

Finding Aid for the Sacred Landmarks Collection, 1895-
2001



Collection Number: RG 77/5

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Descriptive Summary

Title:	Sacred Landmarks Collection, 1895-2001
Record No.:	RG 77/5
Creator:	Local religious institutions
Extent:	1.25 linear feet (1 box), 1 map/printed folder
Abstract:	The Sacred Landmarks collection contains records from various local religious institutions including constitutions, bylaws, directories, histories, and various church publications.

Administrative Information

Provenance:	The Sacred Landmarks collection was donated by various local religious institutions including Bethel Lutheran Church, Central Christian Church, Christ Our King, Grace Lutheran Church, and St. John's Episcopal Church. The collection was compiled by Youngstown State University's Center for Urban Studies before being deposited in the University Archives.
Preferred Citation:	Sacred Landmarks Collection, Youngstown State University, Archives & Special Collections, William F. Maag, Jr. Library, Youngstown State University, Youngstown, Ohio.
Restrictions:	None
Processing Information:	Processed by Megan Anderson, September-October, 2004; Updated by Brian Brennan, October 2008
Finding Aid Written by :	Megan Anderson
Finding Aid Revision by:	Lisa Marie Garofali, April 2010

Historical Sketch

The Sacred Landmarks Partnership of Northeast Ohio formed within the Urban University Program Centers at Cleveland State University, Youngstown State University, Kent State University, and the University of Akron, is dedicated to serving as a regional

resource for the research and documentation of history, institutional memory, architecture, aesthetic features and current uses of sacred landmarks in the region. In addition, it serves as the catalyst for their preservation, responsible stewardship and active community involvement in neighborhood revitalization as well as providing information to assist in their role as community centers for the delivery of health and human services, the arts and education. (from: <http://www.maa.yosu.edu/sacred/sacred.html>). Various local religious institutions including Bethel Lutheran Church, Central Christian Church, Christ Our King, and Grace Lutheran Church have donated the materials in Youngstown State University's collection. Central Christian Church has donated its materials at various sites both in and out of Ohio, and can be located at the following: The Mahoning Valley Historical Society in Youngstown, Ohio, The Disciples of Christ Historical Society in Nashville, Tennessee, and at the New Beginnings Church, in Youngstown, Ohio.

Scope and Content Note

The material contained in the Sacred Landmarks collection includes church constitutions and bylaws, minutes from meetings, church histories, church directories and missionary society information. Also present in the collection are various church publications including commemorative church anniversary booklets, Sunday School lists, membership rolls, service programs and fliers, as well as sheet music and photographs. Most of the collection is center on the Central Christian Church in Youngstown.

Colophon

The collection was processed in September-October 2004 by Megan Anderson, an Archival Intern. The collection was updated in 2008 with a series dedicated to the stained glass windows of St. John's Episcopal Church, donated to the YSU archives by Jeffrey Trimble, the Systems Librarian at Maag library. The material was added to the collection by Brian Brennan, Assistant Archivist.

The revision of the Finding Aid and writing of this colophon is by Lisa Marie Garofali, a History graduate student with three years experience working full time in the YSU Archives as of April 2010. Added to this Finding Aid during revision is the description of the series listed above the corresponding folders to that series, related materials has been added, the author of the Finding Aid and author of the revision has been added in the Administrative section. All materials in this collection have also been scanned and digitized, except oversize materials, during the writing of this colophon

Series Description

Series I:	Bethel Lutheran Church
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Index Terms

Sacred Landmarks
Center for Urban Studies
Bethel Lutheran Church
Central Christian Church
Christ Our King
Grace Lutheran Church
Religious Institutions
Minutes
Correspondence
Histories
Publications
St. John's Episcopal Church

Related Materials :

Hildegard K. Schnuttgen Collection, RG 77/11, Archives & Special Collections, William F. Maag, Jr. Library, Youngstown State University, Youngstown, Ohio.

BOX 1

SERIES I: BETHEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

This series contains information on the Bethel Lutheran Church in Youngstown, Ohio. The publication enclosed is the *Centennial Jubilee : in Commemoration of the 100th Anniversary Bethel Lutheran Church 1889-1989*. It contains the information on the church history, early pastors, charter members, various organizations within the church, photographs, and a description of the church and various events throughout the years.

Container	Folder	Content
Box 1	1	Publications: Anniversary Booklet, 1989

SERIES II: CENTRAL CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Series II contains information in regards to the Central Christian Church, a part of the Disciples of Christ denomination, in Youngstown, Ohio. Various materials are also kept in the flat file drawers in the Archives due to size and could not be scanned. Articles of incorporation of the church from 1895 are included and contained in the flat file drawers. Constitution and Bylaws 1895-1924 are from the minutes of the annual meeting from the church's record book. The minutes are dated January 15, 1895 to February 09, 1913 and are from the Official Board of the church. The correspondence contain information on the decision by resolution of the congregation that the church be dissolved in 2002. Also included is information detailing the transfer and inventory of materials to Maag Library from the church for the purpose of preservation. The histories includes "The History of the Church" by May T. Williamson which covers the years 1895-1914 and a continuation of the church history was written to cover the years 1985-1994. The Directories contain the names of parishioners from the years 1904, 1945, 1973, 1983, 1990, 1995, 1997, and 1999. Many of the early directories also contain a brief history of the church. Legal Documents contain a part of the will of Ida E. Osborne which includes leaving the

Central Christian Church \$50,000 and the inventory of the estate of Vera Bingner. The report is entitled, "A Report of the Study Commission Central Christian Church Youngstown, Ohio 1968." It includes the following : an Introduction, Identification of Two Main Problems, Central's Message and Mission, A statistical Analysis of the Congregation, Who Shall be Central's Constituency, The Direction for the Future and Conclusion. The Rosters: Membership and Activities, 1895-1951 files include the organization of the second church in Youngstown in 1895 with a list of those in the new church. Charter members are listed as well as a letter from the church's finance committee on membership amounts apportioned for the new church building in 1906. There is also a lists of servicemen in the church from WWI and WWII. A list updated in 1950 gives the active and inactive members of the church. Children who participate in the Cradle Roll (the church's Sunday school) are listed and copies of certificates are given. A majority of these items are dated around the turn of the century.

The certificate file includes certificates in the increase of congregation grown from the years 1987-1990. The Anniversary booklet files contains booklets from the churches 50th, 60th, 75th, and 90th anniversary. Included is also a copy of the Judge James E. Bennett speech at the 60th anniversary and a newspaper clipping from the churches 90th anniversary. The file for the Guide and Photographs of Paraments include photographs of the needlework of the hanging paraments created by the church women as well as a program of the dedication service of the paraments. The next file includes various publications from the years 1947-1982. Included is the 1947 *Central's Year of Achievement, The Seder : Celebration of the Passover for Christians* and the church's daycare booklet. Copies of the 25th Building Anniversary Celebration program and a dedication Service to Dr. Eugene Charles Beach for 25 years of service as well as various flyers, schedules and pamphlets promoting church activity is included. The New Church Building files contains information from 1948-1952 which includes groundbreaking ceremonies of the new church site in 1948 as well as photographs of the construction, dedication program and description of the symbols in the building. The Women's Missionary Society includes a brief history of the society written by Mrs. G. S. Osborne in 1933. Also included is a directory list of members of the Women's Missionary society for Central Christian Church. The Musical Score file contains the sheet music for Central Christian Sunday School Rallying Song in 1909. The photograph included in the photographs file is of the large stained glass widow inside the church.

Container	Folder	Content
Flat File 1	1	Articles of incorporation, 1895
Drawer 1		
Box 1	2	Constitution and Bylaws, 1895-1924
Box 1	3	Minutes, 1895-1914
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Box 1	5	Histories, 1895-1914, 1985-1994
Box 1	6	Directories, 1904-1990
Box 1	7	Legal Documents, 1921, 1990
Flat File 1, Drawer 1	1	Blueprints, 1946 (Oversize)
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Box 1	10	Certificates, 1987-1998
Box 1	11	Publications: Anniversary Booklets, 1945-1984
Box 1	12	Publications: Guide and Photographs of Paraments, 1979

			-1998
Box 1	13	Publications: Yearbooks, Pamphlets, Programs, and Flyers,	1947-1982
Box 1	14	Subject Files: New Church Building Project,	1948-1952
Box 1	15	Subject Files: Women's Missionary Society,	1933
Box 1	16	Musical Scores,	1909
Flat File 1, Drawer 1		Musical Score,	1909 (Oversize)
Box 1	17	Photographs,	n.d.
Flat File 1, Drawer 1		Photographs,	1916, 1923 (Oversize)

SERIES III: CHRIST OUR KING

Information in this series is in regards to the Christ Our King Catholic Church in Warren Ohio. In this file is a booklet which covers the history of the church from 1951-2001.

Container	Folder	Content
Box 1	18	History, 2001

SERIES IV; GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

Information in this series is on the Grace Lutheran Church in Hubbard, Ohio. Materials in the file contains the church's 135th anniversary booklet which covers the years 1864-1999.

Container	Folder	Content
Box 1	19	Publications: Anniversary Booklet, 1999

SERIES V: ST. JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

This series contains information on the stained glass windows in St. John's Episcopal Church located in Youngstown, Ohio. Information of the church's history is given as well as descriptions of the church's 35 stained glass windows.

Container	Folder	Content
Box 1	20	Subject Files: St. John's Stained Glass Windows, n.d.

SERIES VI: NEWS

This file includes a newspaper clipping of the Sacred Landmarks archives donation to YSU Maag Library Archives and Special Collections in 2002.

Container	Folder	Content
Box 1	21	Newspaper Clippings, 2002