Summary of Archives Inventories
Diocese of W. MA

1. Governing Bodies
   a. Journals of Convention
      i. Diocese of Massachusetts, 1784-1912
      ii. Diocese of W. Massachusetts, 1901-2017
   b. Constitutions and Canons (located), between 1902-1995
   c. Standing Committee Minutes, 1901-2014
      i. Bement/Waterfield Educ. Grants Committee
   e. Episcopal Missions of W. MA (EMWM) – 2010-2017

2. Official Acts of the Episcopate
   a. Bishop A. Vinton – Baptisms, marriages, burials, ordinations, consecrations 1902-1910
   b. Bishop A. Vinton – Confirmations 1902-1911
   c. Bishop Thomas Davies – Diary/log, Letters Dimissory, Lay Readers Licensed, Clergy Licensed to Officiate, Notice Deposition received, Visitation dates, Postulants, Deacons Ordained, Priests Ordained, Clergy Received, Clergy Transferred, Churches Consecrated, Baptisms, Marriages, Burials 1911-1937
   d. Bishop William Lawrence – Diary/log, Lay Readers licensed, Suspension from Ministry, Notice Deposition, Elections/Appointments, Consents Given, Visitation dates, Postulants, Deacons Ordained, Priests Ordained, Clergy Received, Clergy Transferred, Churches Consecrated, Baptisms, Marriages, Burials 1937-1952
   e. Bishop William Lawrence – Diary/daily logs, 1947-1957
   g. Confirmations, by Town/Parish name – 1902-1999
   h. Confirmations, by Town/Parish name – 2000-2012
      i. Ordinations – See Ordinations Journal (Bishop’s office), kept in fireproof safe

3. Bishops’ Papers
   b. Bishop Thomas F. Davies, 1911-1936 – 1 folder, miscellaneous letters and pamphlets, most concerning ‘The Panama Conference’ of 1915
   c. Bishop William A. Lawrence, 1937-1957, 4 boxes: Some sermons; sermon materials, some handwritten; newspaper articles, Consecration booklet; various correspondence; 10th Anniversary of Consecration (booklet); scrapbook of Consecrations articles.
      i. Bishop William A. Lawrence, 3 boxes; weekly typewritten newsletter, ‘Bishop’s Notes’ 1944 to 1957
presented to Bishop Hatch by Bishop W. A. Lawrence; Springfield Republican articles covering Bishop Hatch’s installation

e. **Bishop Alexander D. Stewart, 1970-1984** - 3 boxes; selected sermons, meditations, addresses, and other writings; resume; Consecration booklet. Two letters from Bishop W. Appleton Lawrence. Scrapbook commemorating Bishop Stewart’s Consecration and Installation, September 19, 1970. Also scrapbook commemorating the 10th Anniversary of the Bishop’s Consecration, September 20, 1980. Third box added which contains information and correspondence related to the Companion Relationship with the Diocese of Mount Kilimanjaro.


4. **Diocesan Officials**

a. **The Rev. Charles J. Sniffen**, Diocesan Missionary 1906-1910 and Diocesan Archdeacon 1911-1917. Twelve detailed books recording daily activities such as calls made, letters written, families visited, meetings and conferences attended, services performed, places he stayed; as well as baptisms, confirmations, marriage ceremonies and funeral services performed. Also two log books of Sponsor names (for Baptisms), and 15 log books of visits made throughout W. MA, mostly Berkshires (listing family names & members).

Wissemann. Scrapbooks contain various programs attended by Canon Crockett, letters, newspaper articles, writings, and a few photos. Fair condition.

c. **Russell S. Davenport, Diocesan Chancellor from 1934 to 1973** – Biographical notes, bio from Amherst College, newspaper obituaries; recognition of service by Convention 1974. (1 folder)


e. **Hamilton “Chip” Doherty, Diocesan Chancellor from 1980 to 2016** – Announcement of Chancellor Doherty’s retirement. (1 folder)

f. **John D. Kazar, Diocesan Historiographer** – miscellaneous correspondence concerning attempts to establish a diocesan archival program

g. **John D. Kendall, Consultant to Diocesan Archival Program** – miscellaneous correspondence, diagrams of basement/attic space, recommendations


5. **Diocesan Missioners**
   a. **Communications Missioner**
      i. **Publications**
         1. *Pastoral Staff* – Catalogued: Loose copies, 1912-2012
         2. *Ordinary Matters* - Diocesan news publication, December 1993 to December 2003
         4. *Abundant Times* – Replacement for Pastoral Staff, begin 2013

   b. **Communications Missioner – Digital Records**
      i. **Publications**
         1. E-Matters, 2009 – 2012
         2. Mission Matters (EM renamed) – 2013 to 2018

6. **Diocesan Affiliations/Organizations**
   a. **Women’s Auxiliary** – Four record books listing Constitution, Amendments, By-Laws and Meeting Minutes 1902 to 1931. Also Collection of Annual Reports (booklets) from 1902 to 1956.

   b. **Girls Friendly Society** – Book containing the earliest meeting minutes, from 1902 to 1914. Constitution and By-Laws; correspondence; folder from Sarah Morris (includes proposed by-laws)

   c. **Bucksteep Manor** – Large collection b/w photographs, mid-1950s; small booklet on Bucksteep history; large b/w photo dated 1912 of confirmation class, confirmed by Bishop Davies.

   d. **Ascension Farm** – nothing found to date

   e. **Bement Camp & Conference Center** – 2 boxes containing miscellaneous documents including: history of Bement, Bement 2000 plan; Kaleidoscope Assessment, Master Plan; 2008 fundraiser, website info and Summit; Discernment correspondence; Farewell Gathering 2009, financials, reports, board minutes
g. Lenox School – 1 b/w photo of acquired Schermerhorn Estate; 2-page paper titled *The Case For Lenox School* by Headmaster the Rev. Robert Curry
h. Lawrence House – All Saints’ Church, South Hadley
i. Anglican Diocese of Asante Mampong – booklets on the Creation and inauguration of the Anglican Diocese of Asante Mampong by Archbishop Daniel Sarfo; booklet on the enthronement of Rt. Rev. Dr. Cyril Kobina Ben-Smith, November 30th, 2014
j. Trustees for the Diocese (incorporated 1902) – Miscellaneous correspondence, 1902-1917; found in ‘Transfer’ case similar to ones used by Bishop Alexander Vinton. This correspondence appears to have been collected by Henry H. Skinner, Treasurer for the Trustees for the Diocese.
k. The Brotherhood of the Way of the Cross (later known as The Fellowship of the Way of the Cross) – Three large boxes of historical records including constitution, meeting minutes, membership, correspondence, retreat information, beginning in 1882.
l. Diocesan Altar Guild – Annual Meeting Minutes; Newsletters, Treasurers Reports, correspondence

7. Diocesan Publications


b. Publications about/by the Diocese of W. MA:
   i. *The Diocese of W. MA 1901-1951*
   ii. *Amiable Dwellings*, 1976
   iii. *Amiable Dwellings, Revisited*, 1992
   iv. *From the Blackstone to the Housatonic: A History of the Episcopal Diocese of Western Massachusetts – The 1st Hundred Years*, 2002
   v. *Thus Out of Small Beginnings* (Hx of CCC), 1972
   vi. *The Story of Gideon Bostwick*
   vii. Publications by Canon W. David Crockett
   viii. Miscellaneous Booklets printed by Liturgical Commission, DWMA, Council
   ix. Manual for Clergy, Clerks and Treasurers of Parishes and Missions, printed by DWMA
   x. Christ Church Cathedral, 1817-2017 (anniversary edition)

c. Miscellaneous Booklets:
   i. *The Ordination of Terence J. Hurlbut and Beatrice Kayigwa to the Sacred Order of Deacons* – Saturday, November 16, 2013, Christ Church Cathedral, Springfield, Massachusetts
   ii. *The 111th Convention of the Diocese of Western Massachusetts*, Saturday, October 20, 2012, Christ Church Cathedral, Springfield
iv. A Vigil Eucharist For the Installation of the Presiding Bishop of the Episcopal Church, Saturday, October 31, 2015; Union of Black Episcopalians, Washington, DC

v. The Holy Eucharist, with the Installation of The Most Reverend Michael Bruce Curry, 27th Presiding Bishop of the Episcopal Church and Primate; Sunday, November 1, 2015, Washington National Cathedral

8. Diocesan Histories
   a. The Story of the Diocese of Connecticut, Dr. Nelson Rollin Burr, author; Church Missions Publishing Co. (Hartford), 1962
   c. Twin Killings: The Decision to Divide the Episcopal Diocese of Massachusetts in 1901, Thesis presented to the Office of Graduate Studies, University of Massachusetts, Boston by William J. Watts III, 1997
   d. 1901-07 Journal of the Diocese of Western Mass./ Constitution & Canons

9. Records of Parishes and Missions of the Diocese
   a. Closed Parishes and Missions
      i. Belchertown – Trinity Mission – Copies of article from Pastoral Staff, 1912 & 1914; 1 Parish register, Belchertown from 1990-1997
      ii. Blandford – St. Mark’s: typewritten and hand-written documents recording the historical events leading up to the procurement of land for a church, the employment of rectors, the establishment and demise of St. Mark’s; information from beginning in 1799 to close and sale in 1865.
      iii. Cherry Valley (Leicester) – St. Thomas’ Church – 2 Church registers, Constitution, Men’s Club Record Book, Building Committee journal; Instrument of Donation/Consecration
      iv. Chicopee – (Grace & St. Christopher’s merged 2017) Deeds, bylaws, vestry minutes, annual meeting minutes, miscellaneous historical documents
      v. Dalton – Grace Church, closed 2016: Parish Registers, vestry minutes, annual meeting minutes
      vi. East Deerfield – Mission of St. James’ Church, Greenfield
      vii. Fiskdale – The Parish of Grace Church; constitution and legal papers
      ix. Housatonic – Correspondence from William Elwyn Torrey to Bishop Lawrence of MA, 1895
      x. Ludlow – St. Andrew’s - Request for Consecration of building; news clippings; Anniversary pamphlets from 50th and 60th celebrations
      xi. Montague – Trinity Church – Typewritten history of 1830-1833 by Rector Titus Strong
      xii. New Boston (Sandisfield) – St. Andrew’s Church (1845 to ?) – Very short writing re: this parish


xvi. South Barre – Christ Church, 2 parish registers


xviii. Springfield - St. Barnabas’ & All Saints, 1 register 1970-2015; some Vestry minutes

xix. Springfield – St. Luke’s, closed 2016: Parish registers; Vestry minutes, annual mtg notes, year-end financial reports

xx. Springfield – St. Simon’s the Cyrenian – 1 folder, miscellaneous historical documents and correspondence re: founding and history

xxi. Thorndike – St. Mary’s (closed 2014); 5 books, including 4 registers of church services and 1 Parish Register. 1 box Vestry and Annual Meeting Minutes, 1975 to 2014.

xxii. Van Deusenville – Trinity Church, village in Great Barrington. 1 folder of miscellaneous historical documents

xxiii. Washington, St. Andrew’s
   1. Register of Church Services, 1950 to 1961
   2. Request for Consecration of building
   3. Correspondence 1970’s re: disposition of building
   4. Copies of newscleanings re: struggle over disposition of building
   5. Large Register 1900-1961

xxiv. West Brookfield – Grace Church – Very brief typewritten Rector’s report by the Rev. J. A. Penniman

xxv. West Springfield – Good Shepherd – Vestry Minutes

xxvi. Whalom – Chapel of All Saints – Miscellaneous documents, copy By-Laws, Service for Consecration; listing of number of families; correspondence

xxvii. Winchendon, Emmanuel Church, 1901-1970
   1. Constitution of Emmanuel Mission
   2. Minutes of Annual, Vestry and Executive meetings 1901 to 1960
   3. Records of Church Services 1911 to 1970
   4. Record of Rectors, Communicants, Baptisms, Confirmation, Burials and Marriages 1934 to 1969
   5. Robert Boyer’s correspondence, 1956, with Winchendom


xxix. Worcester – St. Sigfrid’s: short typewritten history by the Rev. Johan Hugo Klaren; 2 short pieces of correspondence, 1894

b. Microfilms of Registers & Minutes – 4 Boxes: Inventory of microfilms from most parishes, collected around 1980; records containing Vestry Minutes, Annual Meeting minutes, Registers, some dating back to 1770, through 1960-1970s.
Alpha by city/parish. Additional 3 boxes, marked Diazo are copies of microfilms that were sent to New England Archives Center, Holyoke, MA around 1980.

c. **Parish Histories / Publications** – Collection of published parish histories prepared for anniversary celebrations

d. **Special Collections:**

e. **Special Collections:**
   i. **Clergy Serving Parishes** – Notebook of info gathered by Diocesan Staff Joyce Lewis: Listing of known rectors by parish, with dates served.
   ii. **Legal File** – A.R. Green & Son v. The Wardens & Vestry of Grace Church Parish, Amherst

f. **Miscellaneous unpublished histories (‘drop files’ include drop file on Diocese)**
   i. **Diocesan drop file – Diocesan Seal**
   ii. **Diocesan drop file – First Bishop’s house, 1154 Worthington Street**
   iii. **Diocesan drop file – Chapel furniture from 1154 Worthington Street donated to Springfield Hospital Chapel**

g. **Special Item – Regional Summits, 2009, 211**
   i. Berkshire Summit, May 2009
   ii. North Worcester Summit, May 2009
   iii. South Worcester Summit, March 2011

10. **Papers, collections, publications of Clergy & Laity of the Diocese**
   b. **The Rev. Keith Mason**, former Rector of St. Mark’s, Leominster; *Search For Tomorrow: A True Story of Hope and Miracles*; Axiom Press (Mobile), publ., 2009 (Given by Bishop Gordon P. Scruton, 2012)
   c. **Jane Grey Torrey** (1921-2012), Missionary to Korea and co-founder with her husband, the Rev. Archer Torrey, of Jesus Abbey, a Christian community in the Kangwon Providence, Korea. *At the Table in the Wilderness: The Story of Jesus Abbey*; self-published, Xlibris Corporation, 2005 [One autographed copy, given by Bishop Gordon P. Scruton]
   d. **Mary Grothe** (?), “Anglican Beginnings in Western Massachusetts: Gideon Bostwick, Missionary to the Berkshires”. Paper submitted in partial fulfillment of the requirements for her Master’s degree at Virginia Theological Seminary, Mary 1984
   e. **Eleanor T. M. Harvey**, wife of former St. Philip’s, Easthampton Rector Benson Heale Harvey; unpublished (?) manuscript titled “Good Morning Sinyola,” an
account of Mrs. Harvey’s days as a missionary in the Philippines during the 1930s. Donated by the Rt. Rev. Andrew Wissemann, 2013.


g. The Rev. Philip H. Steinmetz, Have Another God Day; ponderings, meditations.

11. Records of the Diocesan Treasurer/Administrator

12. Architectural Records

13. Audio-Visual Records


b. DVDs – St. Andrew’s, Blackinton 100th’; St. John’s, Athol; Ordination of Bishop Robert Denig, 1993

c. Photo Albums (not done yet)

14. Other Histories/ Historical Publications

a. Massachusetts History

i. Phillips Brooks / Bishop of MA 1891-92, and author

1. Twenty Sermons, Rev. Phillips Brooks, (Rector of Trinity Church Boston); E.P. Dutton & Co (NY), 1887

2. Lectures on Preaching (Delivered Before The Divinity School of Yale College In January and February 1977), Bishop Phillips Brooks, E. P. Dutton & Co. (NY), 1894


4. Sermon For the Church Year (Sermons For the Principal Festivals and Fasts of the Church Year); E.P. Dutton & Company (NY) 1895 (Note: This book was part of Bishop Alexander Vinton’s library at one time; was donated to the Archives by Bishop Andrew Wissemann in 2013).

b. Springfield History

i. Springfield: 375 Years / A Photo Retrospective of Greater Springfield, Presented by The Republican; Pediment Publishing (Canada), 2011

ii. Path of Fury (The June 1, 2011 Tornado Left a 39-Mile Trail of Devastation Through Western and Central Massachusetts), Presented by The Republican, Pediment Publishing (Canada), 2011

iii. Sketches of a Church: A Brief History of The Diocese of Springfield, Massachusetts, Father Bill Pomerleau, Editions du Signe (Strasbourg, France), 2001

iv. Note: Springfield Chapel History (Chapel furniture donated to them) – see 9F ‘Drop Files’ under ‘D’ for Diocese

c. Diocesan History –

i. Centennial Celebration, May 2002: One box containing correspondence from planning/discernment committee, parish discernment committee; history project & book; steering committee, Presiding Bishop’s visit, Bishop and Spouses dinner; Commonwealth of MA House of Representatives resolution honoring DWMA; event posters, copies of from the Blackstone to the Housatonic, newscloppings, Pastoral Staff Centennial issue, photographs, VHS of Diocesan history

15. Miscellaneous Archives
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