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## PREFACE

In January 1936, by authority of a Presidential letter, the Historical Records Survey was established under the national direction of Dr. Luther H. Evans, to provide useful employment for needy unemployed professional, technical, and clerical workers. Among the nation-wide objectives of this project, was the compilation of inventories of all ecclesiastical records in the United States, denomination by denomination. These records are invaluable, though heretofore largely unlocated or unknown, sources of social, religious, and vital-statistical studies of national and local history. On March 1, 1940, Mr. Sargent B. Child succeeded Dr. Evans as National Director of the survey.

Inventories of the records of each denomination will eventually be published for every state. For the purpose of this survey, New York City was designated as a forty-ninth state, with Mrs. Crete Hutchinson as State Director. On April 26, 1937, she was replaced by Howard E. Colgan, who was succeeded on June 15 of the same year by George J. Miller as State Director and Jacob George Bragin as Assistant Director. Upon Mr. Miller's resignation in October 1939, Charles C. Fisher was appointed Acting Director; and in September 1940, Isidor Paskoff succeeded Mr. Bragin as Assistant Director. The New York City project ceased to exist as part of Federal Project #1 on September 1, 1939; from which time it has operated under the sponsorship of Fiorello H. La Guardia, Mayor of the City of New York.

The present inventory of the Protestant Episcopal Church archives--the fourth of a series which eventually will cover every denomination in New York City--appears in two volumes. Volume 1 is devoted to the archives of the General Convention, the Diocese of New York and the National Council, with their subsidiary organizations located in the City of New York; while volume 2 includes every known parish, mission, and purely local institution within that portion of the diocese which lies within the city. A third volume, covering the parishes and institutions of the diocese outside the city, is being published by the New York State Historical Records Survey. An Inventory of the Church Archives of New York City: Protestant Episcopal Church, Diocese of Long Island has already been published as a companion volume to the inventory of the Diocese of Long Island outside the City of New York being published by the New York State Historical Records Survey.

In the course of preparing this inventory, some records assumed to have been lost and others long misplaced were located; in some cases, records found to be in poor condition have been reconditioned. It is hoped that subsequent inventories will lead to similar discovery, centralization, and preservation of other records now unknown or believed lost.

The cooperative aid of rectors and other church officials is gratefully acknowledged as having been indispensable to the completion of this inventory. Acknowledgment is made for the kindness of the Right Reverend William T. Manning, Bishop of the Diocese of New York, in writing the foreword to this publication; also, to the Reverend Thomas A. Sparks, of the

Cathedral to whom we are greatly indebted for suggestions and revisions, accompanying his approval of the entry on the Cathedral of Saint John the Divine; and to the Reverend Floyd Van Keuren, Registrar, who most courteously made available the records in his charge.

The work of collecting, verifying, and editing the inventory has been done under the direct supervision of Harry E. Greene and his successor, Mrs. Alice Louise Hayes. The historical sketch is the work of Dr. James T. Simpson. Editing, proofreading and indexing was done by Melvin Sachs, Bernard Kasper, Harry Pollack. The following workers contributed to the writing of the entries: Melvin Sachs, Wallace W. Hooker, William Fisher, Bradley D. Cutler, Milton Hirsh, Lillian Parker, and Mary C. Francis. Other workers who did research on the inventory are: Lillian Parker, Helen Marshall, Celia Rogow, Jessie M. Preston, Georgia Gardner, Alfred B. Kuttner, Lloyd Thomas, Archibald G. Sands, Thelma V. Wiley, Evelyn Revesz, Miguel Casillas, Edith R. Dodson, Juanita T. Sharpe. The typing was directed and supervised by Fay Epstein. Final editorial responsibility has been assumed by Charles E. Baker, Editor-in-Chief of the New York City Historical Records Survey.

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21. ALL SAINTS' (The Rector, Church Wardens and Vestrymen of All Saints' Church in the City of New York), 1824--. 290 Henry St. Manhattan.

Organized 1824. Began as mission through efforts of General Theological Seminary students, 1819. Incorporated June 10, 1824 (County Register, Rel. Inc., vol. 1, p. 125). Admitted into union with Convention 1824. Colonial style church, consecrated June 8, 1828. Galleries on three sides; one in rear formerly designated "slave gallery"; wine-glass pulpit, with Prince of Wales crest, brought from England prior to 1800; bell from Gloucester, Mass., 1829-30. First clergyman, Rev. William Atwater Clark, 1824-37. Present rector, Rev. George W. Knight, 1933--; ed. General Theological Sem., 1927; Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Cambridge, Mass., 1932.

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22. ASCENSION (The Rector, Church Wardens and Vestrymen of the Church of the Ascension in the City of New York), 1827--. 5th Ave. and 10th St., Manhattan.

Organized 1827. Incorporated October 2, 1827 (County Register, Rel. Inc., vol. 1, p. 156). Admitted into union with Convention 1827. Services, Broadway and Howard St. until 1829; church, Canal St., east of Broadway

until 1838; 9th St., east of Broadway until cornerstone of present Gothic stone church laid March 19, 1840; dedicated 1841. Paintings by John La Farge, Louis Saint Gaudens, D. Maitland Armstrong adorn the Chancel. At the services held in November 1940, to mark the 100th anniversary of the laying of the cornerstone, Dr. Henry Bradford Washburn, dean-emeritus of the Episcopal Theological School, Cambridge, Mass., delivered the sermon. The rector announced a one hundredth anniversary gift from Miss Susan A. Cox for four stained glass windows for the tower of the church. They are being executed by Owen Bonawit of New York after a thirteenth century model. First clergyman, Rev. Manton Eastburn, 1827-42. Present rector, Rev. Donald Bradshaw Aldrich, 1925--; ed. Dartmouth Col., 1917; Episcopal Theological School, Cambridge, Mass., 1922.

A Chapel of the Comforter, 1860-1914. 10 Horatio St. Organized 1860. Located at Greenwich and Bethune Sts. until 1872; Greenwich and Jane Sts. until 1895; above address until 1914 when it became independent Chapel of the Comforter (entry 166). First clergyman, Rev. William H. Neilson Jr., 1863-64.

B Chapel of the Shepherd's Flock, 1865-70. 330 W. 43d St. Organized 1865. Became Ascension Memorial Church (entry 118) in 1870. First clergyman, Rev. John W. Trimble, 1865-69; ed. Dublin Univ., Ireland.

Gregory Thurston Bedell, Fellow Workers, New York, J.A. Gray, 1859, 59 pp. . . . John Cotton Smith, Monital Parochial, Parish Statistics of Church, New York, 1860, 62 pp. . . . Donald E. Winchester, Fifty Years of Parish Life, New York, 1891, 31 pp. . . . Year Book, 1888-1913, New York, 1913. "What a Church Is Doing For Art; . . . Church of the Ascension," Arts and Decoration, 11:96 June 1919. . . . The 100th Anniversary . . ., New York, 1927.

Vestry minutes: 1827-44, 1844-70, 1870-1904, 1904-19, 1920-30, 1930--, 6 vols. Registers: baptisms, confirmations, marriages, members, deaths, 1843-1914, 1881-98, 1898-1908, 1905-34, 4 vols.; baptisms, confirmations, marriages, deaths, 1860-81, 1 vol.; marriages, 1935--, 1 vol.; baptisms, confirmations, members, deaths, 1934--, 1 vol.

23. ST. MATTHEW'S CHURCH, YORKVILLE (The Rector, Church Wardens and Vestrymen of St. Matthew's Church in the City and County of New York), 1828, Manhattan.

Organized 1828. Incorporated May 1828 (County Register, Rel. Inc., vol. 1, p. 163). Discontinued. First clergyman, William Richmond, 1828.

24. ST. ANDREW'S (The Rector, Church Wardens and Vestrymen of St. Andrew's Church in the Village of Harlem, in the 12th Ward of the City and County of New York), 1829--. 7 E. 127th St., Manhattan.

Organized 1829. Incorporated February 14, 1829 (County Register, Rel. Inc., vol. 1, p. 187). Admitted into union with Convention 1829. Located in an academy at 120th St. near 3d Ave. until 1829; church 128th St.