



St. Peter's Church records, 1834-1967 SCHS 327.00

Description: 3 linear ft.

Biographical/historical note: St. Peter's Episcopal Church (Charleston, S.C.) was incorporated in December 1833 and the church on Logan Street was consecrated in December 1835. By 1841 its congregation consisted of 132 white families and 45 colored families. In the summer of 1844 it opened a day school for colored children, and in 1859 it organized "St. Peter's Colored Sunday School." The church was destroyed by fire in December 1861 and its brick walls were dismantled and sold in the late 1860s. The congregation reorganized in 1927, and in 1930 they merged with Christ Church on Rutledge Avenue (Charleston, S.C.) to form a new St. Peter's Church at that site.

Scope and content: Records consist of correspondence (1927-1957), financial records (1850-1956), registers of baptisms, marriages, and funerals (1834-1861), and registers of church services at St. Peter's (1939-1967). Also included are records of several auxiliary organizations, including minutes of the St. Peter's Education Society (1839-1849), the Reorganized Men of St. Peter's Episcopal Church (1952-1955), and the St. Peter's Church Laymen's League (1936-1937). Much of this material is available on microfilm (SCHS 54/17-18).

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Search terms:

Episcopal Church -- South Carolina -- Charleston.
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Episcopalians -- South Carolina -- Charleston.
Registers of births, etc. -- South Carolina -- Charleston.
Financial records.
Letters (correspondence)
Minutes.

327.01 (C) 01: Correspondence, 1927-1957: One folder of miscellaneous correspondence, 19 May 1927 to 1957.

327.01 (F) 01 (m) 01: Financial Records, 1850-1956

327.01 (F) 01 (c) 01 (1850-1867): "Cash Book" (1 volume), 1 June 1850 to June 1867. This book was created in consequence of the destruction of the books and papers of St. Peter's Episcopal Church due to the fire of 24 June 1850

327.01 (F) 01 (m) 01 (1934-1956): "Miscellaneous Financial Records." One folder of loose financial records

327.01 (F) 01 (m) 02 (1840-1862): "Mortgage of Church Property to Margaret Sinclair"

327.01 (F) 01 (r) 01 (1854-1866): "Financial Transactions and Receipts" (1 volume), July 1854 to June 1866

327.01 (F) 01 (r) 01 (1866-1926): "Receipt Book and Account Book" (1 volume), 1886 to 1926

327.01 (M) 01: Miscellaneous materials: One folder including lists of vestry committee members, church constitutions, and a typewritten speech on the subject of tithing, 1929 to September 1957.

327.01 (M) 02: Minutes, 1876-1957

327.01 (M) 02 (1878-1927): "Minute Book" (1 volume), 10 May 1876 to 19 May 1927

327.01 (M) 02 (1927-1930): "Minute Book" (1 volume), 6 June 1927 to 9 May 1930. Contains meeting minutes, correspondence, financial information, and membership information regarding the reorganization of St. Peter's Church, Charleston, and its eventual merger with Christ Church, Rutledge Avenue

327.01 (M) 02 (1931-1957): Minutes (1 folder of loose papers), October 1931 to December 1957.

327.01 (M) 02 (1942-1957): "Vestry Minutes" (1 volume), 13 January 1942 to 6 October 1957

327.01 (P) 01 (1956-1957): Property Records: 1 folder of loose materials including receipts for repairs to the grounds and building, 1956 to 29 January 1957.

327.01 (R) 01: Registers, 1834-1861

327.01 (R) 01 (b) 01: Register of Baptisms, 11 February 1834 to 5 May 1861 (1 volume, OVERSIZED). Listed alphabetically. This register notes if the person is a "servant of ____" or "slave of ____, belonging to ____." It lists parents, birth date, baptism date, where baptized, sponsors, officiant, and "miscellaneous remarks".

327.01 (R) 01 (f) 01: Register of Funerals, 8 May 1834 to June 1859 (1 volume, OVERSIZED). Register lists name, date, age, disease, where buried, and officiant. Locations of the burial grounds are varied, and include: Baptism burial ground, Potter's Field, "In the Country," private home, St. Peter's, St. Philip's, Magnolia Cemetery, Lutheran Churchyard, Colored Persons burial ground, St. Barnwell Farm, Scotch Churchyard, Circular, John's Island, Brown Fellowship Society, St. Paul's Christ Church.

This volume also includes miscellaneous records from St. Peter's Church: Alms from Communion, Baptisms (October 1834 to August 1859), Confirmations (24 March 1858), Religious Benevolence Contributions (1857 to 1860), List of Communicants (1858, noting the presence of 144 whites and 24 coloreds.), and Marriages (15 April 1835 to 27 July 1858, including names, date, place, officiant, and remarks)

327.01 (R) 01 (m) 01: Register of Marriages, 14 August 1834 to 18 October 1853 (1 vol., OVERSIZED). Alphabetical list of names, date, place, and officiant

327.01 (R) 01 (t) 01: "Register of St. Peter's Protestant Episcopal Church, 1833 to 1862, Charleston, South Carolina." Undated, typed, indexed transcription of the baptism, marriage, and funeral registers of St. Peter's Church. Includes a short history of the church by the transcriber, Caroline Tiedeman Moore

327.01 (S) 01: Services at St. Peters, 1939-1967

327.01 (S) 01 (1939-1958): "Register of Church Services." A register of church services held at St. Peter's Church, Charleston, South Carolina. Lists the date, day, what type of service, where, time, attendance, communions, number of vestry present, officiate, preacher, texts, memoranda, offering amount. Dated 1 July 1939 to 19 January 1958

327.01 (S) 01 (1958-1961): "Register of Church Services." A register of church services held at St. Peter's Church, Charleston, South Carolina. Logbook format, lists: date, what type of service, where, time, attendance records, communions records, officiated. Dated 1 January 1958 to 30 July 1961

327.01 (S) 01 (1963-1967): "Register of Church Services." A volume containing a register of church services held at St. Peter's Church. Charleston, SC. Logbook format, lists: date, day, service, place, time, attendance, communions, members of vestry present, officiated, preacher, texts, memoranda, offering collected. Dated 2 January 1963 to 23 August 1967

327.02: Auxiliary Organizations:

327.02.01: Reorganized Men of St. Peter's Episcopal Church

327.02.01(M) 01 (1952-1954): Loose Minutes, 13 January 1952-10 October 1954. Contains attendance records, membership list with addresses, and the society constitution and by-laws

327.02.01 (M) 01 (1953-1955): 1 folder of loose minutes, miscellaneous correspondence and by-laws, 13 December 1953 to 16 February 1955

327.02.02: St. Peter's Education Society: "Minute and Rule Book" (1 volume), 1 November 1839-4 June 1849. Contains the society's annual reports

327.02.03: St. Peter's Church Laymen's League: "Loose Minutes," 1936-1937. Lists the members and their addresses, and the duties of the officers. Also contains the league's constitution. Dated 25 May 1936 to 10 May 1937