

St. Augustine's Church, (British Harbour) fonds. - 1854 - 1968.
- 9 cm (5 volumes) textual records

Administrative history

British Harbour is a community on the north side of Trinity Bay, about 19 km south of Trinity, in the Parish of Trinity. In 1836 there was a resident population of fifty-two people. The population reached its peak in 1901, with 224 people in the community. The cemetery book, named for Saint Augustine's Church dates from 1883, indicating that the Church was built by that time. British Harbour came under the provincial government's resettlement program of the 1960s. The final entry in the church records is for 1968. The Church probably closed the same year.

Source: St. Augustine's Church (British Harbour) fonds; Encyclopedia of Newfoundland and Labrador.

Custodial history

After resettlement the records were kept at the Rectory of the Parish of Trinity. The vestry register, 1890 - 1921, was held at the Eastern Diocese of Newfoundland and Labrador Archives until July 25, 2001 when it was deaccessioned and entrusted to the Trinity Historical Society Archives. The register of services, 1921 - 1968 was returned from the Diocese of Eastern Newfoundland and Labrador Archives in November 2002.

Scope and content

The fonds consists of a lay reader's license, 1854; cemetery accounts for 1883 - 1967; vestry registers, 1890 - 1921 and 1921 - 1968; an account book for 1945 - 1968 and an account of the Rector's stipend and church expenses for 1939 - 1968. The books provide information on persons in the community who purchased plots in the cemetery, contributed to the Rector's stipend, as well as providing accounts relating to expenditures of the Church.

Notes

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Donated by the Rector of the Parish of Trinity, Rev. G. Colbourne, July 2000.

Series 1: Financial records. - 1854 - 1968. - 9 cm

The series contains the financial records of the Church in relation to cemetery accounts, Church envelope and loose collection giving, cemetery and Rector stipend.

The volumes are arranged in sub-series according to form and function

1.01 Lay reader license, 1854

This license belonged to Thomas Gawlor.

1.02 Cemetery accounts, 1883 - 1967

Names of those who provided labour towards the maintenance of the Cemetery, plots that were purchased and a yearly record of income and expenditures.

1.03 Vestry registers, 1890 - 1968

The vestry register records the date, text used for the service, subject of sermon and the name of the preacher for every service held within the Church.

1.03.001 Vestry Register, 1890 – 1921 (on shelf)

1.03.002 Vestry Register, 1921 - 1968

1.04 Rector's stipend and church expenses, 1939 - 1968

List of names and amount of money contributed by each towards the Rector's stipend and other Church expenses.

1.05 Account book, 1945 - 1968

The accounts of the yearly income and expenditures as well as a collection that was taken up each year to help cover Church expenses.

1.06 New cemetery fund

A list of contributor's and the amounts given towards the new cemetery.

Location: Church Records Box 9 and shelf.