



St. Paul's Anglican Church

Archival Description & Access Project

“Anyone who has explored the world of archives will know that it is a treasure house, one that is full of surprises, crossing paths, dead ends, painful reminders and unanswered questions.”

– Nelson Mandela

WHAT DO WE HAVE IN THE COLLECTION?



St. Paul's Archives are a treasure trove of records reflecting the cultural, social, and commercial history and heritage of our community, including:

- Records that are pertinent to ongoing conversations about truth and reconciliation;
- Records that document how the church has supported the arts community over the years as a popular concert and recital venue;
- A large collection of parish newsletters that show how the church engaged with significant social issues such as war, economic uncertainty, challenges facing youth and young families, food insecurity, and housing;

Continued...

WHAT DO WE HAVE IN THE COLLECTION?



- Correspondence, minutes and reports, newspaper clippings, photographs, and film that show how the church has supported the community over the years; from contributions to the Ross Memorial Hospital to hosting scouting meetings, from providing meals to fairgoers at the Lindsay Exhibition to serving the lonely at Christmas Day supper.
- Records created by local businesses contracted to provide goods and services to St. Paul's over the past 140 years, as well as records created by well-known Canadian companies that in many cases no longer exist.

SOME TREASURES FROM THE COLLECTION

"Kawartha Lakes"

The Trent Valley Navigation Company, Limited

Bobcaygeon, Ont. July 13th / 05 1905

G. S. Patrick Esq.,
Vestry Clerk,
St. Paul's Church,
Lindsay, Ont.

Dear Sir:-

Replying to your esteemed favor of the 12th inst, we beg to say that we can offer you our Str. "Manita" for July 25th, 27 or 28th, to run an excursion from Lindsay to Cobequid and return on the following terms and conditions viz:- Fares to be Adults 40¢, children 25¢; we to receive 65% of the total proceeds with a guarantee of \$25.00 (provided our share of total proceeds does not equal that amount). We to supply tickets, you to do advertising.

As our available dates are being rapidly filled up, we hope you will let us know without delay should our terms prove favorable.

Yours truly
The Trent Valley Navigation Co. Limited
Robert S. Patrick

P. S. Str. "Manita's " capacity is 150 persons.

Recd July 15/05
Bank for
Thursday 27 /05 on above conditions*
Please send a good supply
of tickets to Mr G. S. Patrick at Lindsay

Left: Correspondence from the Trent Valley Navigation Co., re: a boat charter, July 13, 1905

Lindsay, Ont. *July 31* 1888

M. English Church -

BOUGHT OF *Wm. A. Goodwin,*

DEALER IN—

Plain & Ornamental Book Paper, Pictures & Frames
ARTISTS' MATERIALS,
CURTAIN FIXTURES, SELF-ROLLING WINDOW SHADES, ROOM MOULDINGS.
SIGN PAINTING, MAP MOUNTING, ETC.

1887	To Painting & Gilding Tops of Church Doors	1.00
1888	Lettering Church Sign Black & Gold	5.00
Apr. 28	do do " Text. Gold. 5"	3.00
		10.00
	By Free Seat Subscription	5.00
		\$ 3.00

\$5.00 credited in subscription book

I hereby Certify An A/c to the compt
of the Church
Wm. A. Goodwin

Rec'd Payment
Wm. A. Goodwin
Sept 11/88

Right: Invoice from Wm. A. Goodwin, July 31, 1888.

WHAT WE WERE FACED WITH



- More than 150 years' worth of records in varying states of condition
- Records crammed into filing cabinets – sometimes with no discernible order
- A massive quantity of duplicate copies taking up space
- Inadequate storage options



FOLLOWING BEST PRACTICES



Industry-standard archival supplies – document storage boxes, acid-free folders, and snake weights, among other things – are used in rehousing and accessioning the collection.

WHERE WE ARE NOW



- More than 21 feet of records have been safely rehoused in accordance with best practices
- File-level descriptions and accession register enable ease of access in locating records
- Next steps: scanning and digitizing records in preparation for making them accessible to researchers and other parties