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St. Stephen's Episcopal Church Papers, 1886-1951

3 boxes; 1 oversize folder

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HISTORICAL SKETCH

Established in 1886 by laymen who wished to spread Episcopal doctrine, Saint Stephen's House became a charitable institution in St. Louis. Working out of a series of tents, Reverend Richard W.E. Green took control of St. Stephen's House from the laymen and continued with the spread of doctrine as well as charitable programs until 1891 when Reverend Richard Gustavus Tuckerman succeeded him. Under Tuckerman's leadership, a church was built in St. Stephen's name in 1905 at Sixth Street and Rutger Street. Prior to construction of the church in 1901, Reverend Henry Watson Mizner (1869-1930) arrived at St. Stephen's and later took over for Tuckerman. Popular among parishioners and successful as a missionary, Mizner stayed at St. Stephen's for twenty-five years, expanding the community outreach programs and bringing youth programs to the church. Through much fundraising and donations, Mizner kept the mission work of St. Stephen's active in St. Louis and recognized around the nation.

On March 6, 1921, Bishop Daniel S. Tuttle officially recognized St. Stephen's House as St. Stephen's Episcopal Church, and instituted Mizner as first priest and rector the same day. Mizner stayed at St. Stephen's until 1926, when he resigned as pastor and moved with his family to Florida. Reverend Roy Spencer Rawson became pastor of St. Stephen's following Mizner's departure. In 1928, Mizner suffered a stroke and died two years later on July 9th in Paris.

Programs of St. Stephen's included the Men's Club, Mother's Club, Girls' Friendly Society, Boy Scouts, Women's Auxiliary and also St. Stephen's-in-the-Hills. Located in Allenton, Missouri, St. Stephen's-in-the-Hills served as a country getaway for parishioners (especially for children as a summer camp).

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

The papers contain minutes and reports of various organizations of St. Stephen's Church, such as the Men's Club and Girls' Friendly Society; financial records of the church; items relating to church musical and theatrical performances; correspondence, mostly of Reverend Henry Mizner; items relating to St. Stephen's-in-the-Hills; papers regarding health services; items regarding church members, and newspaper clippings regarding the church.

Box 1

- folder 1 Hymns and carols, 1906-1922 (26 items)
- folder 2 Order of service papers and printed prayers (includes items from Christ Cathedral Church, St. Paul's Episcopal Church and St. Peter's Episcopal Church), 1910-1936 (47 items)
- folder 3 Programs, tickets, advertisements and scripts for church performances including plays, minstrel shows, concerts and recitals, 1904-1933 (64 items)
- folder 4 Programs, tickets, advertisements and scripts for church performances including plays, minstrel shows, concerts and recitals, no date (20 items)
- folder 5 St. Stephen's-in-the-Hills guest book, 1926-1927 (1 item)
- folder 6 Papers regarding St. Stephen's-in-the-Hills, 1907-1918 (52 items)
- folder 7 St. Stephen's-in-the-Hills account book, 1923-1930 (1 item)
- folder 8 Paper regarding St. Stephen's Dispensary and health services, 1917-1920 (10 items)
- folder 9 Papers regarding church membership, 1886-1951 (60 items)

Box 2

- folder 1 Parochial registers 1886-1899 (2 items)
- folder 2 Papers regarding the estate of George D. Barnard, 1915-1923 (18 items)
- folder 3 Announcements for various church events, 1909-1926 (50 items)
- folder 4 Papers regarding articles of association of St. Stephen's Parish, 1920-1921 (4 items)
- folder 5 Papers regarding expansion plan, 1906 (5 items)
- folder 6 Correspondence, estimates and receipts, mostly of A. Blair Ridington (architect) and Brador Construction Company, regarding construction, alterations and repairs to St. Stephen's, 1897-1922 (71 items)
- folder 7 Correspondence, estimates and receipts, mostly of A. Blair Ridington (architect) and Brador Construction Company, regarding construction, alterations and repairs to St. Stephen's, 1923 (12 items)
- folder 8 Tax papers, 1912-1918 (3 items)
- folder 9 General financial papers, 1900-1925 (78 items)
- folder 10 Meeting minutes/reports, 1916-1922 (19 items)
- folder 11 Woman's Auxiliary papers, 1918-1921 (7 items)
- folder 12 Sunday School papers, 1916-1920 (2 items)
- folder 13 Girls' Friendly Society papers, 1915-1922 (3 items)
- folder 14 Men's Club reports, 1920-1921 (3 items)
- folder 15 Mother's Club papers, 1916-1920 (13 items)
- folder 16 Parish Council and Vestry Meeting minutes, 1916-1922 (32 items)
- folder 17 Rector's report, 1935 (2 items)
- folder 18 Advisory Council meeting minutes, 1916-1921 (5 items)
- folder 19 Correspondence to Rev. Mizner, 1902-1911 (75 items)
- folder 20 Correspondence to Rev. Mizner, 1912-1921 (52 items)

Box 3

- folder 1 Correspondence from Rev. Mizner, 1901-1916 (17 items)
- folder 2 General correspondence regarding church matters, 1911-1948 (47 items)

- folder 3 Newspaper articles relating to church and clergy, 1908-1931 (13 items)
- folder 4 Printed matter, 1898-1948 (32 items)
- folder 5 William Henry Key, *A Study of a Religious Institution and Its Relation to the Area in Which It Is Located* (Department of Sociology and Anthropology, Washington University, dissertation, June 1949) (1 item)
- folder 6 Christ Church Cathedral Yearbook 1892, 1897 (2 items)
- folder 7 Miscellaneous (39 items)

Items transferred to Library (8-24-2001)

Seven issues of *The Church News*: January 15, 1902; May 15, 1902; July 1910; November 1913; May 1914; December 1921; April 1922

Nineteen issues of the *Saint Stephen's Chimes*: February 1904; March 1904; May 1904; June 1904; March 1905; January 1906; March 1906; November 1906; April 1911; September 1913; October 1913; November 1913; March 1915; April 1915; May 1915; June 1915; October 3, 1948; November 1948; January 1949; February 1949; March 1949

Annual Report of the Under-Age Free Kindergarten Association 1909-1910 (1 item)