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Abstract

The cornerstone for St. David's Church was laid in 1715 by a group of Welsh settlers in what is currently Radnor Township. During the Revolutionary War, the parish faced turmoil and the absence of a minister for the parishioners. By 1788, the parish once again had leadership, and in 1792, Reverend William Currie incorporated the parish and drew up a charter. The parish continued to grow as railroad lines brought urban dwellers to areas like Radnor that surrounded Philadelphia. For the next century, the parish would erect buildings to accommodate its constituency, providing the parishioners with a new rectory, chapel, parish house, and education building. Currently, the church attends to the religious needs of over one thousand families and holds many events, including an annual fair and auction.

The records of St. David's Church span from 1706 to 2006 and offer insight into the activities of the parishioners and history of the church in Radnor, Pennsylvania. This collection consists of meeting minutes, correspondence, clergy profiles, sermons, histories of the parish, publications, and a variety of images of the church and events. The majority of the records relate to the various church committees, especially the vestry committee, and the sermons of Reverend Thomas G. Clemson.

Background note

At the end of the seventeenth century, Welsh settlers had begun to settle the land in what is now Radnor, Pennsylvania. These Welsh settlers were followers of the Church of England and were left without a minister to lead them in services. On September 2, 1700, the first service of the parish was led by a missionary named William Davis, who was sent by the Society for Propagating the Gospel in Foreign Parts. When he returned to England, the community petitioned the Society for a Welsh-speaking minister and religious books. Reverend John Clubb was appointed the missionary to Radnor Oxford and the cornerstone for the church was laid May 9, 1715.

The parish experienced internal strife several decades after its founding when war broke out between the colonies and England. The pastor at the time was Reverend William Currie, who felt compelled to follow the doctrine of the Church of England even as his

parishioners, including his sons and General Anthony Wayne, took up arms against England. He soon found he was unable to ignore the opposition of even his family members, and Currie resigned in 1776.

St. David's Church found itself without a minister during the Revolutionary War. By 1788, Reverend Slator Clay was the pastor of St. David's Church as well as St. Peter's Church and St. James' Church. Clay also sought the incorporation of the parish and drew up a charter in 1792.

The parish continued to grow as it entered the nineteenth century, and the parish's first school was established in 1820; this was also the first year for confirmation services conducted by Bishop William White. Then in the 1830s, the expanding railroads changes the make-up of the parish. More urban parishioners were now able to attend services at St. David's Church, so a new rectory was built in 1844, making this the first addition to the parish structures since the establishment of the church.

In 1924, a parish house with room for the school was added to the church grounds, and then enlarged in 1950. The construction done in 1950 occurred during the tenure of Reverend John Knewstub, who served as rector of St. David's Church until 1966. Following the construction of the parish house, a chapel and the Knewstub building (an education facility) were erected in 1956 and 1965, respectively. 1965 was the same year that the parish celebrated its 250th anniversary, which included a visit from the bishop of St. David's Church in Wales. Currently St. David's parishioners number over one thousand families.

Scope & content

The records of St. David's Church span three hundred years, from 1706 to 2006, with some materials lacking dates. The bulk of the collection dates to the late twentieth century. The records offer insight into the activities of the parishioners, the responsibilities of the different parish committees and groups (e.g., the vestry), the tenures of the clergy persons, and the history of the church. The records have been divided into four series – *Administration*, *Parish history*, *Sermons of Thomas G. Clemson*, and *Printed materials and images*. The majority of the collection can be found in the administration series and the smallest amount of materials is found in the parish history series.

The first series, *Administration*, is comprised of six subseries (*Registers*; *Vestry committee*; *Other committees*; *Financial and legal*; *Clergy files*; *Miscellaneous*) and spans 1706 to 2005. It represents the largest and most comprehensive series in the collection. The registers encompass the parish's service records, registers of the different ceremonies performed at the church (e.g., marriages, baptisms), and guest registers, which contain visitor information. The vestry committee records as well as the third subseries of other committees are comprised mainly of meeting minutes and a small amount of correspondence. The fourth subseries in *Administration* consists of a small amount of financial and legal papers pertaining to the church. The fifth subseries, *Clergy files*, is a record of many of the clergy persons who have held positions at St. David's Church for three centuries. The files are in alphabetical order according to clergy person and the

materials and biographies appear to have been compiled around 2002. The last subseries contains miscellaneous items including architectural papers, correspondence, and donations and memorials for the church.

Books, other printed materials, and notes on the history of St. David's Church have been placed in the second series, *Parish history*. Two figures are represented among these materials, Francis James Dallett, and Henry Pleasants, both of whom compiled notes on the history of the church and published works about St. David's. Of note is Dallett's research concerning Henry Wadsworth Longfellow, who wrote a poem about his visit to the church in the nineteenth century. The papers concerning several parish anniversary celebrations have been placed in this series.

The third series, *Sermons of Thomas G. Clemson*, is comprised of five boxes of Clemson's sermons mainly from 1859 to 1881 and several letters from the late twentieth century discussing his sermons. There are a group of sermons that are in poor condition and, since they need further repairs, are not available for research at this time.

Printed materials and images consists mainly of the publications of St. David's Church – *The Record*, *Newsletter*, and *The Dove*. There is also a great number of photographs in this series, mostly of the exterior and interior of the church from the nineteenth and early twentieth centuries. A scrapbook containing pictures of the church and articles about the church created by Francis James Dallett in 1978 has been placed in this series. Other pictures in this series are scanned photographs from parish events. Most of the materials in this collection, including vestry minutes, the publications, photographs, donations and memorials information, and the clergy files, have been saved to twenty-to compact discs. These CDs were most likely created in 2002 in preparation for the donation of these materials to the Historical Society of Pennsylvania by a parish committee. They have been placed in this series.

Overview of arrangement

Series I	Administration, ca. 1706-2005, n.d.	10 boxes, 31 volumes, 13 FF
	a. Registers, ca. 1706-2001, n.d.	1 box, 28 volumes
	b. Vestry Committee, 1737-2005, n.d.	4.5 boxes, 3 volumes
	c. Other committees, 1713-2005, n.d.	2 boxes
	d. Financial and legal, 1791-2004, n.d.	.5 box, 1 FF
	e. Clergy Files, [1714]-2005, n.d.	1.5 boxes
	f. Miscellaneous, 1871-2003, n.d.	.5 box 12 FF
Series II	Parish history, ca. 1740-2003, n.d.	1 box, 2 volumes
Series III	Sermons of Rev. Thomas G. Clemson, 1821-2001, n.d.	6 boxes
Series IV	Printed materials and images, ca. 1811-2006, n.d.	6 boxes, 1 volume, 2 FF

Series description

Series 1. Administration, ca. 1706-2005, n.d. (Boxes 1-10, vol. 1-31, FF 1-13)

a. Registers

The Service Record books provide the following information: date of service, time, number of people in attendance, nature of service (Holy Communion, Children's service litany, Sunday school), officiating clergy, and monetary offering total. Whether the service took place in the chapel or the church was also noted. Frequently remarks were made about the weather conditions the day of the service. Volume 2 has the combination for a safe on the inside front cover. In Volume 4, a confirmation service and font dedication are noted.

In the marriage registers, the church documented the marriage ceremonies in chronological order and each volume contains an index. Both the name of the groom and the bride are indexed in the front of each register offering the page with their marriage record. Each marriage record includes the name of the bride, groom, and their parents; the ages and residences of the bride and groom; whether the parties were widowed at the time of the marriage; and the signatures of the witnesses to the ceremony and the officiating minister. Often, the marriage license number is noted at the top of the page as well as the county in which it was obtained. Also, the location of the wedding was noted if the ceremony did not take place at St. David's Church. Two other documents relating to marriages in the parish are a note certifying the marriage of Elizabeth Lewis and Thomas Gibson on May 18, 1741, and a list of marriage licenses on file at St. David's Church as of February 5, 1952. This list documents the names of the licensees, the date of their marriage, and the county in which it occurred.

A visitor signed his or her name and provided the day of the visit and hometown in the guest registers (volumes 19-23). Sometimes there was a space to indicate who introduced the visitor to the church. The guest register from 1982 to 1991, which has been removed from its binder and foldered, consists of the visitors' names, home address, date they visited the church, and general comments. Examples of some comments were that the church was a "peaceful place," "impressive," and "quietly inviting." The guest registers span from 1926 to 1991 with few gaps in the record.

The parish register combines the lists of communicants, baptisms, marriages, confirmations, and burials into one volume with an index of names. The communicants section of the book provides the date one entered the church and notes concerning marriages and deaths. The baptism section consists of the name of the baptized person; birth date; location of birth; baptismal date; gender; the names of his or her parents; the names of the sponsors; and the officiating minister. Besides noting the date of the ceremony, the confirmation section provides the name of the officiating bishop. The marriage section has the same information that is provided in the previously mentioned marriage registers. The location of interment; cause of death; date of death; and minister are listed in the burial section of this volume.

The register of communicants (Volume 25) contains the same information as the communicants section of the parish register. This includes the name of the communicant, date received, how and when received, and memoranda. The volume has a name index.

A record book (Volume 26) has been placed in this series, which contains some of the earliest information about the church in this collection. With information dating to about 1706, this volume consists of various meeting minutes (e.g. vestry, congregation, Society for Propagating the Gospel); birth dates of parishioners including various members of the Morgan family; subscription (frequently for pews) and debt payments received by the church. The vestry men often settled disputes arising from the purchase of land for pews. In 1747, brothers Isaac and Francis Wayne each laid claim to a pew location belonging to the late Anthony Wayne (most likely the grandfather of Revolutionary general Anthony Wayne) and John Hunter. Eventually the matter was settled and each brother received part of the land on which the pew was located. There are also records of payments made for building maintenance – “settled with Samuel Pugh for his mason work at the church wall and horse block.” The church’s article of incorporation dated July 24, 1791 has also been recorded in this volume. Volume 27 is a photocopy of this Volume 26.

Volume 28, the rector’s record, contains a combination of the records previously mentioned. The parish’s baptisms, marriages, and burials were recorded in this volume. Of note in this volume is 1903 correspondence between former pastor Thomas Yocom and J.H. Lamb in which Yocom informed Lamb of a mistake in an entry for a marriage from 1861.

The parish directories (membership list in 1956) are alphabetical listings of the clergy and parishioners of St. David’s Church and were mostly given to the people in the parish. In the earlier directories, the parishioners’ street addresses and phone numbers are listed, but by 1989 the directories took the form of a photo album. Parishioners submitted pictures of their families to be placed in the directory with captions identifying those pictured without giving further personal information.

b. Vestry Committee

The Vestry Committee consists of about 12 members of the parish and has an administrative role in the parish as set forth in the act of incorporation from March 22, 1951. For example, the members tended to church business in the absence of the rector. The Vestry Committee of St. David’s Church held its meetings in several locations, including the vestry room (main location), the racquet club, and the parish house. This subseries is comprised mainly of the committee’s meeting minutes. The earlier minutes (volumes 29-30) represent a small portion of the vestry records in this collection. The 1902 meeting minutes are a memorial to the late rector George Alexander Kellor.

From the 1940s to the 1960s, the committee was concerned with a variety of activities in the parish. Meetings were held about every two months and the rector’s report and warden’s report were read aloud. The warden was the financial officer

and his report offered information about the incomes and expenditures for the parish's graveyard accounts, memorial parish house, and missions. There were also Real Estate and Finance committees within the Vestry Committee. The former oversaw the sextons and the church grounds.

Events of note in the meeting minutes of this time period, include the retirement letter of Reverend Crosswell McBee (April 2, 1945) and discussion of his successor (June 1, 1945) and the planning of the parish's 250th anniversary. The April 1957 minutes shed light on the different people involved with the vestry – secretaries, treasurer, sexton (who was a salaried employee), organist, choirmaster, Real Estate, Finance, and Audit committees, and delegates to diocesan convention. Also mixed throughout the meeting minutes are the annual congregation meeting minutes; “regulations governing the sale, use, and care of burial lots;” and a large amount of financial information, such as operating account information (see 1.d. for further financial information). The 1966 minutes note Rector Reverend Knewstub's death and the parish's attempt to aid his family, which was in debt after his death (June-July 1966).

Starting in the 1970s, meeting minutes discuss the endowment; the establishment of a “St. David's memorial fund” to care for the “grounds and buildings with priority given to the old church and graveyard” (1973); the nursery school's enrollment; outside projects (e.g., daycares, blood drives); building of a new rectory, school building, and chapel; the addition of an atrium room to the Knewstub Building; the establishment of the “every member visitation” committee, which was charged with block collections for the church; and profiles of different commissions within the vestry. These committees included: Worship (people involved in services-acolytes, music), Fellowship (men and women's fellowships, coffee hour, fair committee), Youth, and Christian Education (people in charge of getting speakers, organizing dinners, prayer group).

The correspondence of various members of the Vestry Committee has been placed in this subseries. William P. Morris served as the secretary of the vestry in the early twentieth century and his correspondence touches on the proposal to replace the church's pulpit in 1912; the relationship between church funds and money placed in the Old Eagle Legacy Fund; and the closure of Church Road (see 1.d. for more about Church Road). The letters of Accounting Warden Henry P. Conner, Francis R. Wood, and R. Brognard (the latter two were most likely wardens too) were also concerned with the closure of Church Road.

The correspondence of William P. Drake and Rector John Knewstub occurred after the tenure of Morris, Conner, Wood, and Brognard. Drake was secretary of the vestry in the 1950s and his letters date to 1955. He wrote to the congregation about the church expansion and the congregation meeting; these printed, formal letters were most likely widely circulated. Knewstub's correspondence, which has been placed in this subseries, informed the congregation about parish meetings, Sunday school, a new group therapy program, and money needed for capital improvements. There is also a letter to Knewstub from Charles Carroll Suffren, in which Suffren

recollects the circumstances under which Henry Wadsworth Longfellow wrote his poem about St. David's Church. The general vestry correspondence has been placed here.

Note that there is a gap in the vestry meeting minutes from July 1990 to December 2001. A copy of the vestry meeting minutes (1894-1990, 2002-2005) is on a CD found in Box 22, except for the folders labeled "secretary's file." These papers are most likely more informal minutes for the use of the vestry secretary with his personal notes.

c. Other committees

Besides the Vestry Committee, there were several other committees that held various roles at St. David's Church. In this subseries, the oldest records were produced by the Society for Propagating the Gospel in Foreign Parts. There are typed abstracts of meeting minutes that date to the 1700s. They discuss the appointment of Mr. Clubb as the church's missionary, most likely to Barbados.

The committee of Episcopal Churchwomen was reactivated in 1977 in order to help with the church fair, meals on wheels, and hospital visits. According to the committee records, the members "provide a working background for spiritual growth and leadership among the women of our parish, to aid our Church where we are able, and to minister to the needs of others."

There are also records relating to the Altar Society and its later incarnation, the Altar Guild. This body oversaw the objects placed on the church's altar – candles, plates, and linens. The papers include member lists, correspondence thanking people for donations, handbooks, and lists of altar hangings and who they memorialize.

According to its records, the Historical Committee was appointed in 1950 to "preserve the books, records, and relics relating to St. David's Church." The materials in this part of the collection relate to the committee's activities tracing the history of the parish, its grounds, and parishioners; the committee is most likely responsible for the biographical information in the clergy files (see 1.e.). Of note are the 1953 meeting minutes, which mention that the church gave some records (3 record books and a minute book) to the Historical Society of Pennsylvania for safe-keeping. When the committee reformed in the 1980s, the records show that it had begun to organize the church materials and create an archives and a type of collections management system. The members were separating manuscripts, photos, maps, scrapbooks; making inventories for each category, and recording the supplies needed. The members divided themselves into three groups to accomplish their organizational goals – manuscripts, books, and photographs. Martin Snyder was the chairman of the committee in the 1950s and his correspondence dealt with donations of pictures, the preservation of the church, and the history of changes to the building.

The other committees represented in this collection are the Parish Fair, Horticultural, and Parish Council committees. They are mainly meeting minutes and lists of

members. The Parish Fair Committee records are rich with information about the planning of the annual event (e.g., expenses for booths, floorplans).

d. Financial and legal

The financial records in this collection consist of bills, receipts, fundraising papers, stewardship program papers, budget information and appeal letters. Most of the records are from the twentieth century, but some bills and receipts date to the 1800s. One bill is for “work done on the Radnor church burial ground in 1809.” There is also information about the church’s account with John Brook and his payment for “bushels of limes.” Another set of items reveals that parishioners were not happy with decisions by the church administration regarding use of money from fundraising efforts; some people wrote letters withdrawing from the parish. There are many legacies, which represented money someone gave “to be invested in legal securities” with profits going to the upkeep of their burial plot. There are also records concerning the Old Eagle School Legacy Fund (the church put money in this fund) with financial reports.

The church’s constitution and by-laws; burial plot records; and materials dealing with the closing of Church Road comprise the legal records. The burial plot records include a 1916 deed allowing subdivision of land for burial plots. The church’s articles of incorporation (both original and subsequent copies) are also among the legal records and they offer specific information about the roles of the vestry and rector, administration of the church land, and investments. The majority of legal records discuss the closing of Church Road as early as 1913. Radnor Township decided on July 28, 1916, that the road should be closed because it was burdensome but the church opposed this decision. On August 19, 1916, the rector, church warden, and vestrymen filed for a jury of review in Court of Quarter Sessions in Delaware County stating that the closure would cause “loss, inconvenience, and damage to the people of St. David’s.” In 1919, the courts overturned the decision and opened the road. The appellants’ books from the case are also included.

e. Clergy files

The clergy files are folders containing biographical information, articles, family pictures, programs, letters, papers produced by the clergy person, and other papers concerning clergy persons who have served St. David’s Church. These files, arranged alphabetically, were most likely compiled by the Historical Committee in 2002. Each file has a research sheet and biographical information created by historian Francis James Dallett (see Series 2). The facts on the biographical sheets specify the clergy persons’ church position (e.g., temporary rector), birth date, death date, dates at the church, family information, education, and responsibilities at St. David’s. Dating these materials was difficult because many are scans or photocopies. Brackets around a year signify the year the original document was produced, but that the document in the collection is a reproduction. Also included, an article by Dallett, “Griffith Hughes Dissected,” profiles Hughes, a naturalist and missionary to Barbados.

The clergy files are included on the CDs in Box 22.

f. Miscellaneous

The records in this subseries mainly include various inventories and donation lists. People purchased many items for the church, such as linens, candles, and communion plates. There is also information about appraisals done by Samuel T. Freeman and Company. The vestry room was inventoried around 1975 and that list is among these papers. There is correspondence between Rev. Richard Hess and Richard DuPont regarding the history the "DuPont Chair," which was donated to the church. A list of the records the church donated to the Historical Society of Pennsylvania in the 1950s is among these materials.

There is also a group of records concerning the vestry room and architecture projects. Correspondence between Henry Pleasants and Joseph Sharp discussing the vestry room addition dates to 1871 (letter is a scan of the original). Then a letter from 1874 mentions the construction of a walkway on the church grounds. Also included are an 1893 article protesting architectural changes accompanied by the architect's specifications, a timeline tracing architectural changes to the church and graveyard between 1700 and 1993, and several large sketches and blueprints.

In 1940, George Harrison, treasurer of the Philadelphia Branch of the American-English Ambulance Corps, wrote to Reverend Crosswell McBee urging him to donate to the war effort after he had said it was not the church's "affair." The church gave the corps \$1350 on October 3, 1940, for which there is an acknowledgement, newspaper picture, and two photographs.

The other items in this subseries include burial lot plans, gravestone rubbings, and a lecture penned by an unknown author titled "On Atonements," with a written reflection on the lecture.

The donation and inventory information can be found on CD in Box 22.

Series 2. Parish History, ca. 1740-2003, n.d. (Box 10-11, vol. 32-33)

The parish history materials are comprised of books, articles, correspondence, and other miscellaneous items dealing with the past events of the parish, its establishment, and its place in the history of Pennsylvania. Much of the parish history materials consists of the research and writings of University of Pennsylvania archivist Francis James Dallett and Henry Pleasants. Another copy of Dallett's article "Griffith Hughes Dissected" has been placed here as well as his correspondence. Dallett corresponded with Reverend Hess of St. David's in the 1970s about his research into the parish's history. Dallett was also interested in Longfellow's connection to St. David's and he wrote to Andrew Hilen, a professor at the University of Washington, who sent Dallett copies of Longfellow letters that were in his possession. Also among Dallett's papers is research into Longfellow and General Anthony Wayne, who was a member of the parish. There are typed transcriptions of Longfellow correspondence (Box 10 Folder 25). "The Beginning of the Church" was a thesis written by William Hershey in 1964 and the copy in this collection has corrections written by an unknown person.

A scan of an Anthony Wayne letter was a gift to the church. In the letter, Wayne tells Wilkinson, who is at Fort Jefferson, about the state of affairs with several Native American tribes. Wayne writes that a white man living among the Indians (captured at one point) told him that British agents were dissuading the Indians from peace talks and were giving them arms as long as they continued to fight the Americans.

Materials dealing with various parish anniversaries have been placed in this series, because they often include historical sketches of the church. There are programs, articles, and an address delivered by Samuel Pennypacker profiling the church at the 200th anniversary in 1915. In 1976, the church organized a special tour of St. David's in commemoration of the nation's bicentennial. The tour guide book contains a lot of information about the history of the parish in order to aid the people conducting the tours. The 300th anniversary of the parish was noted by the 106th Congress on September 28, 2000 (Box 16 Folder 30). The House of Representatives declared March 1st "St. David's Day" in honor of Welsh Americans (Box 16 Folder 31).

The church's application for Pennsylvania's Register of Historic Sites and Landmarks was resubmitted in 1977 and has been placed here because Dallett was involved in the application. Two other items that are loosely connected to parish history and can be found in this series are George Robison's music and vocals book and a lecture titled "On Atonements" by an unknown author. The music and vocals book consists of short odes written for several towns in the United Kingdom. These two objects have been placed with the parish history items due to their age – the book is from 1785 and the lecture is from some time between 1740 and 1835.

Copies of the anniversary papers can be found on CD in Box 22.

Series 3. Sermons of Thomas G. Clemson, 1821-2001, n.d. (Boxes 11-15, 21)

The sermons of Reverend Thomas G. Clemson, who was the rector of St. David's Church from 1861 to 1866, represent some of the oldest materials in this collection.¹ Most of the sermons were written between 1859 and 1872. Each sermon is a little hand-written pamphlet and the date reflects the year the sermon was first delivered (subsequent years are often listed on the sermon). The sermons also have various locations listed on them, most likely referring to the place where the sermons were delivered. The following Pennsylvania and New York locations are mentioned: Radnor, Holmesburg, Claymont, Port Kennedy, Amsterdam, Potsdam, Morristown, Clyde, and Aurora.

The sermons are numbered 1 to 255 with some miscellaneous Lenten sermons at the end. Each sermon begins with a scripture passage and often has a title. Some titles include: "The Intellectual Difference From the Spiritual," "The Study of the Bible," "Mercy and Not Sacrifice," "The True Philosophy of Religion," "Good and Bad

¹ He was probably a cousin of the Thomas G. Clemson who founded Clemson University.

Foundations,” and “Missions: The Necessity of the Missions and the Glory of the Work.”

1980s correspondence discussing the donation of the sermons has been placed with them. Eleanor Smith gave the sermons to Reverend Hess and the historical committee in 1983, and then John L. Montgomery, who was in charge of the church's archives, corresponded with the American Philosophical Society in 2001 to see what Clemson materials could be found there.

There are sermons that require further conservation in Box 22 and are not available to researchers until the conservation is completed. They do not appear to be part of the sequence of sermons 1 to 255.

Series 4. Printed materials and images, ca. 1811-2006, n.d. (Boxes 16-22, vol. 34, FF 14-15)

There is a large number of pictures in this collection and they range in date, with many lacking dates. There are many shots of the church (especially the exterior), the graveyard, and the grounds. There are also several pictures of church doorways and the altar. If no date was noted, someone often tried to pinpoint the year by observing the different architectural features present in the photograph. For example, one picture dates to before 1811 because it is “without the Wayne monument.” Many pictures have been scanned and these scans accompany the original picture, photograph, engraving, or postcard. The more recent pictures show architectural projects for Harrison Memorial Parish House and chapel in 2002. There are also scanned photographs from the parish fairs and choir trip that have been printed out. The pictures that are on CD in Box 22 have been printed out as well and placed in Box 16 (the files are numbered 1-94); the originals can be found throughout the collection. Most of the pictures on the CD have a caption describing the scanned picture, photograph, or postcard.

John Montgomery scanned a photo album belonging to his uncle Edward Halsey. Montgomery stated that the pictures depict “Uncle Ned's Wayne” and wrote a biography of his uncle that accompanies the pictures. Francis James Dallett compiled pictures and articles with information dating to the nineteenth century into a scrapbook in 1978 (Volume 34).

The printed materials in this last series mainly consist of the St. David's Church bulletin. This publication was originally titled *The Record*, then *The Newsletter* from 1969 to 1975, and *The Dove* after 1975. Originally issued on a quarterly basis and then more frequently after the 1950s, the bulletin announced events, updates on construction, deaths, baptisms, weddings, communicants, activities of the different social groups, and the church fair. The first issue of *The Dove* mentions the origins of the name: the legend of St. David says he was giving a speech, having been known as a great orator, and the ground below him raised and a dove perched on his shoulder.

A separate publication, *Mission and Ministry*, showcased the ways in which parishioners could be involved at the church and highlights the work of different

church groups (e.g., Fellowship Commission, Christian Education Commission, Youth Commission, Worship Commission, St. David's Supper Club). It seems to have been released annually.

In 1978, the Women's Auxiliary of St. David's Church compiled *A Cookbook for All Seasons* with recipes from parishioners.

The ephemera consist of scans of flyers and *The Dove* articles relating to the church fair and auction art show, anniversary, and Christmas pageant articles. Other items in this series include a poster for an art exhibition and sale, a few articles about Anthony Wayne's gravesite, three copies of the seal for the Society for Propagating the Gospel in Foreign Parts, and some church stationery.

Most of the images depicting the church and grounds and parish events, the postcards, and issues of *The Record* and *The Dove* until 2005 are represented on CDs in Box 22.

The CDs in Box 22 contain scans of material that have been or will be delivered to the Historical Society of Pennsylvania and cover the contents of twenty-five of St. David's library albums of archival material. Additional research material has been added and updated by the donor. The majority of the material on the CDs is the images and publications found elsewhere in this series.

Related materials

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Processing note

Box 21 contains sermons from Series 3 that are still in need of extensive conservation
and are not serviceable to researchers.

Box and Folder Listing

Series 1. Administration a. Registers

Folder Title	Date	Box/vol	Folder
Service record book	June 2, 1918-March 25, 1921	Vol. 1	
Service record book	January 1, 1922-June 24, 1945	Vol. 2	
Service record book	September 1950-April 1956	Vol. 3	
Item removed from Vol. 3	February 18, 1957	1	1
Service record book	January 1957-April 1963	Vol. 4	
Register of services	June 17, 1966- December 30, 1970	Vol. 5	
Register of services	January 1, 1971-May 27, 1973	Vol. 6	
Register of services	May 28, 1973-August 31, 1977	Vol. 7	
Register of services	September 1, 1977-December 31, 1980	Vol. 8	
Items removed from Vol. 8	n.d.	1	2
Register of services	January 2, 1981-December 31, 1983	Vol. 9	
Item removed from Vol. 9	December 1983	1	3
Register of services	January 1, 1984-November 9, 1986	Vol. 10	
Item removed from Vol. 10	c. 1985	1	4
Register of services	November 10, 1986-April 14, 1991	Vol. 11	
Register of services	April 14, 1991-November 24, 1994	Vol. 12	
Register of services	November 27, 1994-November 23, 1997	Vol. 13	
Marriage register	November 15, 1941-June 9, 1951	Vol. 14	
Marriage register	May 18, 1963-September 6, 1969	Vol. 15	
Marriage register	September 6, 1969-May 5, 1973	Vol. 16	
Marriage register	May 26, 1973-May 20, 1977	Vol. 17	
Marriage register	May 9, 1981-August 4, 1984	Vol. 18	
Guest register	July 25, 1926-April 13, 1932	Vol. 19	
Guest register, Vol. 2	April 25, 1932-September 18, 1937	Vol. 20	

Guest register, Vol. 3	November 7, 1937-January 13, 1946	Vol. 21	
Guest register, Vol. 4	January 20, 1946-May 31, 1950	Vol. 22	
Guest register	November 23, 1973-December 1, 1981	Vol. 23	
Guest register	March 20, 1982-December 28, 1991	16	27-28
Parish register	1937-1953	Vol. 24	
Items removed from Vol. 24	1939-1941	1	5
Register of communicants	January 1, 1919-December 31, 1977	Vol. 25	
Record book	ca. 1706-1819	Vol. 26	
Record book (copy)	ca. 1706-1819	Vol. 27	
Rector's record	1833-1900	Vol. 28	
Item removed from Vol. 27	ca. 1788	1	6
Membership list	1956	1	7
Parish directory	1975-1976	1	8
Parish directory	1979-1980	1	9
Parish directory	1984	1	10
Parish directory	ca. 1989	1	11
Parish directory	1993	1	12
Parish directory	1995-1996	1	13
Parish directory	ca. 1998	1	14
Parish directory	1998	1	15
Parish directory	October 2001	1	16
Marriage certificate note for Thomas Gibson and Elizabeth Lewis	ca. 1741	1	17
Marriage licenses & transfer parishioners	1952	1	18

Series 1. Administration b. Vestry Committee

Folder Title	Date	Box/vol	Folder
Minute book of the vestry and the congregation of St. David's Church	1820-1894	Vol. 29	
Item removed from Vol. 29	January 27, 1931	1	19

Minute book of the vestry and the congregation of St. David's Church	1894-1921	Vol. 30	
Item removed from Vol. 30	May 20, 1930	1	20
Vestry meeting minutes	1902, 1908, 1943-1956	1	21-29
Vestry meeting minutes and financial records	March 28, 1921-April 24, 1943	Vol. 31	
Vestry meeting minutes	1957-1966	2	1-7
Vestry meeting minutes (secretary file)	1966	2	8-9
Vestry meeting minutes	1967	2	10-11
Vestry meeting minutes (secretary file)	1967	2	12
Vestry meeting minutes	1968	2	13-14
Vestry meeting minutes (secretary file)	1968	3	1
Vestry meeting minutes	1969	3	2
Vestry meeting minutes (secretary file)	1969	3	3-4
Vestry meeting minutes	1970	3	5
Vestry meeting minutes (secretary file)	1970	3	6
Vestry meeting minutes	1971	3	7
Vestry meeting minutes (secretary file)	1971	3	8
Vestry meeting minutes	1972-1974	3	9-11
Vestry meeting minutes (secretary file)	1973-1974	3	12
Vestry meeting minutes	1975-1978	3	13-16
Vestry meeting minutes	1979-1985	4	1-11
Vestry meeting minutes	1986-1989	5	1-13
Vestry meeting minutes	January-June 1990	6	1-2
Vestry meeting minutes	January 2002	6	3
Vestry meeting minutes	March-June 2002	6	4
Vestry meeting minutes	September-December 2002	6	5
Vestry meeting minutes	2003-2004	6	6-12
Architectural plans removed from vestry minutes	December 2004	6	13
Vestry meeting minutes	2005	6	14-17
Correspondence: John C. Knewstub	September 1953-June 1960	7	1

Correspondence: William Paul Morris (secretary)	May 1905-May 1924, n.d.	7	2-3
Correspondence: R. Francis Wood	June 1908-September 1919	7	4
Correspondence: Henry Conner (accounting warden)	June 1913-July 1926, n.d.	7	5
Correspondence: R. Brognard Okie	August 1912-July 1926	7	6
Correspondence: William P. Drake (secretary)	1955	7	7
Correspondence: general vestry	May 1903-July 1966	7	8

Series 1. Administration c. Other committees

Folder Title	Date	Box/vol	Folder
Society for Propagating the Gospel: minutes (abstracts)	1713-1905	7	9
Episcopal Churchwomen: minutes and reports	May 1977-May 1980	7	10
Episcopal Churchwomen: event committee papers	1977-1980	7	11
Episcopal Churchwomen: event clippings and ephemera	September 1977-May 1982, n.d.	7	12-13
Episcopal Churchwomen: mailings	October 1997-November 1981	7	14
Altar Society: minutes	February 25, 1937-January 26, 1944; November 1, 1978	7	15
Altar Guild: annual reports	1996-97, 1999-2000	7	16
Altar Guild: correspondence and member lists	July 24, 1953-1976	7	17
Altar Guild: bank books	January 26, 1963-February 1979	7	18
Altar Guild: memorials	1953-1968, n.d.	7	19

Altar Guild: handbooks	1968, 1990, n.d.	7	20
Altar Guild: handbooks	1995, 1998, 2001	7	21
Historical Committee: minutes and reports	May 1950-June 1953, February 1983-March 1984	7	22
Historical Committee: correspondence	October 1911, March 1954	7	23
Correspondence: Martin P. Snyder	April 1955-January 1966	7	24
Correspondence: Martin P. Snyder (donation to HSP)	1952-1953	7	25
Historical Committee: Philadelphia Open House tours	1985	8	1
Parish Fair Committee: minutes	1948-1959	8	2
Parish Fair Committee: minutes and reports	1960-1966	8	3-5
Parish Fair Committee: Book Committee reports	1954-1982	8	6
Parish Fair Committee: gourmet food booth reports	1970-1979	8	7
Parish Fair Committee: correspondence & miscellaneous	1959-1966, n.d.	8	8
Parish Council: minutes	May 1954-May 1964	8	9
Horticultural society papers	1963, 1975, n.d.	8	10
Annual congregational meeting	May 1, 2005	8	11
Miscellaneous committees: minutes	May 21, 1884-August 15, 1955	8	12

Series 1. Administration d. Financial and legal

Folder Title	Date	Box/vol	Folder
Bills and receipts	1806-1815, 1915	8	13
Financial statements	1912-1919	8	14
Financial statements	1962, 1988	8	15
Financial Committee resolutions and papers	1912-1919, n.d.	8	16

Papers for fundraising for new chapel	1955-1956	8	17
Stewardship program	Fall 1964	8	18
Development correspondence	1922; May 28, 1959-November 8, 1965	8	19
Missionary drive for Uganda: correspondence	April 25, 1985-May 21, 1986	8	20
Correspondence regarding the Old Eagle legacies	1908-1910	8	21
Legacies	1913-1918	8	22
Budget and other papers	1911, 1959, 1960	9	1
Constitution and by-laws (reprinted) with correspondence	1791, 1955	9	2
Articles of incorporation	1791, 1951, 1968	9	3
Articles of incorporation	April 10, 1793	FF 1	
Vacating Church Road: meeting	May 31, 1916	9	4
Vacating Church Road: papers	June 15, 1914-1916	9	5
Vacating Church Road: papers	1916, 1920, 1945	9	6
Rector, church warden and vestrymen v. William H. Sayen, et. al.	January 1913	9	7
Church self-study and campaign study	1955, n.d.	9	8
Miscellaneous legal papers	1889-1913	9	9

Series 1. Administration e. Clergy files, [1714]-2005, n.d.

Folder Title	Date	Box/vol	Folder
Chronological and alphabetical lists	c. 2000, 2005	9	10
Allen-Atwater	1976-2002, n.d.	9	11
Backhouse-Blatz	1954-2003, n.d. [1746]	9	12
Blindenbacher-Brown	1890-1983, n.d.	9	13
Childs-Clay	1954-2002, n.d.	9	14
Clemson	1898-2001, n.d.	9	15
Clubb-Currie	[1714]-2001, n.d.	9	16
Evans-Graham	1856-2002, n.d.	9	17

Haag	1998-2002, n.d.	9	18
Halsey	[1867]-1955	9	19
Halsey sermon	September 4, 1867	9	20
Harig-Harrity	1997-2005, n.d.	9	21
Hess	1963-2001	9	22
Hopkins-Howlett	1967-2001	9	23
Huff-Humphreys	2000-2001, n.d.	9	24
Hughes	1736, 1952-1955, n.d.	9	25
Jacobson-Keller	ca. 1882-2002, n.d.	9	26
Knewstub	1935-2002, n.d.	9	27
Lamb	1903-2002, n.d.	10	1
McBee	1939-2002, n.d.	10	2
McClellan-Moore	1976-2005, n.d.	10	3
Moroney-Peck	1954-2002, n.d.	10	4
Rees-Smith	1921-2003, n.d.	10	5
Spears-Wilmer	1954-2002, n.d.	10	6

Series 1. Administration f. Miscellaneous, 1735-2003, n.d.

Folder Title	Date	Box/vol	Folder
Correspondence	1890-1950, n.d.	10	7-8
Correspondence regarding vestry room addition [original and copy]	March-April 1871	10	9
Papers regarding redesign of new chapel	2003-2004	10	10
Architectural papers	1874-2003, n.d.	10	11-12
Architectural papers	January 27, 1925	16	29
Blueprints for colonial Lich gate with letter	September 1900-July 1901	FF 2	
Blueprints	1924-1950	FF 3-4	
Church manuscripts: lists, locations and donation to the Historical Society of Pennsylvania	1950, 1952, n.d.	10	13
List of memorials (donations)	October 1953, 1979	10	14
Church inventories	1975, 1984, n.d.	10	15
Richard Dupont chair donation: correspondence and picture	1979	10	16

Inventory and appraisal	December 1971	10	17
Book donations to the church	n.d.	10	18
Church donation to British-American Ambulance Corps	August-December 1940	10	19
Burial lot papers	1912	10	20
Burial lot plans	1864	FF 5	
Gravestone rubbings	n.d.	FF 6-9	
Gravestone rubbings (copies)	n.d.	FF 10-13	

Series 2. Parish history, ca. 1740-2001, n.d.

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"On Atonements"	ca. 1740-1835	10	21
Church histories by Henry Pleasants	ca. 1915	10	22
Francis James Dallett correspondence	February 18, 1970-December 6, 1978	10	23
Dallett research	ca. 1970-c. 1984, n.d.	10	24
Dallett's Longfellow research	[1876-1886], c. 1949	10	25
"Griffith Hughes Dissected" by Francis James Dallett	November 1955	10	26
Correspondence, General Anthony Wayne to General Wilkinson (scan)	March 14, 1794	10	27
Historical sketches	ca. 1875, 1898	10	28
"Old Welsh Church of St. David's, Radnor in Delaware County, Pa."	1905	10	29
Published writings about St. David's Church and a church timeline	1923-1929	10	30
Parish profile	1997	10	31
Notes and revisions	1954-2001, n.d.	10	32

“The Beginning of a Church” by William E. Hershey (with notes)	1964	11	1
Reverend George A. Keller notes	n.d.	11	2
Burial ground vandalism papers	April 1937	11	3
Parish anniversaries: programs and papers	1915-1966, n.d.	11	4
Parish anniversaries: correspondence	September 1914-January 1915, September 1965, n.d.	11	5
200 th Anniversary: Samuel W. Pennypacker address	September 4, 1915	11	6
300 th Anniversary: Tom Ridge and Arlen Specter recognition	2000	11	7
300 th Anniversary: congressional recognition	September-October 2000	11	8
300 th Anniversary: congressional recognition	September-October 2000	16	30-31
House of Representatives resolution announcing “St. David’s Day”	March 1, 1988	16	32
Bicentennial study session study papers	1975-1976	11	9
Notebook for bicentennial tour guides	1976	11	10-12
Certificate designating St. David’s an official Delaware County bicentennial site	May 3, 1975	16	33
Application for Pennsylvania Register of Historic Sites and Landmarks	1977	11	13

<i>The History of Old St. David's Church, Radnor, in Delaware County, Pennsylvania with a Complete Alphabetical List of Wardens and Vestrymen, and of Interments in the Graveyard, 1700-1906</i>	1907	Vol. 32	
George Robison vocals and music book	May 1785	Vol. 33	
Printed histories and brochures	1948, n.d.	11	14

Series 3. Sermons of Rev. Thomas G. Clemson, 1821-2001, n.d.

Folder Title	Date	Box	Folder
Sermons 1-21	1859-1860	11	15-21
Sermons 22-69	1860-1861	12	1-16
Sermons 70-126	1861-1864	13	1-19
Sermons 127-192	1864-1866	14	1-22
Sermons 193-255	1866-1872	15	1-21
Lecture for Lent	April 1867	15	22
Sermon	April 1881	15	23
Sermons (**closed: need further conservation)	1821-1824, n.d.	21	
Miscellaneous sermons	n.d.	15	24
Correspondence regarding sermons	1983-2001, n.d.	15	25

Series 4. Printed materials and images

Folder title	Date	Box/vol	Folder
Scrapbook	1978	Vol. 34	
Church with General Wayne Monument, engraving by Cornelius Tiebout	ca. 1812	16	1
Constant Guillou photograph of church	1860	16	2
Photograph of church exterior	ca. 1880-1890s	16	3

Photograph of church exterior	1905	16	4
Photograph of church interior	ca. 1905	16	5
Photographs of church and grounds	1910, n.d.	16	6
Photographs and postcards	ca. 1860-ca. 1890	16	7
Interior and exterior photographs of the church	1952	16	8
Harrison Memorial Parish House photographs	October 2002	16	9
Chapel photographs	October 2002	16	10
Henry Pleasants at the Camp in Valley Forge	n.d.	16	11
Edward Halsey photo album (scanned)	c. 1890	16	12
Scanned pictures from the CD (files 1-64)	1829-1947, n.d.	16	13
Scanned pictures from the CD (files 65-94)	1950-2001, n.d.	16	14
Church without General Wayne Monument, engraving	Pre-1811	16	15
“An After Meeting in the Sixties” (photo)	ca. 1860s	16	16
Photographs of church exterior	ca. 1880, ca. 1890, late nineteenth century	16	17-19
Photographs of St. David's cross	n.d.	16	20
Photograph of church doorway	n.d.	16	21
C.S. Bradford photographs of church exterior	n.d.	16	22-23
C.S. Bradford photograph of church graveyard	n.d.	16	24
C.S. Bradford photograph of church interior and altar	n.d.	16	25

Church engraving by John Dalziel and A.H. Markley	1884	16	26
View of the church (pencil sketch)	n.d.	FF 14	
Church stationery image	1947	17	1
Seal for Society for Propagating the Gospel in Foreign Parts (3 copies)	n.d.	17	2
Choir trip to Wells, England: itinerary with photos	July 2004	17	3
Church fair and country auction pictures (scanned)	October 1, 2005	17	4
Church fair articles and ephemera	1950-1961	17	5
Church fair and country auction articles and ephemera	1990-2005	17	6-7
Art show programs, articles, and pictures	2002-2003	17	8
Anniversary programs and announcements	1945-1965	17	9
Anniversary articles	1908-1951, 1965	17	10
Christmas pageant articles	1949, 2000-2002	17	11
Music at St. David's: programs, articles, and announcements	October 23, 2003-February 2005	17	12
Newspaper clippings regarding Anthony Wayne's grave	May-September 1894	17	13
Newspaper clippings	1880-1967	17	14
Newspaper clippings	1964-1968, 1982	17	15
Miscellaneous printed items	1919-2003, n.d.	17	16
Juried Art Exhibition and Sale poster	ca. April 2002	FF 15	
<i>A Cookbook for All Seasons</i>	1978	17	17
<i>Mission and Ministry</i>	1998-2002	17	18-21
<i>The Record</i>	1920-1969	18	1-19
<i>Nensletter</i>	June 1969-September 1975	19	1-4
<i>The Dove</i>	October 1975-December 1992	19	5-12
<i>The Dove</i>	1993-2005	20	1-12

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