

ARCHIVES

In 2016, the archives had a University of Pittsburgh student intern for spring and summer and a volunteer student from Duquesne University in the fall. A retired librarian, Richard Syracuse, cataloged part of the library collection and began working on a very large collection of parish photographs from St. Andrew's, New Kensington, before relocating to Connecticut. The Pitt student, Sister Grace, worked on processing a number of smaller collections, including portraits of bishops and parish records. The Duquesne student, Brittany Creeley, completed the St. Andrew's project.

During the year, I helped a researcher working on a history of St. Thomas, Canonsburg, (since published). He spent time at the archives working through collections and I read and commented on a draft of his manuscript. I also provided data for and critiques of a number of drafts of chapters in a new book on the split among the churches in South Carolina. There were 29 other requests for research from different individuals, some of which included research on several individuals. A reporter from the *Pittsburgh Post Gazette* called for help on an article about the celebration of Christmas in early Pittsburg (as it was once spelled). The archives provided research on the diocesan properties offered for sale in 2016, providing the consecration date and historical information for each of the liturgical services associated with returning these sites to secular use.

The archivist continued removing items of value and use from St. Andrew's, New Kensington, in preparation for a potential sale, and made a final trip to Prince of Peace and to Christ the King for the same purpose.

The archives produced an exhibit on the first 100 years of African-American experience in the diocese for the 2016 convention, which was doubled in size and extended in time period for the Presiding Bishop's visit in early 2017. The display case outside the archives office is changed quarterly. In 2016 the exhibits featured included: a Christmas array of creches, a display of church "bling" and another on Bibles and Prayer Books in the Archives collection.

Professionally, I have been attending meetings of the Three Rivers Archivists, have published several book reviews, and prepared a completed draft of an extended essay, "Anglicans and Episcopalians in America" for the Oxford University Press online Research Encyclopedia of American History. The article is currently in final production.

I always welcome additional hands and will train any who are interested in helping in the archives.

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