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Preface

The archives at Saint Luke's Episcopal Church were started by Shauna Anderson and Patricia Martonis. The project has been supported and directed by The Rev. Eric M. Williams, Rector. The initial purpose of archiving was to preserve the documents and history of the church. Additional assistance in the physical sorting and indexing was provided by Sarah Martonis.

The committee believes that Saint Luke's Church's History is part of the community's history which lead to contacting Heidi Bamford, Regional Archivist for the Western New York Library Resources Council. Ms. Bamford advised that the first contact should be Jean Richardson, Assistant Professor at Buffalo State. Saint Luke's Church archiving materials were microfilmed by the Monroe Fordham Historical Center through the efforts of Monroe Fordham and Jean Richardson. This has enabled Saint Luke's Church to share the records with other community organizations and libraries.

Patricia Martonis
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* To capture and preserve the photographic quality of the photos, all of the photos microfilmed in this collection are also preserved on a CD-R entitled “St. Luke’s Episcopal Church of Jamestown NY Historic Photo Collection.”

1 **Records of St. Luke’s Church, 1835-1846**
A handwritten account of the beginnings of the church with minutes of some early meetings. Includes a tally of early baptisms, communicants, marriages, and funerals.

2 **Church Records, 1854-1889**
A handwritten poem, Feb. 1854
*Photo of St. Luke’s, 1865
*Photo of St. Luke’s, 1870
A handwritten letter, Oct. 29, 1877
*Photo of St. Luke’s, 1887
*Photo of St. Luke’s rectory, 1889
*Photo of Catherine Pendergast
Lenten card for Ash Wednesday, other services listed on back, 1880
Confirmation card for Nellie Kennedy, June 1887
Baptismal card for Alexander Clarence Tiffany, June, 1889

3 **Specifications for Erecting a New Church Building for St. Luke’s**
A typed 20 page document, (1890?)

4 **Sunday School Choirmaster’s Book**
Book is dated 1894

5 **1890-1899**
*A black and white photo of Choir Camp taken by Clarke Studios
*original-Black and white photo of interior of St. Luke’s Easter Day, 1891
Newspaper clippings from Jamestown Evening Journal
*Photo of the laying of the cornerstone, Nov. 29, 1892
Program for service of cornerstone ceremony
First hand narrative of cornerstone ceremony
Program for Consecration Ceremony of St. Luke’s Church
Smaller picture & handwritten narrative of cornerstone ceremony
Confirmation card for Howard L. Rogers, April 5, 1892
Program for the inauguration of the new organ, Nov. 27, 1894
Program for the new bells, Nov. 30 1894
“Instrument of Donation of St. Luke’s Church
Article on St. Luke’s in The Churchman, 1895
*Print of the Church, 1892?
*Photo of the interior of the Church, 1895
*Photo of Men and Boys Choir, 1898
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Program for Easter Day, 1897
Baptism card for Howard Scott Rogers
*Photo of Bishop A. Cleveland Cox
The Church Catechism, n.d.

6 Mothers Club
A book of minutes, 1890-1894
A book of minutes, 1894-1898
A book of visitors, lists names and addresses, 1892-?

7 St. Luke’s Church Minutes, June 26, 1853-April 7, 1890
A handwritten book of minutes, 1853-1890

8 Newspaper Clippings, 1894
Assorted news clippings on the church

9 Young People
List of Young People of St. Luke’s Parish. Lists names and addresses of boys and girls by year, 1899-1934
List of Young People of St. Luke’s Parish. (Has basically the same information as above book)
List of Young People of St. Luke’s Parish, 1919-1942

10 1900-1909
“History and membership directory of St. Luke’s Episcopal Church, 1900”
The Parish Review: Devoted to the interests of St. Luke’s Parish, 1908
*Photo of Rev. John T. Kerrin, Pastor 1901-1909
*Postcard with photo of St. Luke’s Church, n.d.

11 1910-1919
A card certifying that Eunice Mason has completed a course in “Early Christian ??,” 1910
Confirmation card for Lona B. Tiffany, 1911
Yearbook: St. Luke’s Church, 1916
*Photo of Bishop Henry Brent, 1917
The Parish Leaflet, July 1919
Card for St. Luke’s Christmas morning,, 1918
A card listing St. Luke’s weekly services (1917?)
A hand written list, possibly listing the holders of some position. Names date from 1834-1917. Two names added in pencil to 1928

12 1920-1929
News clippings announcing Church is 100 years old, 1924
*Photo of Church’s Christmas greeting, 1929
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Numerous “Girls Friendly Society” materials, early 1920s
*Photo of St. Luke’s Men and Boys Choir, 1921
Program for H.M.S. Pinafore, a play, 1922
*Photo of St. Luke’s Episcopal Church, 1921

A book of minutes, 1910-1914

A book of minutes, 1914-1920

15 Women’s Auxiliary Account Books, 1920-1955
An account ledger book that spans the years 1920-1955

16 Women’s Auxiliary, 1940s
“Women’s Auxiliary Prayer”
Cora Sheldon TEW Auxiliary; Annual Report, 1949
Cora Sheldon Annual Report, 1947
The Prayer of Women’s Auxiliary
A Service of Worship for Women’s Groups
Cora Sheldon TEW Auxiliary, Secretary’ book, 1947-1949
“Speak Unto Thy People…,” A speech by Rev. Geo. O’Pray
Proposed budget for St. Luke’s, 1948

17 Cora Sheldon TEW Women’s Auxiliary, 1938-1948
Minutes, 1938-1948

18 Cora Sheldon TEW Women’s Auxiliary, 1952-1962
Minutes, 1952-1962

19 St. Andrew’s Brotherhood, 1910-1917
Book contains by-laws, accounts, records of meetings, members, etc., 1910-1917

20 St. Agnes Altar Guild I
Book contains minutes, membership, finance records, etc., 1920-1929
Book contains minutes, membership, finance records, etc., 1929-1947

21 St. Agnes Altar Guild II
Book contains minutes of meetings, 1933-1942

22 Deed
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Deed to H. Stevens Property Plan and Map

23 Deed
Deed to Helen Endress Field, East Fifth Street

24 Deed
Deed & Legal Papers, 409 & 411 Pine Street

25 Trinity Church, NYC
Various documents concerning St. Luke’s relationship with Trinity, 1850s

26 Scrap book I
An historical scrapbook that contains photos of former pastors and members, and historic documents that chronicle the history of St. Luke’s. *All of the photos in this scrapbook are microfilmed and also preserved on a CD-R.

27 Scrap book II
A small scrapbook that contains news clippings, handwritten notes, historical documents, and other information that highlights the history of the church. No photos.

28 Historic Church *Photos
Some of the photos are of buildings, and some are of individuals and groups of people. *To capture and preserve the photographic quality all of the photos are also preserved on a CD-R.

29 The Litany, 1930

30 St. Luke’s Altar Guild, 1936-1950
Handwritten minutes, January, 1936 – December, 1950.

31 St. Luke’s Altar Guild, 1951-1959
Handwritten Minutes, February, 1951-October, 1959

32 St. Luke’s Altar Guild, 1950s
Misc. materials from the 1950 (organized by year), includes copies of printed speeches, printed programs, periodicals, a history of St. Luke’s, etc.

33 Father Nicholson’s Ordination, 1953
A printed program of the ordination service, copies of the invitation, and many *photos. To capture and preserve the photographic quality all of the photos are also preserved on a CD-R.

34 *Photos of Church Activities, 1950s
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**St. Luke’s Scholarship Applications & Recipients, 1960s & 1970s**
A folder of applications and lists of recipients

**News paper Clippings, 1950s**
Newspaper clippings from the 1950s.

**Photos – Before and After Renovation**
To capture and preserve the photographic quality all of the photos are also preserved on a CD-R.

**Correspondence for Organ**
A folder of correspondence on the organ, 1950s

**Mr. & Mrs. Club, 1955-1975**
Contains minutes of meetings (1955-1975), correspondence, by-laws, and other information about the club.

Three financial account books

**St. Luke’s Women, 1960-1976 II**
Women’s Club Survey, 1972

News clipping file

**St. Luke’s Women, 1960-1976 IV**
Minutes of meetings, 1971-1981

Various financial records, reports, correspondence, minutes, etc., 1959-1972

**St. Luke’s Women, 1960-1976 VI**
Various papers, reports, correspondence, minutes, etc., 1972-1976

**News Clippings, 1960-1969**
Newspaper clippings for 1960-1969

**1960-1969 General**
Various items from the designated years, correspondence, reports, *photos, printed programs, minutes, etc.*
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48 Vestry Minutes, 1970s
Vestry Minutes from numerous years in the 1970s

49 Eucharist – Instructed/Blessing of the House
“The Instructed Eucharist” n.d.
“The Liturgy of the Lord’s Supper”

50 Institution of Rector Richard Lewis Finn, 1976
Ceremony program, invitation, *photos etc.

51 1970-1979 I
Correspondence, periodicals, “Proposed Book of Common Prayer”, Contata by David Williams.

52 1970-1979 II
Newspaper clippings from those years

53 1970-1979 Photos III
To capture and preserve the photographic quality of the *photos, the photo images are also preserved on a CD-R.

54 Sermons
Numerous printed sermons, 1970s

55 Misc.
News paper clippings, numerous undated items, St. Luke’s Staff and Clergy, 1994

VESTRY MATERIALS

56 St. Luke’s Episcopal Church, Jamestown NY: A Profile
A 20 page pamphlet which summarizes the mission and goals, description of the congregation, history of the church, etc.

57 Vestry Minutes, 1947-1950
Filmed in reverse order (the way the papers would have been filed in a file drawer ex. 1950-1947).

58 Vestry Minutes, 1951-1952
Filmed in reverse order (the way the papers would have been filed in a file drawer ex. 1952-1951).

59 Vestry Minutes, 1953-1954
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**MATERIAL ADDED AFTER INITIAL FILMING**

77 Scrapbook of Newspaper clippings
A ½ inch thick Scrapbook that contains newspaper stories that pertain to the history of the church.

78 Newspaper clippings from the 1980s

79 Noon day Recitals
Contains programs and information about noon day organ recitals that St. Luke’s sponsored, material is dated 1980s.

80 Anniversary
Contains information on the church’s anniversaries, 1980s.

81 Plans for St. Luke’s columbarium

82 Anniversary of Church Building
Misc materials pertaining to the topic. Includes pictures, the pictures are preserved on the St. Luke’s Photo CD.

83 1990s

84 1990s Newspaper Clippings

85 Profile/Transition Committee

86 1980s, 1990s Parish Meetings

87 Misc.