

Parish of Trinity East - Port Rexton fonds. - 1876 - 2000. - 30 cm textual records

Administrative history

Until the end of the 19th century the present Parish of Port Rexton was part of the Mission of Trinity. The first churches in the area were St. Barnabas, built at Salmon Cove East (now Champney's East) in 1829, St. Silas at English Harbour, built in 1843, and Christ's Church, which was built between the communities of Ship Cove, Robin Hood and Trinity East in 1859. The Parish of Trinity East was established as a separate parish during the 1870s and a school board for the parish, under the name of Trinity North, was formed. by 1880. In 1911 the communities of Robin Hood and Ship Cove joined to form the community of Port Rexton and Christ's Church became the home of the congregation of that community. The people of Trinity East formed a committee in 1910 to arrange the building of a new church in their community. The Church of St. Andrew's was built at Trinity East by David Marshall of Bonavista Bay, and consecrated in 1912. The Trinity East Parish council was formed in 1934 by the Rector of the Parish, the Rev. Frank Hollands. Two congregations of the parish made up the first Council; St. Andrew's Congregation, Trinity East and Christ Church Congregation, Port Rexton. The following year the congregations of Champney's East, Champney's West and English Harbour joined the council. Christ Church, Port Rexton was rebuilt at a new location and consecrated in 1950. After that time the parish became known as Trinity East-Port Rexton. In 1971, by order of the Bishop, the parish amalgamated with that of Trinity for a trial period of not less than two years. The arrangement lasted for ten years, after which time the parishes reverted to their former status. The church of St. Andrew's burned to the ground in 1979, and a new church was built the following year. The present parish extends from Trinity East to English Harbour, and includes All Saint's Church, English Harbour; St. Nicholas Church, Champney's East; St. Clement's, Champney's West; Christ Church, Port Rexton; and St. Andrew's Church, Trinity East.

Source: Records of the parish.

Custodial history

The Parish of Port Rexton Parish Registers, 1876 - 2000 are held at the Anglican Parish of Port Rexton Rectory, the records were loaned to the archives to be photocopied in January 2003 and 2006. The remainder of the records in this fonds were kept at the Rectory of the Parish of Trinity.

Scope and content

The fonds consists of Parish Registers of Baptisms, Marriages and Burials, 1876 - 2000; Christ Church new parsonage, 1876; pew rent for Salmon Cove East, 1881 and a transcript of a vestry meeting held at All Saints, 1841 relating to cemetery, school and pews; a Parish Priest's Register, 1892-1931, in which are listed alphabetically the members of the congregation, place of residence and, if married, the names of their wife and children; subscriber's lists, 1895, 1907; minutes of the Trinity East Parish Council and the Trinity - Trinity East Parish Council, 1969 - 1972.; a proposed floor plan for St. Andrew's Church, c.1980.

Notes

Supplied title based on provenance.

Material that was held at the Rectory of the Parish of Trinity, was donated by Rev. G. Colbourne, July 2000.

The original Port Rexton Parish Registers is held at the Rectory of the Parish.

1.01 Parish Registers, 1876 - 2000

The parish registers are the official documents of baptisms, marriages and burials that are kept by the church. Included is other information such as: names of parents, birth and baptismal dates, place of abode, witnesses to marriages, parents of bride/groom, maiden name of mother, occupation of husband to be, age at time of death and sometimes cause of death. The registers also contain a list of communicants for 1887 and people confirmed between 1936 - 1944.

Photocopies of the registers are available to researchers.

Photocopies are listed according to years that are held in each binder:

Baptisms, 1876 - 2000

Communicants, 1887

Confirmation, 1904 - 1944 (select years)

Marriages, 1876 - 2000

Burials, 1876 - 1967

1.02 Christ Church new Parsonage, 1876.

A list of the income and expenditures for building the new parsonage.

1.03 Pew rent, 1881/Transcript of vestry meeting, 1841.

A list of the people who owned pews in the church in Salmon Cove East in 1881 and their original holders in 1841. This list is followed by each person having their own page which details the amount of cash and /or labour provided each year for the rental of the pew.

A transcript of a vestry meeting that was held in 1841 with regards to the cemetery, pews and school was copied by Rev. Benjamin Smith from an old account book which had originally been handwritten by Rev. David Martin.

1.04 Parish Priest Register, 1892 - 1931.

An alphabetical list of members of the Trinity East - Port Rexton congregations giving information on the place of residence, marital status and the names of the wives and children as well as their ages.

1.05 Subscriber's Lists, 1895, 1907.

A list that was published each year for a parish listing the names of each person in the congregation who had given money to their church.

1.06 Trinity East Parish Council and the Trinity - Trinity East Parish Council, 1969 - 1972.

Minutes of the Trinity East Parish Council which details the business of the parish and a record of the first meeting of the two parishes when they joined together as one parish in 1971.

1.07 Proposed floor plan for St. Andrew's Church, [ca.1980]

Location: Church Records Box 10.

1.07 is located in the map cabinet: Drawer 5, Folder 1.