, Church Registers and Records Books

Collection Inventory

Series I, Church Registers and Records Books 1860-1986

Scope and Contents

This series consists of two church records books, parish registers, marriage records and a Book of Remembrance. The Articles of Agreement are found in the records book dated 1860-1866.

	Box	Folder
Records Book 1860-1866	1	1
Parish Register 1860-1895	1	2
Parish Register 1895-1908	1	3
Parish Register 1908-1939	1	4
Record of Marriages 1905-1936	2	1
Records Placed in Records of Marriages Ledger (1905-1936) 1891-1896; 1925-1930	2	2
Register of Church Services 1963-1974	2	3
Register of Church Services 1940-1963	2	4

Series II, Minutes

Register of Church Services 1974-1986	2	5
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Book of Remembrance 1948-1970	4	1
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Series II, Minutes 1882-1918

Scope and Contents

This series consists of the minutes of annual and vestry meetings, the women's auxiliary, the Rector's Aid Society of Trinity Church, and the Altar Guild minutes.

	Box	Folder
Minutes of Annual and Vestry Meetings 1882-1892	2	6
Minutes of Annual and Vestry Meetings 1901-1906	3	1
Minutes of Annual and Vestry Meetings 1906-1913	3	2
Minutes of Women's Auxiliary 1900-1907	3	3
Minutes of Women's Auxiliary 1907-1910	3	4
Minutes of Women's Auxiliary 1910-1915	3	5
Minutes of Women's Auxiliary 1915-1918	3	6
Rector's Aid Society of Trinity Church 1911-1918	3	7

Series III, Annual Meetings/ Reports

Altar Guild Minutes 1911-1915	3	8
Series III, Annual Meetings/ Reports 1957-1989		
Scope and Contents		
This series contains the church annual meeting minutes and reports.		
	Box	Folder
Annual Meeting/ Report 1957-1967	5	1
Annual Meeting/ Report 1969	5	2
Annual Meeting/ Report 1970	5	3
Annual Meeting/ Report 1971	5	4
Annual Meeting/ Report 1972	5	5
Annual Meeting/ Report 1973	5	6
Annual Meeting/ Report 1974	5	7
Annual Meeting/ Report 1975	5	8
Annual Meeting/ Report 1976	5	9
Annual Meeting/ Report 1977	5	11

Series IV, Related Congregations

Annual Meeting/ Report 1979	5	12
Annual Meeting/ Report 1980	5	13
Annual Meeting/ Report 1981	5	14
Annual Meeting/ Report 1982	5	15
Annual Meeting/ Report 1983	5	16
Annual Meeting/ Report 1984	5	17
Annual Meeting/ Report 1985	5	18
Annual Meeting/ Report 1986	5	19
Annual Meeting/ Report 1987	5	20
Annual Meeting/ Report 1988	5	21
Annual Meeting/ Report 1989	5	22
Annual Meeting/ Report 1968, 1972, 1983	5	23

Series IV, Related Congregations 1897-1918**Scope and Contents**

Series IV, Related Congregations

This series contains the parish register from St. Luke's Church in Dollar Bay and St. George's Church in Hancock.

	Box	Folder
Parish Register, St. Luke's Church (Dollar Bay) 1897-1905	4	2
Parish Register, St. George's Church (Hancock) 1912-1918	4	3