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Finding Aid for Bishop Littlejohn Subject File

Date range: 1868-1904

CREATOR

Episcopal Diocese of Long Island

EXTENT

Linear Feet: .5 linear feet

Number of Containers: 1 small box

ABSTRACT

A collection of subject files pertaining to Bishop Abram Newkirk Littlejohn (held office 1869-1901). Contains correspondences, legal records, economic information, commentary on news events, consecration records, photographs and ephemera. Part of a larger collection of subject files relative to bishops who served episcopacy for the Episcopal Diocese of Long Island.

LANGUAGES

English

REFERENCE CODE

SF-1

PROCESSING ARCHIVIST

Caroline Zhu, Head Archivist

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Collection Details

***Historical Note

Born on December 13th, 1824, in Montgomery County, NY, Abram Newkirk Littlejohn graduated with honors from Union College, Schenectady, NY, in 1845. After 3 more years of course study he was ordained deacon in 1848. His first clerical position was assistant at St. Anne's, Amsterdam, NY. In 1850 he was appointed rector of Christ Church, New Haven, Ct. Littlejohn received an honorary Doctor of Divinity by the University of Pennsylvania. During the 1850's he became the second rector of Holy Trinity in Brooklyn. The Diocese of Long Island and the Diocese of Central New York were created at the same time out of the existing Episcopal Diocese of New York. Both the Diocese of Long Island and Central New York elected Littlejohn to the episcopate. Littlejohn chose Long Island, and he was consecrated in 1869 by the Rt. Rev. Henry C. Potter, Bishop of New York. Later, he was awarded a Doctor of Law in 1880 by The University of Cambridge and a Doctor of Civil Law in 1887 by The University of South. He died of apoplexy in Williamstown, Ma, in 1901. His funeral was held at the Cathedral of Incarnation, and he was laid to rest in the churchyard of all Saints, Great Neck.

Scope & Content

Bishop Littlejohn is the primary creator of the materials included in this collection. These materials come in the form of letters, reports, newsletters, newspaper clippings, press releases, billings, recreational documents, and ephemera. Many of the materials are relative to the Diocese of Long Island, thus the geographical provenance of many materials has connections to Long Island, Queens and/or Brooklyn. Examples of this may include church activities, personal interests and communications from the bishop, community involvement, and commentary on current events. However, some materials have been outsourced, particularly letters from various dioceses or institutions out-of-state or internationally.

Arrangement Description

This collection was processed at the collection-level; materials and individual items are categorized by folder. Each folder begins with letters "SF" for Subject Files. The initial number, 1-8, signaling which bishop the evidence pertains to. The numbers are attached to individual bishops in order of when they held their episcopacy. For example, 1 would be referring to Rt. Rev. Littlejohn and 8 would refer to Bishop Provenzano. The final number - separated by a period from the initial number - in two digits, referring to the collection or file itself. For example, a file titled '#SF-1.04' would be specific subject file 'number 4' referring to items related to Bishop Abram Littlejohn. The folders in the banker boxes are not categorized in any specific order; in terms of organization, these folders were left in the same order as they were when they were first received.

Related Materials

These subject files are part of a larger group of files pertaining to the bishops of the Episcopal Diocese of Long Island, which can be accessed by contacting its archivist. Other archives may hold information on Bishop Littlejohn and his episcopacy, including (but not limited to) the Archives of the Episcopal Church at 107 Denson Drive, Austin, TX 78752.

Immediate Source of Acquisition

The collection has been property of the Episcopal Diocese since its genesis.

Subject Headings

This record series is indexed under the following controlled access subject terms:

PERSONS:

Littlejohn, Abram N.

PLACES:

Brooklyn, N.Y. (USA)

Nassau County, N.Y. (USA)

Queens County, N.Y. (USA)

Suffolk County, N.Y. (USA)

SUBJECTS:

Art and religion

Diocesan history

Economic councils—Episcopal Church

Episcopal Church—United States Protestant Episcopal Church in the U.S.A.

Faith

Libraries—Special collections—Religion

Religious articles

Religious education of people with disabilities—Episcopal Church

Religious life

Religious thought

Religious tolerance—Episcopal Church

Spiritual thought

Word (Theology)

Worship

Using the Collection

ACCESS STATEMENT

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Collection Inventory

FILE	ID	BOX
Coins Issued on the occasion of the 25 th Anniversary of the Bishop Littlejohn Episcopate	#SF-1.01	Box 1
Littlejohn's Spectacles	#SF-1.02	Box 1
Papers re. Legality of Bishop Election	#SF-1.03	Box 1
Testimony of Consent to Consecration of Bishop (1868)	#SF-1.04	Box 1
Papers re. Consent to the Consecration of Bishop Littlejohn as Bishop Elect (1868-1869)	#SF-1.05	Box 1
25 th Anniversary of Consecration (1894)	#SF-1.06	Box 1
Letter of Acceptance as Bishop of L.I. (1868)	#SF-1.07	Box 1
Clippings re. Election of Littlejohn (1868)	#SF-1.08	Box 1
Correspondence	#SF-1.09	Box 1
Correspondence (1871-1900)	#SF-1.10	Box 1
Correspondence (1868-1869)	#SF-1.11	Box 1
Opening Prayer at the Opening of the Brooklyn Bridge (1883)	#SF-1.12	Box 1
The Helping Hand (1893)	#SF-1.13	Box 1
Copy of 1868 Convention Journal	#SF-1.14	Box 1
List of Publications by Littlejohn	#SF-1.15	Box 1
Biographical Information	#SF-1.16	Box 1
"Book of Common Prayer" Gifted by Alice Wesson in memory of her grandfather Bishop Littlejohn (1904)	#SF-1.17	Box 1
Address to Convention (1870)	#SF-1.18	Box 1
Photographs	#SF-1.19	Box 1