

## HISTORIOGRAPHER

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As the Historiographer / Archivist for the Diocese I have continued with the projects started over the past two years. I continue to work hard finding and organizing some of the historical records and materials for the Diocese.

I continue working to update and correct the preliminary *Guide to finding Episcopalians in Minnesota for Genealogists and Historians*. This inventory continues to grow and expand as new records are discovered and processed. This is a useful and valuable records for genealogists and local historians. I am at present organizing and processing some collection of old records for some of the churches throughout the State, some of these files contain even the original deeds and organization of the church.

The collection of back issues for the "Diocesan Journals" for both the old Diocese of Duluth and Minnesota Diocese have been completed. Several volumes were found missing and have been through the kindness of some friend been replaced. A second almost complete set for the Diocese of Duluth will be donated to the Regional History Center in Duluth.

I have also been busy, as time permits, working on making a finding aid for photographs of all known church building pictures in the state. The Minnesota Historical Society has a wonderful collection that is available. I have been working on finding photographs and drawings of one not in the Historical Society Collection. The ones that I have found have been scanned and will be available through the Diocesan Archives. New Photographs are also welcomed at any time

I receive genealogical and historical queries weekly, requesting all sorts of information. We have been able in most cases to assist them in finding the records they need. A number are individuals doing genealogical research, and we have been able to assist them quickly. If the Parish Records are at the Episcopal Center Archives, we have encouraged them to come in and search the records themselves.

I continue to be available to assist preserving the valuable records of the Diocese and Parishes for the future. If anyone has questions please contact the Historiographer / Archivist. Office at The Episcopal Center.

Respectfully Submitted  
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