

*The South Carolina*



*Historical Society*

**St. Michael's Church Records, 1751-1989**  
**SCHS Call # 320.00**

**Description:** 17 linear feet

**Biographical/Historical note:** St. Michael's Parish was created in 1751 to accommodate the growing urban population of Charleston, S.C. Construction on the church began in late 1752 and it opened in February 1761.

**Scope and content:** Records are arranged according to the officer or administrative body by whom they were created: auxiliary organizations, clergymen, collectors, commissioners, historians, treasurers, and vestry and churchwardens.

Records of numerous auxiliary organizations, 1861-1950, include such bodies as the Altar Guild, Epiphany Guild, General Guild, Ladies' Aid Society, Men of St. Michael's, Women's Auxiliary, Young People's Service League and the Working Society.

Several small collections of papers represent some of the clergy that have served at St. Michael's, including Edward Jenkins, John Kershaw, Paul Trapier, and Thomas John Young.

The records of the church collector include accounts of pew and glebe rents collected and statements or returns of these funds delivered to the treasurer, 1778-1890. The financial accounts and statements contained among the treasurers' records are incomplete, but there is a substantial collection of individual vouchers or receipts spanning the years 1763-1961.

Records of the churchwardens and vestry include correspondence, 1762-1983, minutes, 1759-1949, and property records, ca. 1760-1989. Besides documenting the general activities of the church, these records, along with the collector's statements, contain a substantial amount of information about the use of St. Michael's glebe lots, which were bounded by Beaufain, Coming, Wentworth, and St. Philip's Streets in Charleston.

Extant records of baptisms, marriages, and burials are incomplete and scattered: one register of burials, 1817-1860, one register of baptisms, 1862-1879, a memorandum book of Edward Jenkins, 1780-82, a private register of Paul Trapier, 1830-1864, and several private registers of Thomas John Young, 1827-1852.

Also included in this collection is the 1809 manuscript "Choirmaster's Book" compiled by Jacob Eckhard, who served as organist of St. Michael's between 1809 and 1833. This book, which contains numerous hymn tunes and anthems used at the church, was published in facsimile in 1971.

A small but historically significant group of records in this collection relate to the body of commissioners appointed by the South Carolina provincial government to oversee the construction of St. Michael's in the 1750s. Their records, covering the years 1751 through 1763, include correspondence, financial records, pew applications, and a secretary's daybook. Of particular note among these records are several tally sheets that document the laborers (mostly

slaves) who erected the brickwork of St. Michael's, October 1752 through November 1754, including the names of slaves, their owners, and the number of days worked.

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**Container List:**

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**0320.01: Records of Auxiliary Organizations, 1861-1950**

- 0320.01 (A) 01: Advent Guild: minutes, 1892-1927
- 0320.01 (A) 02: Ascension Guild for Girls: membership card belonging to Mildred Frost, 1896
- 0320.01 (E) 01: Epiphany Guild: constitution and by-laws, n. d.
- 0320.01 (G) 01: General Guild, 1892-1899
- 0320.01 (G) 01 (c) 01: Correspondence, 1892-1899
- 0320.01 (G) 01 (m) 01: Minutes, 1892-1899
- 0320.01 (L) 01: Ladies' Aid Society: minutes and accounts, 1885-1928
- 0320.01 (L) 02: Ladies' Sewing Society: minutes and accounts, 1873-1888
- 0320.01 (M) 01: Men of St. Michael's: minutes, correspondence, members, 1937-1950

BOX 2

- 0320.01 (R) 01: Rector's Relief Committee: accounts, 1929-1937
- 0320.01 (S) 01: Samaritan Circle: minutes, 1906-1918
- 0320.01 (S) 02: Sisters of Charity: published report, 1859
- 0320.01 (S) 03: Social Reading and Working Society: membership book, 1861-62
- 0320.01 (S) 04: Social Services Committee: treasurer's account, 1938-1942
- 0320.01 (W) 01: Women's Auxiliary: receipts, 1937
- 0320.01 (W) 02: Working Society: membership book, 1879-1888

**0320.02: Records of the Church (Sunday) School, 1899-1924**

- 0320.02 (C) 01: Class members, 1899 (one volume)

0320.02 (R) 01: Reports and ephemera, 1913-1924 (incomplete)

**0320.03: Records of the Clergy, 1780-1970**

0320.03 (C) 01: Coleman, Edwin C.: Sermon (typescript) preached 14 September 1969; undated letter regarding artifacts for an exhibit at Charles Town Landing, ca. 1970

0320.03 (D) 01: Dalcho, Frederick: Notes (one page) on the history of the parishes of St. Philip and St. Michael in Charleston, ca. 1820

0320.03 (J) 01: Jenkins, Edward

0320.03 (J) 01 (c) 01: Correspondence: letter, 12 January 1804, to the president of Rhode Island College

0320.03 (J) 01 (m) 01: memorandum book, 1780-1782

0320.03 (K) 01: Keith, Paul Trapier: Letter, 15 August 1866, from Evan Edwards

0320.03 (K) 02: Kershaw, John

0320.03 (K) 02 (p) 01: "Prayer of Consecration," Easter 1898

0320.03 (K) 02 (r) 01: "Rectors Visiting List," 1902-1903

0320.03 (K) 02 (s) 01: Sermon (typescript, photocopy), Trinity 1915

**BOX 3**

0320.03 (P) 01: Perry, DeWolf: Correspondence, 1948-1958

0320.03 (T) 01: Trapier, Paul

0320.03 (T) 01 (c) 01: Correspondence, 1830-1845

0320.03 (T) 01 (r) 01: Private Register, 1830-1864, containing baptisms, confirmations, marriages, and burials

0320.03 (Y) 01: Young, Thomas John

0320.03 (Y) 01 (c) 01: Private communions, 1852

0320.03 (Y) 01 (r) 01: Private Register, 1827-1851: Marriages, August 1827-February 1851; Burials, September 1827-December 1851

0320.03 (Y) 01 (s) 01: "Religious Services at St. Michael's," January 1850-August 1852. At the rear of this volume is a list of "Members of St. Michael's belonging to Various Societies, with the sums contributed by them")

**BOX 4**

**0320.04: Records of the Collector, 1778-1890**

0320.04 (A) 01: Assessments of Pews and Glebe rents, 1778-1890 (incomplete) These two groups of property records are combined into a single category here because the collector sometimes kept them separate and sometimes recorded them jointly.

0320.04 (A) 02: Rent (Assessment) Books, 1817-1826

0320.04 (A) 02 (1817-1819): Rent book, Glebe lot No. 30, 1817-1819 (very poor condition—handle with care)

0320.04 (A) 02 (1823-1826): Rent book, Glebe lot No. 30, April 1823-September 1826

0320.04 (L) 01: Ledgers, pew rent, 1789-1885 (incomplete)

0320.04 (L) 01 (1789-1798): Pew rent ledger, March 1789-March 1798 (OVERSIZED BOX 1; some receipts, 1768-1770, at end)

0320.04 (L) 01 (1798-1804): Pew rent ledger, March 1798-April 1804 (OVERSIZED VOLUME)

0320.04 (L) 01 (1804-1840): Pew rent ledger, April 1804-1840 (OVERSIZED VOLUME)

0320.04 (L) 01 (1866-1885): Pew rent ledger, January 1866-February 1885 (OVERSIZED VOLUME)

0320.04 (R) 01: Returns of monies (pew and glebe rents) collected, 1800-1871 (loose papers and bound volumes, incomplete)

0320.04 (R) 01 (1800-1826): Returns, 1800-1826 (incomplete)

#### BOX 5

0320.04 (R) 01 (1829-1871): Returns, 1829-1871 (incomplete)

0320.04 (S) 01: Statements (pew and glebe rents), 1801-1840

0320.04 (S) 01 (1801-1818): General Statement of Monies Collected, April 1801-February 1818 (one volume, poor condition)

0320.04 (S) 01 (1801-1816): Semi-Annual Statements, October 1801-October 1816 (OVERSIZED VOLUME)

0320.04 (S) 01 (1817-1830): Semi-Annual Statements No. 2, October 1817-October 1830 (OVERSIZED VOLUME)

0320.04 (S) 01 (1831-1840): Semi-Annual Statements No. 3, October 1831-1840 (OVERSIZED VOLUME)

#### BOX 6

##### **0320.05: Records of the Commissioners to Build St. Michael's, 1751-1763**

0320.05 (A) 01: Accounts and receipts, 1751-1762

0320.05 (C) 01: Correspondence, 1756-1763

0320.05 (P) 01: Pew applications, 1759-1760

0320.05 (S) 01: Secretary's daybook, 1752-1756

0320.05 (T) 01: Labor tally sheets, October 1752-November 1754 (documenting the laborers who erected the brickwork of St. Michael's, including the names of slaves, their owners, and the number of days worked) (OVERSIZED BOX 1)\*\*

##### **0320.06: Records of the Historian**

0320.06 (C) 01: Clippings

0320.06 (C) 02: Correspondence, 1903-1959 (NOTE: the papers of George W. Williams are cataloged under a separate accession)

0320.06 (E) 01: Ephemera (continued in Box 7)

#### BOX 6A-6B

##### **0320.06 (F) 01: File cards in boxes, created by Elizabeth H. Jervey (probably in the 1930s and 1940s)**

0320.06 (F) 01: Index of vestry minutes, 1824-1941 (two boxes of file cards)

#### BOX 6C

0320.06 (F) 01: Alphabetical file of names of pew holders, pew renters, and worshippers, 1760-1860s

#### BOX 6D

0320.06 (F) 01: Alphabetical file of people and headings other than pew holders

BOX 6E

0320.06 (F) 01: Chronological file of names and events in the history of St. Michael's, 1750-1900

BOX 7

0320.06 (E) 01: Ephemera (continued from Box 6)

0320.06 (N) 01: Notes (silver, members, pews, organ, organists, altar cloth, chandelier, Rev. Andrew Fowler, Rev. William Percy).

0320.06 (S) 01: Speech on the history of the Episcopal Diocese of South Carolina (anonymous ms., n. d.)

**0320.07: Records of the Organist, 1788-1809**

0320.07 (E) 01: Eckhard, Jacob: "Choral Book," 1809 (FRAGILE; please use published facsimile edition)

0320.07 (R) 01: Rodgers, Samuel: Correspondence, 1788 (and notes, 1952)

BOX 8

**0320.08: Records of the Treasurer, 1784-1961**

0320.08 (A) 01 (1784-1799): Accounts 1784-1799 (loose papers)

0320.08 (A) 01 (1798-1833): Accounts, 1798-1833 (one volume)

0320.08 (A) 01 (1837-1840): Accounts, 1837-1840 (one volume)

0320.08 (B) 01: Personal bonds, 1813-1886

0320.08 (B) 02: Property bonds (Glebe property), 1888

0320.08 (M) 01: Miscellaneous financial records, 1792-1924

0320.08 (R) 01: Receipts/vouchers, 1763-1795

BOX 9

0320.08 (R) 01: Receipts/vouchers, 1796-1806

BOX 10

0320.08 (R) 01: Receipts/vouchers, 1807-1827

BOX 11

0320.08 (R) 01: Receipts/vouchers, 1828-1879

BOX 12

0320.08 (R) 01: Receipts/vouchers, 1880-1893

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0320.08 (R) 01: Receipts/vouchers, 1894-1961

0320.08 (R) 02: Reports and statements, 1866-1959 (loose papers, incomplete)

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**0320.09: Records of the Vestry and Churchwardens, 1759-1983**

0320.09 (C) 01: Correspondence, 1762-1869

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0320.09 (C) 01: Correspondence, 1871-1894

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0320.09 (C) 01: Correspondence, 1895-1983

BOX 17

0320.09 (M) 01: Minutes, 1759-1949 (USE TRANSCRIPTIONS, see below)

0320.09 (M) 01 (1759-1824): Minutes, April 1759-April 1824 (with mss index) (OVERSIZED VOLUME)

0320.09 (M) 01 (1798-1803): Minutes, July 1798-August 1803 (rough copy)

0320.09 (M) 01 (1824-1869): Minutes, June 1824-March 1869 (OVERSIZED VOLUME)

0320.09 (M) 01 (1865-1878): Minutes, December 1865-April 1878 (one volume)

0320.09 (M) 01 (1878-1886): Minutes, May 1878-March 1886 (one volume)

0320.09 (M) 01 (1886-1895): Minutes, April 1886-April 1895 (one volume)

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0320.09 (M) 01 (1895-1903): Minutes, April 1895-May 1903 (one volume)

0320.09 (M) 01 (1903-1912): Minutes, June 1903-March 1912 (one volume)

0320.09 (M) 01 (1912-1919): Minutes, April 1912-July 1919 (one volume)

0320.09 (M) 01 (1919-1924): Minutes, October 1919-June 1924 (one volume)

BOX 19

0320.09 (M) 01 (1924-1943): Minutes, June 1924-December 1943 (loose papers)

BOX 20

0320.09 (M) 01 (1944-1949): Minutes, January 1944-May 1949 (loose papers)

0320.09 (M) 02: Copies of Minutes

0320.09 (M) 02 (a) 01: Abstract of minutes, 1838-1868

0320.09 (M) 02 (t) 01: Typescript copy of minutes, 1759-1869 (made by W.P.A.; includes index)

BOX 21

0320.09 (P) 01: Property Records, ca. 1760-1989

0320.09 (P) 01 (b) 01: "Plan of the Bell Frame," 1866 (OVERSIZED BOX 2)

0320.09 (P) 01 (c) 01: "Plan of the Chandelier," 1803 (OVERSIZED BOX 3)

0320.09 (P) 01 (c) 02: Conveyance of a lot on St. Michael's Alley, 1836 (OVERSIZED BOX 2)

0320.09 (P) 01 (d) 01: Division of Glebe lands between St. Philip's and St. Michael's, 1797 (OVERSIZED BOX 3)

0320.09 (P) 01 (e) 01: Elevations, n.d.: organ gallery (paper bears 1817 watermark); columns and parapet wall (OVERSIZED BOX 2)

0320.09 (P) 01 (g) 01: Glebe leases, 1771-1920

Lots 24, 25, 26, 27, 28 (OVERSIZED BOX 2); Lots 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38 (OVERSIZED BOX 3), No. 25 Meeting Street

0320.09 (P) 01 (g) 02: Glebe plats, 1810, 1872 (OVERSIZED BOX 2)

0320.09 (P) 01 (i) 01: Acts of Incorporation, 1785, 1791 (OVERSIZED BOX 2)

0320.09 (P) 01 (i) 02: Insurance policies, 1866-1892 (also some data for 1960)

0320.09 (P) 01 (i) 03: Interior design by Marguerite Sinkler Valk, 1974 (OVERSIZED BOX 2)  
 0320.09 (P) 01 (l) 01: Lease of 74 Meeting Street from S.C. Society, 1942  
 0320.09 (P) 01 (j) 01: Purchase of Jehu Jones's lot, 1809-16 (OVERSIZED BOX 3)  
 0320.09 (P) 01 (m) 01: Robert Mills report, 1804 (OVERSIZED BOX 1)  
 0320.09 (P) 01 (m) 02: Miscellaneous property records  
 0320.09 (P) 01 (m) 03: Mortgage of a lot on St. Michael's Alley, 1923  
 0320.09 (P) 01 (p) 01: Parsonage House sale, 1803. Three items: "Declaration of the Members of the Church respecting the Sale of the Parsonage House," 25 October 1803 (includes signatures of numerous parishioners), and drafts of a petition and a bill to the General Assembly of South Carolina seeking permission to make this sale (OVERSIZED BOX 2)  
 0320.09 (P) 01 (p) 02: Pew conveyances, 1803-1960 (incomplete). Two of these items are in OVERSIZED BOX 2: 1803 conveyance of pew No. 2 and 1846 conveyance of pew No. 16  
 0320.09 (P) 01 (p) 03: Pew plan, ca. 1760 (OVERSIZED BOX 2)  
 0320.09 (P) 01 (p) 04: Pew plan, ca. 1812-1817 (OVERSIZED BOX 2)  
 0320.09 (P) 01 (p) 05: "Plan of St. Michaels," 1922, 1953 (OVERSIZED BOX 3)  
 0320.09 (P) 01 (r) 01: Roof plan, Parish House, 1989 (OVERSIZED BOX 3)  
 0320.09 (P) 01 (t) 01: Property tax returns, 1874-1880  
 0320.09 (P) 01 (t) 02 (Line Street): Title to Property on Line Street, 1842-1845  
 0320.09 (P) 01 (t) 02 (76 Meeting): Title to 76 Meeting Street, 1887-1942

### **0320.10: Miscellaneous Records of the Parish**

0320.10 (M) 01 (ca. 1890s.): List of members: ca. 1890s (names only)  
 0320.10 (M) 01 (n.d.): List of members of St. Michael's Church (incomplete, n. d.)  
 0320.10 (P) 01 (ca. 1819-1823): Pew holders, ca. 1819-1823  
 0320.10 (P) 01 (n.d.): Pew holders, n.d. (late 19th century)  
 0320.10 (P) 02: Parish Council, 1971: typescript list of officers  
 0320.10 (R) 01 (1817-1860): Register of burials, 1817-1860 (including early-twentieth century copy and W.P.A. typescript transcription).

### **BOX 22**

0320.10 (R) 01 (1862-1879): Register of baptisms, 1862-1879  
 0320.10 (R) 02: Parish Reports, 1913-1925; 1950-1959  
 0320.10 (R) (1862-1932) Printed "Index to Volume II of the St. Michael's Parish Register, 1862-1932" (removed from pamphlet collection). Includes marriages (1866-1930), Baptisms (1863-1930), Confirmations (1869-1930), Deaths and Burials (1862-1930), Communicant list (1869-1872), transfers to parish (1929), and transfers away from parish (1930-1932). Arranged alphabetically by last name of parishioner.

### **BOXES 22 & 23**

#### **0320.11: Printed Material**

Numerous books and pamphlets, including:

Anonymous. *A Short Study of the Prophecies of Daniel*. Charleston: n. p., 1898.

*The Book of Common Prayer, and Administration of the Sacraments and Other Rites and Ceremonies of the Church, According to the Use of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the*

*United States of America; Together with the Psalter, or Psalms of David.* New York: Hugh Gaine, 1795. This book is inscribed "For the Desk of St. Michael's Church March 1803."  
(OVERSIZED)

Beesley, Charles Norbury. *Beesley's Illustrated Guide to St. Michael's Church, Charleston, S.C.* Walker, Evans & Cogswell, 1898.

Beesley, Charles Norbury. *Beesley's Illustrated Guide to St. Michael's Church, Charleston, S.C.* Walker, Evans & Cogswell, 1908.

Jervey, Clare. *Inscriptions on the Tablets and Gravestones in St. Michael's Church and Churchyard, Charleston, S.C.* Columbia: The State Company, 1906.

Owen, John. *Of Communion with God the Father, Sonne, and Holy Ghost, Each Person Distinctly In Love, Grace, and Consolation, or, The Saints Fellowship with The Father, Sonne, and Holy Ghost, Unfolded.* Oxford: Printed by A. Lichfield for Tho. Robinson, 1657.

Williams, George W. *Early Ministers at St. Michael's, Charleston.* Charleston: Dalcho Historical Society, 1961.

Williams, George W. *St. Michael's, Charleston 1751-1951.* Columbia: University of South Carolina Press, 1951.

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BOX 24

**Records of Auxiliary Organizations, 1896-1965**

Advent Guild, 1933

History and Report, 1933

Brotherhood of St. Andrews, 1914-1915

Minute book, 1914-1915

Epiphany Altar Guild, 1896-1955

Minute book, 1896-1901

Minute book, 1902-1905

Minute book, 1905-1909

Minute book, 1911-1912

Minute book, 1915-1919

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Minute book, 1920-1923

Minute book, 1922-1926

Minute book, 1934-1937

Minute book, 1945-1955

Florence Moulton Schaffer Trust, 1934-1959

Account books, 1934-1940

Records, 1935



Records, 1936  
Records, 1937-1939  
Records, 1940-1941  
Records, 1942-1959  
Records, n.d.  
Men of St. Michael's, 1937-1938  
Correspondence, 1937-1938

BOX 26  
St. Theresa's Chapter, 1961-1966  
Minutes, 1961-1965  
Women's Auxiliary Chapter, 1914-1937, n.d.  
Account book, 1914-1924  
Account book, 1925-1937  
Annual reports, 1928-1933  
Loose items, n.d.  
Minute book, 1920-1928  
Minute book, 1926-1933  
Minute book, 1929-1936  
Minute book, 1936-1937  
Young People's Service League, 1934-1937  
Minutes, 1934-1935  
Minutes, 1936-1937

BOX 27  
**Records of the Treasurer, 1826-1959**  
account book, 1950-1954 ovsz.  
account book, 1953-1956 ovsz.  
account book, 1955-1956  
account book, 1957  
account book, 1958  
account book, 1959

BOX 28  
audit report, 1942-1944  
check register, 1826-1833  
check register, 1833-1842  
check register, 1889-1892 ovsz.  
check register, 1892-1894 ovsz.  
check register, 1894-1897 ovsz.  
check register, 1912-1915  
**Miscellaneous items, 1804-1809**  
receipts (blank), nineteenth century  
Correspondence, 1807

Includes letters (2) relating to expenses and details relating to the painting of cornices and doors of the church's façade, as requested by Mr. George Reid, Esq.

Thanksgiving offerings, 1919-1921

## **Oversize Materials- Container list**

### **Oversize 1**

Pew rent ledger, March 1789-March 1798  
Labor tally sheets, October 1752-November 1754  
Robert Mills report, 1804

### **Oversize 2**

“Plan of the Bell Frame,” 1866  
Conveyance of a lot on St. Michael's Alley, 1836  
Elevations, n.d.: organ gallery (paper bears 1817 watermark); columns and parapet wall  
Glebe leases, 1771-1920  
    Lots 24, 25, 26, 27, 28  
Glebe plats, 1810, 1872  
Acts of Incorporation, 1785, 1791  
Interior design by Marguerite Sinkler Valk, 1974  
Parsonage House sale, 1803. Three items: “Declaration of the Members of the Church respecting the Sale of the Parsonage House,” 25 October 1803 (includes signatures of numerous parishioners), and drafts of a petition and a bill to the General Assembly of South Carolina seeking permission to make this sale  
Pew conveyances, 1803-1960 (incomplete).  
    Two of these items are in Oversize 2: 1803 conveyance of pew No. 2 and 1846 conveyance of pew No. 16  
Pew plan, ca. 1760  
Pew plan, ca. 1812-1817

### **Oversize 3** (See flat file drawers)

“Plan of the Chandelier,” 1803  
Division of Glebe lands between St. Philip's and St. Michael's, 1797  
Glebe leases, 1771-1920  
    Lots 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38; No. 25 Meeting Street  
Purchase of Jehu Jones's lot, 1809-16  
“Plan of St. Michaels,” 1922, 1953  
Roof plan, Parish House, 1989

### **Oversize 4**

account book, 1950-1954 ovsz.  
account book, 1953-1956 ovsz.  
check register, 1889-1892 ovsz.  
check register, 1892-1894 ovsz.  
check register, 1894-1897 ovsz.

## Miscellaneous St. Michael's Notes

\*Notes for George W. Williams:

April 1791: Receipt for a "Sett of chiming ropes for the bells." Box 8?

March 1805: Receipt for "Bell Bench with Rak [?] & handles." Box 9?

Undated letterpress page in Vestry correspondence: "Resolved that the Solicitor be and is hereby instructed to eject Mrs. John Ward unless she will settle the claim against her on the following terms. Mrs. Ward to surrender such part of lot [obscured letters—"lot"?] 28  $\frac{3}{4}$  as will extend lot 28  $\frac{4}{4}$  with its present width back 2<sup>nd</sup> lot on Wentworth Street also numbered 28 in consideration of \$96.52 of the arrears of rend being remitted. Mrs. Ward to surrender to remainder of the lot as forfeited and to receive from the [V]estry and Wardens a lease for her li[fe] on the same terms as she now has [and] all back rent except the aforesaid \$96.52 being also paid."

\*\*Slave Labor Tally Sheets, 1752-1754  
St. Michael's Episcopal Church, Charleston

These sheets document the names of the slaves who built the exterior walls of St. Michael's Episcopal Church, the number of days they worked, and the names of the slaves' owners. Also included are notations of significant events, such as the discharge of several overseers and the completion of the steeple brickwork (9 October 1754).

The steeple of St. Michael's was damaged by a tornado in the autumn of 1938. During subsequent repairs, these tally sheets were discovered among the steeple timbers. Rolled tightly and very brittle, the sheets were too fragile to be examined. They remained in this state until October 2003, when Nicholas Butler, archivist of the South Carolina Historical Society, conserved them using handmade Japanese paper and simple flour paste.