

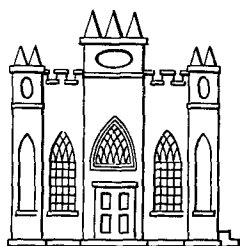
THE INTERIOR OF ST. MICHAEL'S CHURCH, 1925

History of St. Michael's

1700-1925



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from the beginning to the present date

of

ST. MICHAEL'S PROTESTANT EPISCOPAL CHURCH

"The First Church of Trenton"

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TO THE BRAVE ONES WHO GAVE THEIR LIVES
TO
PROTECT THOSE HOMES

TO ALL THE FAITHFUL ONES WHOSE LOVE AND LOYALTY
HAVE SUSTAINED AND CARRIED ON
"OLD ST. MICHAEL'S"

TO JAMES CLARKE DeCOU
WHOSE LIFE OF DEVOTION AND SERVICE HAS BEEN AN
INSPIRATION TO PRESERVE THESE RECORDS

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FOREWORD

1700-1925

TWO hundred and twenty-five years—since the Baptism of children of the Church people at Maidenhead and Hopewell, by an English Clergyman, marks the beginning of Church History which has developed into the Parish of St. Michael's Protestant Episcopal Church of Trenton.

The Two Hundredth Anniversary of the first Episcopal Service in Elizabethtown was observed in 1903, and was the Anniversary of Infant Baptism in a private house, so St. Michael's can claim as its "Natal Year," the year "When the Prayer Book Service was read and the Sacrament of Infant Baptism administered according to the Rites of the English Church.

The names of these children are not given but the record of the Baptism of children in this locality within the next few years which are found on the Register of St. Mary's Church, Burlington, contains the names of early settlers who came before 1700.

When the Old Church was built it was in Hopewell Township, whose southern boundary was the Assanpink Creek, and the settlement south of it was the Falls of the Delaware, later Lambertton.

The name Trenton was gradually adopted because of Colonel William Trent's interest in the locality. In 1729 the Court so extended the northern boundary of Trenton as to include the "Old Church," and it becomes

THE FIRST CHURCH OF TRENTON

THE MOTHER CHURCH OF TRENTON.



VIEW OF THE CHANCEL BEFORE THE ALTERATIONS OF 1871

EARLY COLONIAL

THE history of a Colonial Church is so closely connected with the history of the locality that a short account of the latter may help to locate the site of the Old Church, which was in the present Township of Ewing.

When New Jersey was an English Colony known as East and West Jersey, Mahlon Stacy came, in 1678, to West Jersey and built a mill at "The Falls of the Delaware."

Here he and the Friends who had come with him built their homes, the small beginnings of a large city.

Because of the narrowing of the River at this point the waters from above, as they crowded in a smaller space over the rocks, formed a Fall large enough to give a name to the locality.

Those who wanted farm land settled above the Falls. One of these was Thomas Hutchinson who called his place "Hutchinson's Manor." It extended back from the River to include 5,000 acres and along the River 4 or 5 miles, commencing at a corner of land of General Philemon Dickinson, afterward owned by Mr. E. J. C. Atterbury, members of whose family were active in St. Michael's Church work.

The "Manor House" was built on the part of the tract away from the River and from this part was taken the lot that was deeded to Andrew Heath and others in 1703, by John Hutchinson, his father, Thomas Hutchinson, having died. [See copy of Deed, page 83.]

The members of The Church of England who had made their homes in this neighborhood desired to have the Church of the Homeland in the land of their adoption, and were not neglected by the Mother Church. The Rev. Evan Evans had been sent by Bishop Compton of London to the American Colonies to minister "where needed," with headquarters at Philadelphia. In the year



RIGHT REV. PAUL MATTHEWS, D. D.
Fifth and Present Bishop
1915-

1700 he reported that he had visited the Church people at Maidenhead and Hopewell and baptized 19 children at one time and that this was forty miles distant from Philadelphia.

The country between Princeton and Lambertville, at this time, was known as the Townships of Maidenhead, Hopewell and Amwell.

The town now called Lawrenceville was then the town of Maidenhead in the Township of Maidenhead, the name of which was a reminder of the home in Old England of some of the early settlers.

This Township covered much territory and was closely connected with the adjoining township of Hopewell, by boundary and association. The Church was built in Hopewell and was referred to in that way but the congregation was the people of Hopewell and Maidenhead, and many other references included both as if closely associated in every way.

The southern boundary of Hopewell was the Assanpink Creek. Maidenhead extended in the same southerly direction.

On this Hutchinson lot a Church was built with voluntary contributions and was finished by 1704.

John Talbot, from Burlington, visited them frequently before and after the Church was built.

On the Register of St. Mary's Church, Burlington, is recorded "Hopewell—1703—Feb. 28th. Baptised John & Ann, ye children of Roger Parke. 1704—7ber [Sept.] Mary, Elizabeth, Thos., Ann, Wm., John, Sarah, & Robert, children of Thos. Tindall. Sept. 27th, 1705—Baptisms at Hopewell Chapel Church."

It is interesting to note that the Baptisms of 1705 were not in Hopewell as before, but in Hopewell Chapel Church to which Gov. Ingoldsby had appointed Thomas Tindall, Roger Parke, Robert Eaton and Andrew Heath "Church Wardens of the Church to be called Christ Church" granting "All such powers & privileges as the Ministers, Church Wardens & Vestry have & enjoy in the Kingdom of England," in a "Lycense" dated April 3rd, 1705. [See copy of Lycense, page 86].



REV. JONATHAN ODELL
Rector of St. Mary's Church, Burlington
during the Revolution



REV. GEORGE KEITH
An English Missionary in America
in Early Colonial times

Rev. Mr. May ministered to them, through the kindness of Capt. Paxton of the Ship Feversham which was stationed near by,* of which Mr. May was Chaplain.

As the English Church could not send over a Missionary for every Congregation, each clergyman was expected to officiate at several stations. Mr. May was followed by Rev. Jacob Henderson, of Dover Hundred, Delaware—the people having asked Mr. Jeremiah Basse, the Secretary of the S. P. G. “If you would favour us with your interest to get Mr. Henderson.”

The Society for the Propagation of the Gospel in Foreign Parts (commonly known as the S. P. G.) had been recently formed in England, in order to have a spiritual oversight of the Colonies.

Meanwhile many new families had come to live in the neighborhood, who worshipped in the Church. Apparently many Presbyterians, as on the register of the First Presbyterian Church of Philadelphia is the record of the Baptism of Richard Scudder and his eight children, at Hopewell, in 1711.

In 1711 the United Congregation asked the Presbytery, by Mr. Wm. Yard, to send them a minister.† Mr. Sackett and Woolsey held services until it was proposed to ordain Mr. Robert Orr, a Presbyterian in the Church. Mr. Henderson objected, as the “Lycense” was for the services of the Church of England.

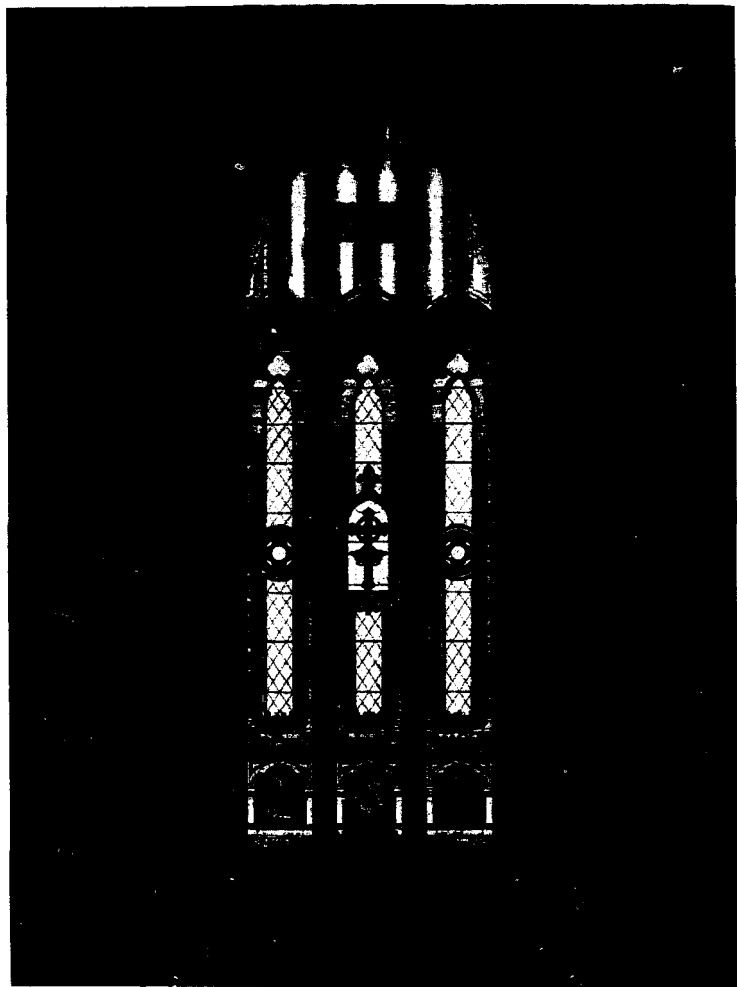
In 1712 the Presbyterians built their Church on a lot given to them, by Mr. Alexander Lockhart, from his farm, afterward owned by Mr. Wm. Hough.

In the year 1720 Mr. Harrison was appointed Missionary, with the care of Maidenhead.

May 31st, 1722, he writes to the Secretary of the S. P. G. from Philadelphia, that he had landed at Lewestown, some two hundred miles from Hopewell which was some distance in the country. “I went to Mr. Trent’s house and, with his permission, back to Philadelphia. As I could not reach the Hopewell Church until Lent”.

* “Near by”—Probably on the River at Burlington, which was as far as the boats could come.

† If the Presbyterians attended the services of the English Missionaries they should have the use of the Church for their Missionaries.



THE WEST WINDOW OF THE CHURCH

The two years between his appointment and the date of this letter represent the preparation, the perilous voyage and the landing at Lewes Town (probably Lewes, Delaware) apparently in winter when the roads were impassable. Then the stay in Philadelphia until he could take up his work. He remained there until 1723 when he went to a Church on Staten Island. He was diligent and the people were satisfied but the work was too fatiguing.

Sept. 20th, 1723, John Talbot writes: "I have been this month at Trenton, Hopewell and Amwell preaching and baptising. Some had come off their errors with Mr. Keith, having been Quakers.

"So I came for the Elements, returned to the mountains and did administer."

These words "fatiguing" work and "mountains" suggest the difficulty of reaching the Church and people over steep country roads.

Mr. Harrison's reference to Mr. Trent's house brings to notice the great changes at the Falls of the Delaware.

William Trent, a member of the Church of England, came from Inverness, Scotland, to Philadelphia, and became a successful merchant; also holding Offices of Trust in the State.

In 1714 he came to Trenton and bought Mahlon Stacy's 800 acre tract of land on both sides of the Assanpink.

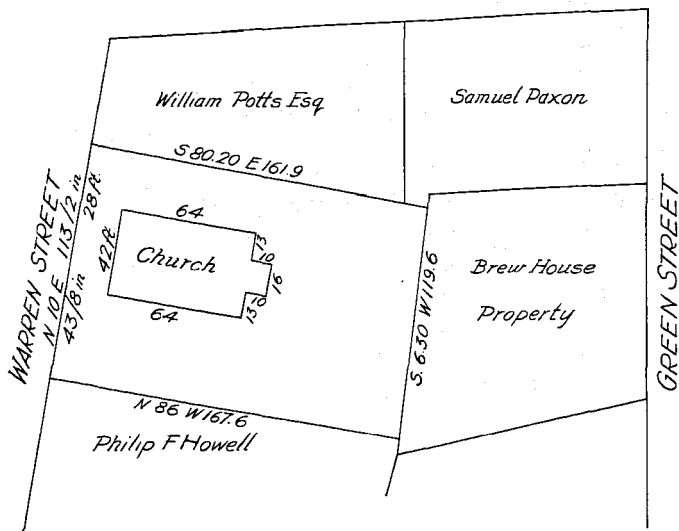
He called his farm "Bloomsbury Farm," his house "Bloomsbury Court," and the locality became "Bloomsbury."

His house now belongs to the Estate of the late Edward H. Stokes.

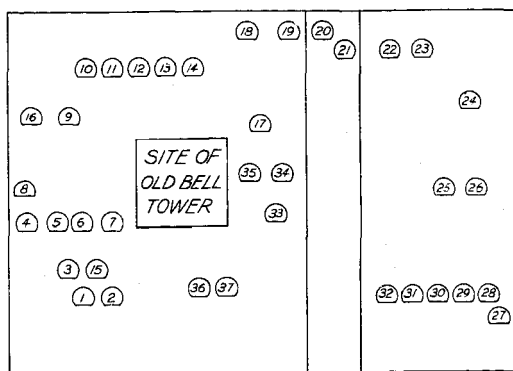
The locality nearest the River was called Lamberton for Mr. Thomas Lambert, a prominent citizen.

Mr. Trent became popular and influential; was appointed to the Legislature in 1721; Speaker of the House in 1723, and Chief Justice of the Supreme Court in 1724. Notwithstanding the responsibility of these offices Mr. Trent was actively interested in the Church in the country.

Gradually "The Falls" became Trent's Town and Trenton, and on Nov. 14th, 1735, Rev. Mr. Lindsay writes to the Secretary



AN EARLY PLAN OF THE CHURCH LOT



PLAN OF GRAVES COVERED BY THE PARISH HOUSE
THE NAMES ARE GIVEN ON PAGE 116

of the S. P. G.: "Trenton lies in the Jerseys beyond the Delaware, ten long miles from Bristol. I go there every third Sabbath and oftener in Summer. Amwell and Hopewell are a wide scattered country. No Church there except an old one at Hopewell."

In these thirty years the Church building had arrived at a state in which it needed repairs, though Services were held in it after the Church in Trenton had been built.

The location for a new Church was decided by the will of Colonel Daniel Coxe who died April 25th, 1739. To this will, written March 27th, 1737, probated April 30th, 1739, he added a Codicil in these words, in part:

Now the said Daniel Coxe—

Do by this present Codicil in all things approve of, ratifie and confirm the same my said last Will and Testament otherwise than as is in this Codicil contained. * * * * And moreover, I do hereby devise, Give and bequeath unto the Executors of my said last Will and Testament all that piece of land Situate in Maidenhead in the said County of Hunterdon containing about One Hundred Acres and commonly called and known by the name of the Town Lott.

To be by them my said Executors, or the Survivor or Survivors of them Conveyed unto Six credible and honest Freeholders within the said Township of Maidenhead as my said Executors shall think fit, and have purchased their lands of me. And which Conveyance or assurance of the said Lott of land so to be made by my Executors, shall be in such manner as to them * * * * shall be deemed and judged most proper and convenient, Secure and Effectual for the assuring, settling and Estating of the said Lott of Land to and for the use of an Episcopal Church erected or to be hereafter Erected in the same Township of Maidenhead.

In Witness whereof I, the said Daniel Coxe, have hereunto set my hand and seal the Eighteenth day of April in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and thirty-nine.

DAN COXE [SEAL]

Signed &c. in the presence of the Testator,

JOHN DAGWORTHY, ANDREW REED, SAML. JOHNSON

The 30th day of April, 1739, proved by

ANDW. REED

SAML. JOHNSON



SOUTH VIEW SHOWING THE PARISH HOUSE



NORTH VIEW SHOWING THE TRANSEPT

Colonel Daniel Coxe was a very prominent Churchman. He had been interested in St. Mary's Church, Burlington, and attended services there. He was willing to contribute toward a Church at Trenton. He had inherited large tracts of land from his father, Dr. Daniel Coxe. In his Will he had evenly divided his land among his children, except a 30,000 acre tract in Hopewell, and one of 15,000 acres in Maidenhead. These were left to be sold, but when the need arose for a lot for a new Church he selected it from the 15,000 Acre Tract in Maidenhead, specifying "The Town Lott of One Hundred Acres."

This Town Lott was about One and one-half miles from the town of Maidenhead (now Lawrenceville), in the Township of Maidenhead, which extended in a Southerly direction toward the Assanpink Creek, and parallel with Hopewell Township.*

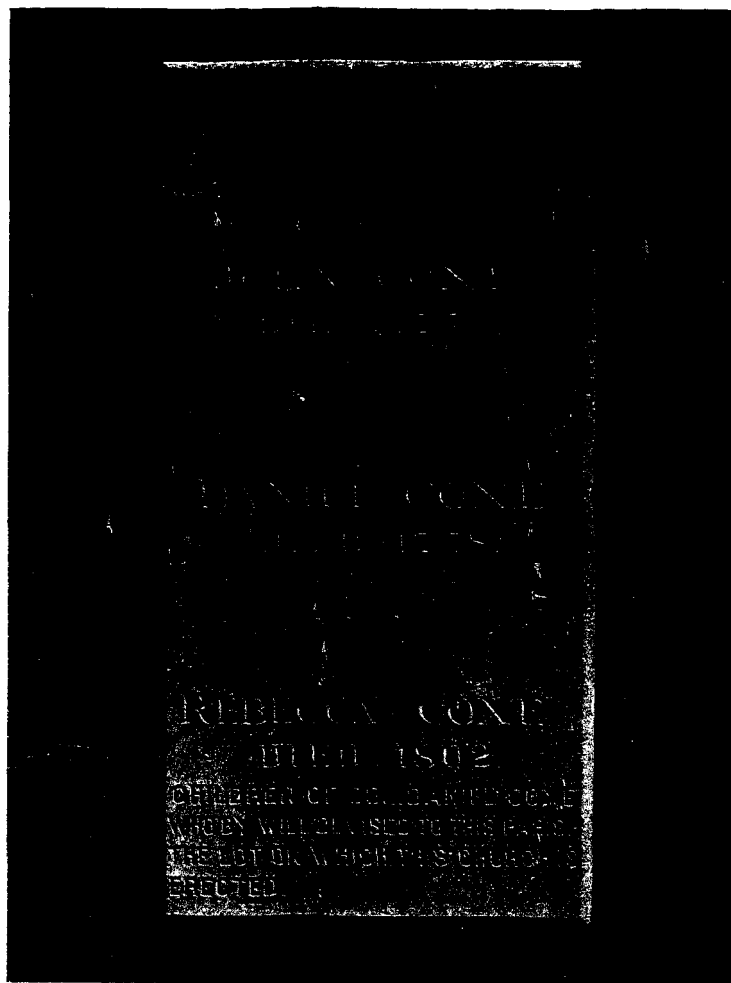
The tract of One Hundred acres covered an area large enough to include the lot on which was built the English Church, now known as St. Michael's.

The Church was placed on the part of the Town Lott most accessible to the congregation living in or near Trenton.

It was not until about 1735-40 that Trenton began to grow very rapidly. †Thinking this growth would continue, a petition was sent to the King asking for an Act of Incorporation, in 1746. This was granted—for a Borough including Maidenhead and Hopewell. Among the buildings erected was the Friends Meeting House on the corner of Hanover and Montgomery Streets. Hanover Street was not laid out and was called Quaker Lane. In 1739, the Meeting House was built by William Plaskett, who, in his Will, written May 14th, 1748, leaves to his son William a house and lot, wherein David Martin lived, on the East side of King's Street in Trenton bounded by the Church lot, &c. (David Martin was one of the Burgesses.)

* From Diary of a life-long resident of this locality—probably Mr. Phillips, father of the late Dr. W. W. L. Phillips of Trenton.

† History of Trenton, by Raum, p. 72.



A TABLET IN THE SOUTH TOWER

This corroborates the statement of Kalm, the Swedish Professor of Economy, that he found in Trenton two small Churches, a Church of England and a Presbyterian, in 1748.

So the lot in Maidenhead bequeathed in 1739 for an Episcopal Church becomes a part of Trenton, and the Church is on King Street, afterwards changed to Warren, and Queen St. to Greene St. for noted Generals.

The only way to have a clear idea of Old Trenton is to efface the modern City with its trolley lines running over paved streets and between an almost continuous line of houses to Lawrenceville.

In place of these were the two main roads, The King's Road and the York Road parallel with each other and, meeting at the northern end of the town, extended, as the King's Road or Highway, into the country and through Maidenhead.

There were more houses and life in the lower part of the town near the Stacey Mill and the River, the region of the early settlement.

In 1748 Prof. Kalm, a Swedish traveler, mentions Trenton as a long, narrow town at some distance from the Delaware River, and speaks of the two Churches, a Church of England and a Presbyterian Church.

As there was no resident Rector the Records were sent to the Secretary of the S. P. G. in England or taken away by the retiring Clergyman.

The earliest Register is 1755, with the Rev. Michael Houdin (pronounced Eudang) as Rector. Mr. Houdin was born in France in 1705—came over to Canada to settle, but left at the beginning of the War between France and Great Britain and came to New York.

He was a Roman Catholic but became a convert to the Church of England; read his recantation and was received into the Church Easter Day, 1747. After some probation, in 1753 he was appointed by the S. P. G. to the Missions at Trenton and Amwell in N. J., "where he acquitted himself well," and became Rector in 1755.

In 1759 he attached himself to the 48th Regiment as Chaplain, and accompanied General Wolf in the attack on Quebec.

General Wolf was mortally wounded; Mr. Houdin was unhurt and asked permission of the S. P. G. to return to his Charge in New Jersey. His knowledge of the country and language was of value to the Army and his request was refused. He remained in Canada until 1761 and returning was transferred to New Rochelle a village on Long Island Sound, settled in 1689 by exiled Huguenots.

They came from Rochelle, France, and named their new home for the old. At the same time they organized a Church "according to the usages of the Reformed Church in France," afterward following the example of their Reformed Brethren in England, in 1709, conforming to the English Church, then established by law in New York. It was called Trinity Church and received a Charter from George the Third dated 1762.

Mr. Houdin was a man of considerable learning and research. He was their last French minister and remained with them until his death in 1766. His grave was beneath the Chancel.

On the Register of 1755 the following named men are listed as Vestrymen:

	<i>Wardens</i>	
DANIEL COXE		ROBERT LETTICE HOOPER
	<i>Vestrymen</i>	
JOSEPH WARRELL		ELISHA BOND
WILLIAM PIDGEON		CHARLES AXFORD
JOHN ALLEN		JOHN DAGWORTHY

This following record was taken from the Minutes: "April 30th, 1755. A committee was appointed to learn whether the deed of land, given by John Coxe to the Vestry of this Church had been recorded and if not to have it done as soon as possible."

John Coxe was the Executor of the Estate of his father, Col. Daniel Coxe, and the latter had bequeathed this lot of land for an Episcopal Church, in the Codicil to his Will, probated April 30th, 1739.

John Coxe and Samuel Bustill, Executors named in this will, died before August 18, 1753, so the execution of the Will was given to Daniel Coxe, another son of Col. Daniel, in a Renunciation, dated August 18, 1753, by the surviving Executors. [See copy of Renunciation, page 93.]

This Daniel died in 1758; was buried in the Family Vault in St. Michael's, though his home was in Burlington. His son, Daniel W. Cox, was one of his Executors. The death in quick succession of these Executors delayed the settlement of the Estate. Though the lot had been given and the Church built long before, it is in 1826, at a Vestry meeting, that Mr. Kerwood presented the transfer of the deed of Daniel W. Coxe to the Vestry.

MEMBERS OF THE VESTRY—1763

Wardens

Daniel Coxe

John Barnes

Vestry

Elijah Bond

Isaac Pearson

John Allen

Pontius Stelle

Joseph Higbee

Charles Axford

R. L. Hooper

Joseph Salter

R. Norton

Charles Axford, Jr.

Thomas Barnes

Abraham Cotnam

COLONIAL.

REV. Mr. Treadwell became Rector, April 4th, 1763. He died while in office in 1765 or 6. The Church Wardens wrote to the S. P. G. deploring the loss by death of their late worthy Rector. They asked to have Mr. Philip Reading appointed Missionary at Trenton, to keep the Church on the proper footing established by Mr. Treadwell's efforts. Mr. Reading declined to accept the call because of his inability to discharge the functions, being lame in one arm.

In the year 1768, the Rev. Jonathan Odell, of Burlington, writes to the S. P. G. of the advisability of a Mission at Trenton, there being no other between Burlington and New Brunswick.

February 22nd, 1769, Trenton applies to have Mr. Thomson sent to them.

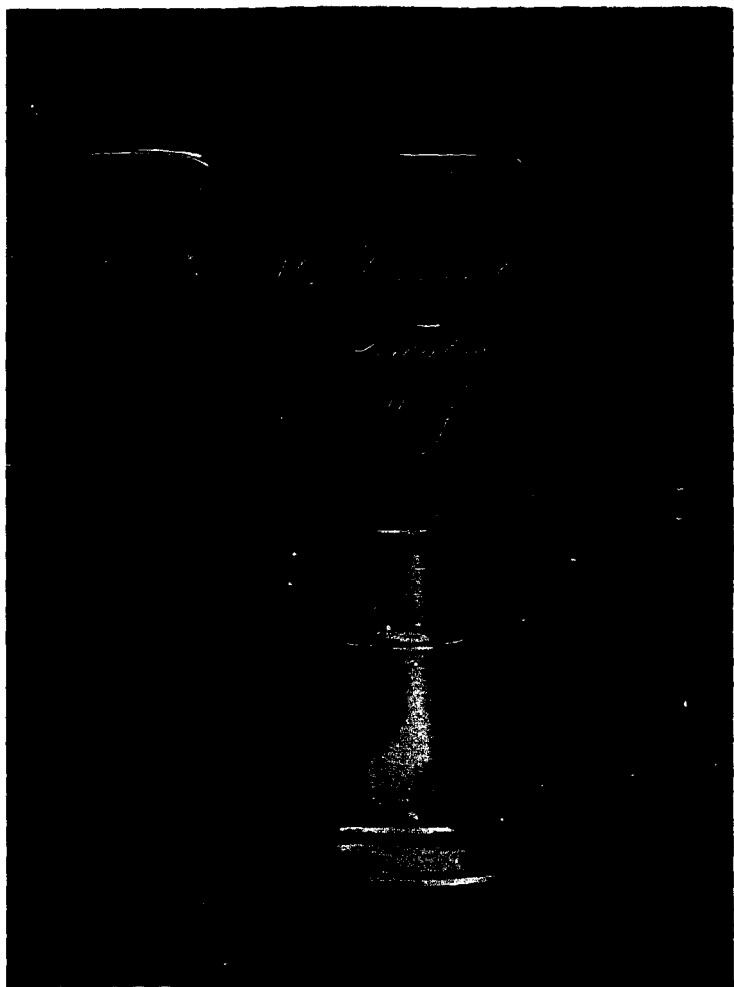
In May of that year Mr. Thomson produced to the Vestry the letter from the Society appointing him to the Mission at Trenton and Maidenhead, "To which the Wardens gave their consent."

Later Mr. William Smith sends word to the Secretary, Mr. David Humphrey: "I have delivered to Mr. Thompson the library for Trenton," that is, the books for the Church Services.

While Rector of St. Michael's, Mr. Thompson married (in Burlington) the Rev. Jonathan Odell (Rector of St. Mary's, Burlington), to Anne DeCou, sister of Isaac DeCou, afterward Vestryman of St. Michael's, Trenton.

Mr. Thompson resigned to go to Carlisle, Pa. Here he built a church under the chancel of which he was afterward buried.

Mr. Thompson was the son of the Rev. Samuel Thomson, a Presbyterian minister, at Carlisle. The son, William, was sent to England to be educated at Oxford. While there he connected himself with the Church of England and studied for the Ministry.



A PIECE OF THE QUEEN ANNE COMMUNION SILVER

(These facts about Mr. Thomson were given, within a few years, by his great, great granddaughter, now living in Carlisle.)

Rev. Mr. Panton succeeded Mr. Thomson on April 11th, 1774. He was Rector when the Provincial Congress met in Trenton, May 24th, 1775. At this time the ministers of St. Michael's and the First Presbyterian Church were invited to open Congress with prayer each morning.

A Resolution of Thanks to Revs. Mr. Spencer, Presbyterian, and Mr. Panton, Protestant Episcopal, for their "polite attention and service," was adopted.

Mr. Panton's resignation is not recorded but his last service in the Church is shown by the following action of the Vestry, in which he joins, and with which the Colonial Period ends; ends with the closing of a Colonial Church, to be opened, in a few years, by a people of Free and Independent States.

ACTION OF THE VESTRY

"At a meeting of the Rector, Wardens and Vestry of St. Michael's Church of Trenton, on Sunday the 1st of July, Anno Domini 1776—The Rector, Church Wardens and Vestry of St. Michael's Church of Trenton, deeply affected with the situation of Public Affairs, by which, among other unhappy Circumstances, the Publick forms of worship of a Church of the most Catholic and Benevolent Principles has been incompatible with the safety of the persons of the Rector and members of the Church, and the Exercises of it may thereby be attended with Inconveniences which for the Peace of the Church and Society they wish to avoid, and as no alteration therein can take place but by particular Authority competent only for that purpose. In order, therefore, to avoid the Inconvenience aforesaid—The Rector, Wardens and Vestry agree to a Temporary Suspension of Publick Worship till God in His Providence shall so order that it can be performed agreeably to the principles & Constitution of the Church."

The date of this action is full of meaning—just three days before the signing of the Declaration of Independence.

REVOLUTIONARY

THE year 1776 brought the scene of the War to the Jerseys, with General Washington as the leader of the Army.

As a man of prayer at Valley Forge and a Churchman, he undoubtedly availed himself of the privileges of the Church in Trenton when passing through. On the day of the Battle of Trenton the Church building was occupied as a Barracks and stable by the Hessians who were in the English Army, under Colonel Rahl. The house of Mr. Stacy Potts opposite the Church was occupied as Headquarters.

Colonel Rahl was passionately fond of music. Having the soldiers so near him he insisted that the Officer on guard should march round and round the churchyard with his men and musicians.

On Christmas Eve of 1776 he was feasting at the house of Mr. Abraham Hunt, on the corner of Second and King Streets, now State and Warren, the new site of the Trenton Bank.

When he received the note of warning that the Continental Army was approaching, he did not read it.

On the early morning of Christmas Day, General Washington and the Army entered Trenton from the north, after the memorable crossing of the Delaware the night before.

When the Army marched down King Street, they encountered at the English Church a vain attempt at resistance.

Colonel Rahl and his men were driven back to an orchard "at the Eastern end of the Village, where he soon surrendered."

Colonel Rahl was mortally wounded and carried back to the house of Mr. Potts, where he died the next day, and was buried (according to tradition) in the yard of the First Presbyterian Church.

AMERICAN HISTORY

THOUGH it had been necessary to suspend the Church services during the War, the people were ready to resume them as soon as possible after it was over, as shown by this record on the Church Register:

“At a meeting of the Congregation of St. Michael’s Church of Trenton, the fourth day of January, 1783—

“Whereas the public Worship of Almighty God, agreeably to the form heretofore established, having, by an order of the Rector, Wardens and Vestry, made the seventh day of July, 1776, been suspended, and now, by the all wise dispensation of divine Providence, the American States have become Free, Sovereign and Independent. And the Congregation being duly impressed with the duty and the propriety of reviving and continuing of Publick Worship according to the Evangelical doctrine of Episcopacy, have therefore proceeded to the election and appointment of the Officers of the Church.”

Whereupon the following persons were chosen, viz,

Wardens

RENSALAER WILLIAMS and ISAAC DeCOU, Esquires

Vestry

ELIJAH BOND
ROBERT PEARSON
CHARLES AXFORD
ROBERT SINGER
FRANCIS WITT
CHARLES AXFORD, JUR.

JOHN A. SINGER
JAMES EMERSON
WILLIAM CANNON
MICAHAH HOW
WILLIAM TRENT
ROBERT L. HOOPER, JUR.

It was not difficult to find a Rector, the Rev. William Frazer having removed to Trenton when it became impossible to remain at Ringoes, where the Amwell Church was first built, and where a child of his was buried—the little head stone is still standing.



THE RT. REV. SAMUEL SEABURY, D.D.

Born Nov. 30th, 1729

Consecrated at Aberdeen, Scotland, Nov. 1784

Died Feb. 25th, 1796

The first Bishop of the American Church

The strong feeling against the Church of England and her Clergy made the Colonists refuse support or protection. Mr. Frazer did not resign St. Andrews, Amwell, but represented it at the Diocesan Convention in 1786.

In Trenton he opened a Boy's School in his house on Pennington Avenue, above Calhoun Street.

Dr. Frazer accepted the call to the Church in Trenton and was formally inducted as Rector, December 8th, 1788.

He was beloved by all, and died much lamented, July 6th, 1795, and was buried in the Church-Yard back of the Chancel, where many of his family were buried later. This spot was covered by the new Chancel in 1871, and the Tablets containing their names placed in the outside wall.

Dr. Frazer did not come as a stranger to St. Michael's, having cheerfully given ministrations wherever needed in the years when the churches were closed.

He had taken charge of Amwell Parish in 1768, which included the Church at Ringoes, and Musconetcong and Kingwood Missions near by.

The following form is taken from a letter of Mr. Frazer's to the Vestry, showing the English Prayer Book was retained with the alterations made necessary by the change of Government:

"I, William Frazer, do believe the holy scriptures of the old and new testament to be the word of God, and to contain all things necessary to salvation: and I do solemnly engage to conform to the discipline of this church: and also to the doctrines and worship, agreeable to the Book of Common Prayer of the church of England, except the political alterations in the mode of worship, made therein by the convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church, held at Philadelphia, from the 27th Sept. to the 7th October, 1785, so long as this discipline, these doctrines, and this form of worship, shall be approved of by this Church, and also, as long as I shall continue to reside in this State, and be a member of this community.

Subscribed the 8th Decem.r, 1788
before the Vestry of St. Michael's Church.

William Frazer

Attes.d Charles Tomkins, Att."

The Church had been called The English Church—The Episcopal Church—and now St. Michael's Church. It was incorporated by the following Act:

We, the subscribers, having been this day duly elected & appointed by the Congregation of the Protestant Episcopal Church in Trenton, Trustees of the said Church, agreeably to an act of Assembly of the State of New Jersey passed on the 16th day of March, Seventeen hundred & eighty-six,—do for ourselves & our successors forever, take & assume the name of "The Trustees of St. Michael's Church in Trenton."

Witness our hands & seals the twenty-sixth day of October, seventeen hundred & ninety-five. 1925

CHARLES AXFORD

[SEAL]

RD. THROCKMORTON

[SEAL]

ABR. C. CLAYPOOLE

[SEAL]

State of New Jersey
Hunterdon Cy.

On the seventh day of April, 1796, before me James Ewing, one of the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas in said County, personally appeared Charles Axford, Richard Throckmorton, & Abrm. G. Claypoole the within named & did acknowledge the within instrument to be their act & deed by them signed, sealed & delivered for the purpose therein mentioned.

Acknowledged before me

Recorded June 29th, 1796.

JAMES EWING.

County Clerk's Office, Flemington.

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The Rectorship of Rev. Henry Waddell covers an interesting period in the history of the Country, the Church and of St. Michael's Church. Coming from Shrewsbury (Christ Church), Mr. Waddell remained in Trenton from 1798 until January 20th, 1811, occupying many prominent positions in the Church. He was Deputy to General Convention as clergyman and layman successively, President of the Diocesan Convention, and Secretary of the House of Bishops.

January 14th, 1800, was the day appointed for the Public Commemoration of the death of General Washington, late President of the United States.

The procession formed opposite the Episcopal Church, from which a bier was carried, preceded by the Clergy, Rev. Drs. Hunter, Waddell and Armstrong, to the State House.

Eight beautiful girls, in white with black sashes, carried baskets of cypress, which they strewed on the coffin.

These ministers of the Trenton Churches conducted the services at the State House.

The General Convention of 1801 met in St. Michael's Church. On September 11th, the Rev. Benjamin Moore, S. T. D., was Consecrated Bishop by the Right Rev. William White of Pennsylvania, assisted by Right Rev. Thomas J. Claggett, D.D., of Maryland, and Right Rev. Abraham Jarvis, D.D., of Connecticut. Bishop White was the preacher.

Rev. Abraham Beach, President of the House of Deputies, was present. Bishop Moore became the second Bishop of the Diocese of New York, and died February 27th, 1816.

A photograph of Bishop Moore hangs in the Vestry of St. Michael's Church. Underneath are the above facts and this inscription:

"First & only Bishop Consecrated in Trenton NEW JERSEY.
Presented to St. Michael's Church, by Rachel Hooper.
Sept. 11th, 1899."

Miss Hooper was an active member of the Church, and of the same family as Robert Lettis Hooper, a Vestryman in 1755.

At this same General Convention, 1801, the Forty-one Articles of Religion of the English Prayer Book were revised to Thirty-nine Articles and incorporated with the American Prayer Book as

"Articles of Religion: As Established by The Bishops, the Clergy
and the Laity of the Protestant Episcopal Church
In the United States of America,
In Convention
On the Twelfth Day of September
In the Year of Our Lord
1801."



THE RT. REV. WILLIAM WHITE, D. D.

Born April 4th, 1748

Consecrated in Lambeth Chapel, Feb. 4, 1787

Died July 17th, 1836

The First Presiding Bishop of the American Church

April 15th, 1805, the corner stone of the new Presbyterian Church in Trenton was laid. Until the Church building was finished, Mr. Armstrong (the Presbyterian minister) occupied the Episcopal Church on alternate Sundays. The friendship between the Churches had been continued since the days of Mr. Frazer.

Each clergyman had one service in Trenton on Sunday. Dr. Waddell had a second service at Bristol, as Mr. Armstrong had at Maidenhead.

Dr. Waddell died January 20th, 1811, and was buried in the church yard, Dr. Wharton of Burlington officiating at the funeral.

His wife and children, who lie near him, make it a family plot close to the west wall of the Transept.

February 18th, 1811, at an appointed meeting of the Vestry, Mr. Jonathan Rhea and Charles Higbee, the Committee to find a successor to Dr. Waddell, reported the acceptance of the Rev. John Ward until May next, for two services every Sunday.

In May Mr. Ward was engaged for another year, to make his home with Miss Ann Higbee. He arrived in Trenton to officiate the first Sunday in August, and kept in touch with the work until 1814.

He left this loose paper addressed to the Right Rev. Bishop Jarvis:

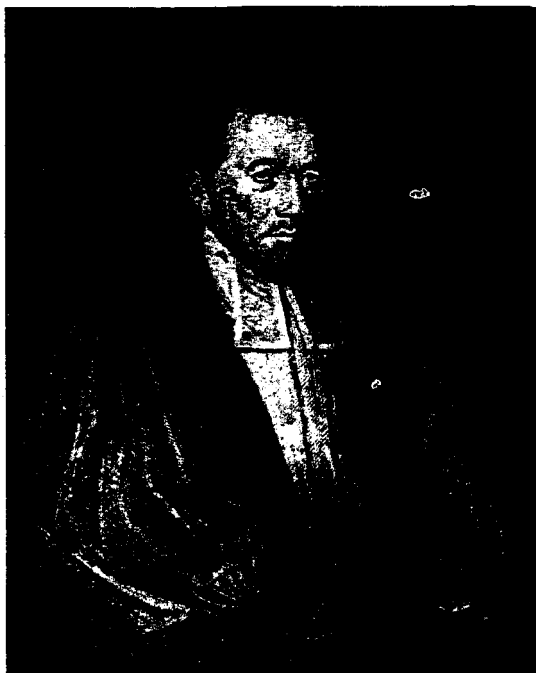
Sunday, Oct. 11, 1812.

"I certify that I believe the persons whose names are underwritten are sufficiently instructed in the doctrines of our holy religion to receive the Rite of Confirmation.

Signed,
JOHN WARD.

Mrs. Elizabeth Brearly
Mrs. Charlotte Higbee
Mrs. Elizabeth L. Higbee
Mrs. Catherine Higbee
Mrs. Esther Brearly
Mrs. Rebecca Frazer
Mrs. Mary Wall
Miss Virginia Higbee
Miss Lucy Ann Higbee
Miss Mary Pearson

Mr. Wesley P. Hunt
Mr. John R. Thomspen
Mrs. Theodosia P. Hunt
Miss Elizabeth L. Higbee
Mr. Lewis P. Bayard
Mrs. Jean Woodruff
Mrs. Muirhead
Mrs. Newell
Miss Newell
Miss Mary Pearson



THE RIGHT REV. JOHN CROES, D. D.

First Bishop of New Jersey

Born June 1st, 1762

Consecrated Nov. 19th, 1815

Died July 26th, 1832

Miss Elizabeth Pearson
Miss Theodosia Pearson
Mrs. Grace Gill

Mrs. Lawrence
Mrs. Martha Lowry
Miss Hankinson

Mr. Joseph Higbee, Jr."

The names of these candidates for Confirmation presented by Mr. Ward are typical of the families who were closely connected with the Church work. The Brearly, Higbee and the Hunts were buried in the church yard. Also Mrs. Woodruff. And the Pearsons in the Pearsonville Burying Ground on the land of Robert Pearson, on the White Horse Road.

Mr. Ward remained until his successor, Mr. Reuben Sherwood came, as a supply, on August 14th, 1814. Mr. Sherwood was afterward called to be Rector.

The necessity of a Bishop for the Diocese of New Jersey had been felt. The subject was discussed at the Annual Convention of the Diocese which met in St. Michael's Church, Trenton, August 13th, 1815. The Rev. John Croes, (pronounced Cruise) Rector of Christ Church, New Brunswick, was elected at that Convention.

Mr. Croes was consecrated November 19th, 1815, in St. Peter's Church, Philadelphia, by Bishops William White, of Pennsylvania; John Henry Hobart, of New York; James Kemp, of Maryland, and became the First Bishop of New Jersey.

He retained the position of Rector of Christ Church until his death, July 26th, 1832, and was buried in the church yard.

When Mr. Sherwood resigned, the Vestry, on May 19th, 1817, extended a call to the Rev. James Montgomery, D.D., of Philadelphia, which he accepted, June 21st, in a very cordial letter.

Though born in Philadelphia, Mr. Montgomery belonged to the New Jersey family of that name. His father, John Montgomery, was born at Eglinton, the Montgomery homestead at Allentown, N. J. That family were members of St. Michaels Church—twelve miles distant. Mr. John Montgomery removed to Philadelphia when a young man, engaged in business and married there.

Dr. Montgomery graduated at Princeton, studied law and practiced in Philadelphia for seven years, when he became con-

vinced of his duty to offer himself as a candidate for the ministry. He was ordained Deacon by Bishop White, August 25th, 1816, and Priest by Bishop Croes, October 7th, 1817.

March 13th, 1818, he calls a meeting of the Vestry to consider favorably his resignation, which he has written to them. He feels that he should accept the call, which he has received, to become Rector of Grace Church, New York, while expressing deep regret at severing the present happy relations.

The reply of the Vestry has the same idea of a "happy" year together.

Later Mr. Montgomery became First Rector of St. Stephen's Church, Philadelphia, where he remained eleven years until his death, March 17th, 1834.

In their letter accepting the resignation, St. Michael's Vestry wrote of how the Church had prospered and increased, and his zeal, eloquence and gentleness have attached them to him.

At the Annual Meeting of the Congregation in the year 1818, Easter Monday, March 23rd, the following were elected:

Church Wardens

Charles Higbee

John Stockton

Vestrymen

Joseph Higbee

Alexander Witherup

Jacob Hester

Henry L. Waddell

Pearson Hunt

Joseph L. Thompson

Zachariah Rossell

Wm. Humphrey

Wm. Kerwood

Garret D. Wall

James A. Stevens

Thomas McCully

Jonathan Bryant, *Sexton*

John R. Thompson, *Clerk*

Delegates to States Convention

Mr. Joseph Higbee

Mr. James A Stephens

Committee to call Rector

H. L. Waddell

G. D. Wall

Under date of April 26th, the Vestry wrote to Bishop Croes:

"Asking for Rev. Mr. Cumming, lately ordained Deacon, for six weeks, and acknowledging 'this and other instances of your attention

as Bishop of the Church' and the gratification that we have not been deprived of continuing the Worship of God—yet there is not that general attention given to a Lay Reader as to an ordained Clergyman—not forgetting that Mr. Woodruff has received universal praise.”

Mr. George Woodruff was a Lay Reader who had been officiating while there was no Rector. Mr. Woodruff was admitted to the Order of Deacons in 1819 by Bishop Croes. In the spring of 1821 he went to the Church at Carlisle, Pa. where he died March 25, 1822. [Register of St Michael's Church.]

Until a Rector could come, Mr. Cumming, the Deacon, would be acceptable, if only for a short time.

Bishop Croes proposed the Rev. Mr. Carter of Pittsburg, who would attend the Diocesan Convention in May, “And shall ask him to come to Trenton on Sunday, the 10th, to officiate for you.”

When Mr. Carter came the meeting was mutually satisfactory. After a meeting on May 12th, the Vestry wrote:

“To the Rev. Abiel Carter,

“It is the unanimous wish of the Congregation that you should become their rector” &c.

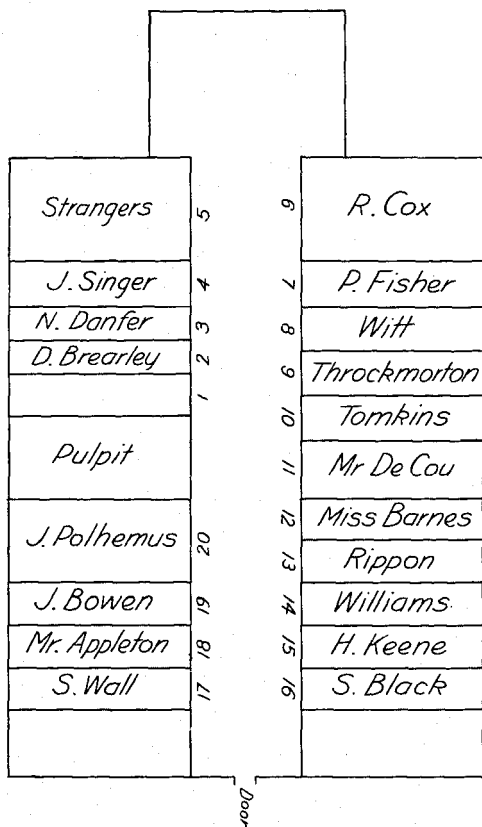
June 18th, at Pittsburgh, Mr. Carter accepted the call.

Mr. Carter married Maria, daughter of the Rev. Abraham Beach, Rector of Christ Church, New Brunswick. When he resigned in October, 1822, they went to Savannah, Georgia, where he died, January 1st, 1823, of Yellow Fever, three days after his wife had passed away, of the same disease.

These were years of great activity. Early in 1819 some of the members proposed rebuilding the Church. This was not acceptable, but it was decided to enlarge by extending fifteen feet to the street. The alterations included a new front of brick and stone, neatly rough casted to represent stone work.

The rafters, framed to form an elliptical arch; the inside plastered, with center piece to conform to ceiling.

The Frontispiece to be in Gothic style with columns, cornice and frieze. A Gothic window over the top, of the same width and seven feet high.



PLAN OF THE CHURCH IN 1748

The front porch, a square platform with steps on three sides; the front door in two parts, between columns, opening into an entry the width of the Church, in which were two doors leading to the right and left aisles, and one to the galleries.

The outline sketch of the Church with the pulpit at one side and recess at the rear explains these changes. [See sketch of Church plan of 1748]

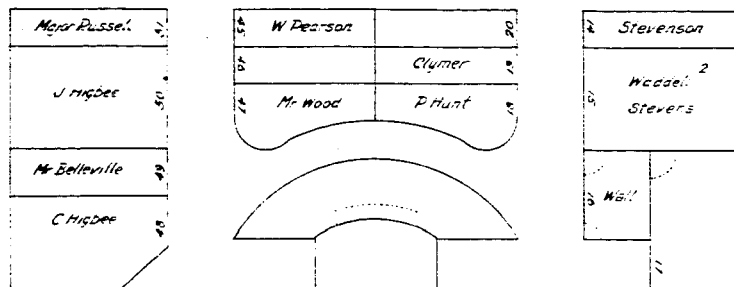
"The Pulpit to be moved back in the recess where the Communion Table had been—toward the East—& the Communion Place or Chancel to be placed in front of the Pulpit."

A Reading Desk in the Chancel. All to be enclosed by a semi-circular railing. The windows to be of good glass and a good color. A Vestry Room attached to the rear of the Church with one window and door leading into the yard, also a panel door leading into the Chancel and a corresponding door on the other side of the Pulpit and a door at the top of a short flight of steps leading into the Pulpit, which was in the Church. The Tower was in the rear of the Church. Joseph Higbee and William Kerwood, Church Wardens, asked to have the new part consecrated, and in 1819 Bishop Croes complied with their request and made the following report—

"Be it known, therefore, that, in compliance with the desire as above suggested I have on the seventeenth day of November in the said year, in the presence of sundry of the Clergy, also of the said Vestry, & of a considerable concourse of other persons, Consecrated the said St. Michael's Church, agreeably to the established form of Consecration: thereby separating it henceforth from all unhallowed, ordinary & common uses: & setting it apart to the religious service, which belongs to the worship of that Great Being who, although He has 'Heaven for His Throne & Earth for His footstool,' has condescended to promise His especial presence with those who assemble in His name, in acts of prayer & praise, agreeably to the Gospel Covenant.

"In testimony whereof, I have signed my name, the day & year above written."





PLAN AFTER CHANGES OF 1819

It was to be consecrated "Agreeably to the Form of Consecration established by the Bishops, the Clerical and Lay Deputies of this Church in General Convention."

Vestry Meeting, May 30th, 1820—Resolved, That a Seal be procured and that the Device be the front of the Church surface, with the name.

The next year a committee was formed to have the Church lot surveyed, and a plan made of the size and boundary, as now enclosed, to prevent encroachments. [See Sketch of Plan, page 16]

MEMBERS OF VESTRY—1822

Wardens

P. F. Glentworth

Thos. Gordon

Vestry

Joseph Higbee

Garrett D. Wall

John Mott

John Buckman

Ephraim Ryno

Wm. Kerwood

Zac. Rossell

Jacob Hester

George Woodruff

Wm. Halstead, Jr.

Henry L. Waddell

Delegates to Convention

Mr. How

Mr. Mott

Thomas Gordon

Doctor Geary

When the Rev. William Johnson, of the Diocese of New York, accepted the call to St. Michael's, January 2nd, 1823, Bishop John Henry Hobart wrote to the Vestry: "I cannot permit my young friend, the Rev. William L. Johnson, to leave this Diocese without expressing confidence in his talents, character and principles, by his exemplary and honorable discharge of his public duties."

Mr. Johnson appears to have enthused others. The Sunday School Society of ladies was formed, whose object was to provide a building for the use of the Sunday School. This was erected on a lot purchased in 1821. The cost of the building having been defrayed, Thomas Gordon, Zachariah Rossell, Charles C. Fraser,

and Joseph Higbee, to and with Theodosia Woods, Elizabeth Brearly, Sarah Howe, Elizabeth Higbee, Rebecca Gordon, Mary Forman, Lydia Rossell, Rebecca Fraser, Virginia Higbee and Eliza Mershon, the Directresses of the Society, acknowledge that they are possessed of the Premises, in trust for the Society, on August 24th, 1828.

This was necessary because the Society of Ladies was not Incorporated.

The deed of October 21st, 1821, was from William Potts and wife Anna to the Rev. Abiel Carter, Dr. Plunket F. Glentworth, Thomas Gordon and Zachariah Rossell, for Two Hundred Dollars.

October 20th, 1828, as the purchase money had been paid by the Society, Mr. Carter had died, and Mr. Glentworth declined to act any longer, the Society appoints Charles C. Fraser and Joseph Milnor Higbee in their place.

At the same time William Potts and wife Ann did grant and convey the aforementioned land to these four Trustees—it being the same whereon the Sunday School House, belonging to St. Michael's Church, is now erected.

Soon after Mr. Johnson came it was decided to have a new fence. May 1st, Mr. Kerwood presented his account for it—Two Hundred and Ninety Dollars. It had cost more than the old one, because this had a brick and stone base with fence of iron. August 26th, 1826, Mr. Kerwood presented the transfer of the deed of Daniel W. Coxe in favor of the Vestry of this Church.

Names of members of class confirmed by Bishop Croes, May 4th, 1824.

Miss Elizabeth Clark

Mr. Joseph Clark

Mr. Wm. Dixon

Mr. John Dixon

Miss Mary Forman

Miss Wilhelmina Geary

Miss Elizabeth Higbee

Miss Charlotte Higbee

Mr. Charles Higbee, Jr.

Mr. Lewis Higbee

Mr. Johnson resigned February, 1830, to take effect April 1st to accept a call to Grace Church, Jamaica, Long Island. He re-

mained there until his death in 1870. He married Mary Elizabeth, daughter of Rev. Henry Whitlock, Rector of Trinity Church, New Haven, Conn.

During the early summer of 1830, Rev. Frederick Beasley officiated in St. Michael's. Dr. Beasley graduated from Princeton College in 1797; was ordained Deacon, 1801, by Bishop Moore and Priest in 1802. He was in charge of St. John's, Elizabeth, and St. Peter's, Albany, later he became Provost of the University of Pennsylvania, with Sunday Services where needed. He retained this position when he accepted the call to St. Michael's, August 5th, 1830. In the fall he removed with his family to Trenton, and was inducted as Rector of St. Michael's the first Sunday in October.

Dr. Beasley was a scholarly man, and a good Pastor. After a successful and satisfactory ministry of six years he resigned to return to Philadelphia where he could officiate on Sunday and more readily attend to his other duties.

The feeling of the congregation is expressed in the acceptance of his resignation by the Vestry:—They "Deem it a duty they owe to the Church as well as to yourself gratefully to acknowledge the zeal with which you have labored to promote its interest." Dr. Beasley's son, Frederick, studied for the ministry:—his son Mercer became Chief Justice of New Jersey.

Mercer Beasley married Francis, daughter of Charles Higbee, and made his home in Trenton.

Dr. Beasley married Susan, daughter of Rev. Jonathan Dayton, August 22nd, 1803. Mrs. Beasley died July, 1804, leaving a daughter.

Dr. Beasley's second wife was Maria, daughter of Matthias Williamson. Mrs. Maria Beasley died July 29th, 1852. His children were Mercer and Frederick, Maria, Matilda and Elizabeth.

CERTIFICATE OF ADMISSION INTO THE DIOCESE

"The Rev. Frederick Beasley, D.D., of the Diocese of Pennsylvania, being about to remove into this Diocese, and having presented



THE RT. REV. GEORGE WASHINGTON DOANE, D. D., LL. D.
Second Bishop of New Jersey

Born May 27, 1799

Consecrated Oct. 31, 1832

Died April 27, 1859

to me the certificate of the Rt. Rev. Dr. White, required by the 4th canon of the General Convention of 1829, I hereby certify that the said Rev. F. Beasley, D.D., is admitted a Presbyter of this Diocese.

JOHN CROES,
New Brunswick, Bishop of the Pros. Epis. Church in
Aug. 27, 1830. New Jersey."

The Rt. Rev. William White, Bishop of Pennsylvania, died July 17th, 1836. This minute was placed on record:

Resolved—"Church hung with black in respect for Bishop White, Venerable Patriarch of the Episcopal Church."

After a summer of Supplies, the Vestry, on September 17th, 1836, called the Rev. Samuel Starr, of Burlington, who accepted, October 11th.

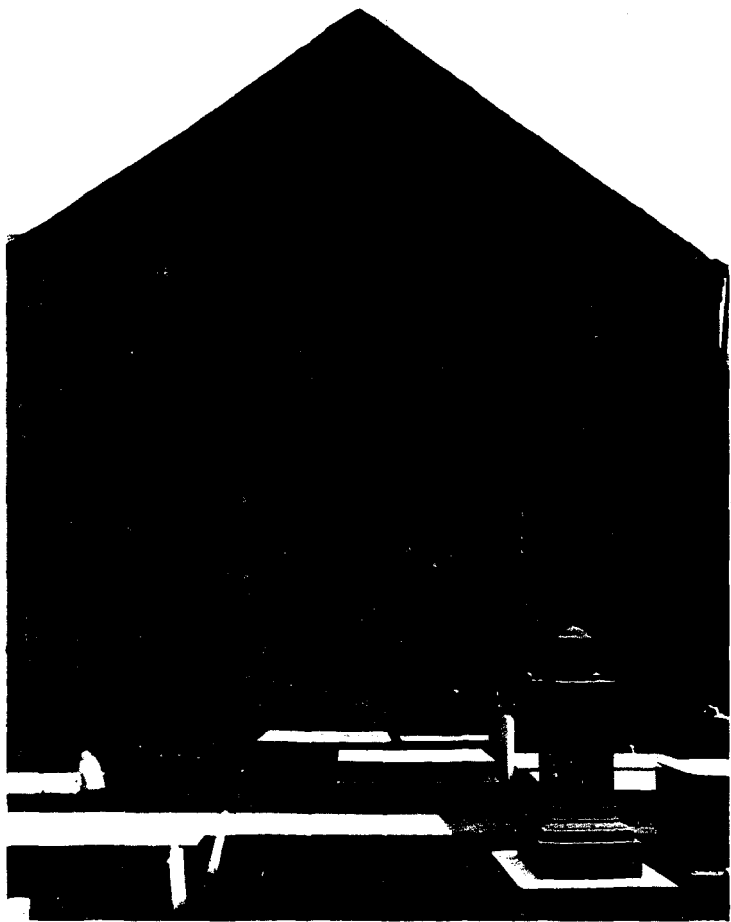
Mr. Starr recorded the date connected with the beginning of his work, on the Church Register, as follows:

"Official Acts of the Rev. Samuel Starr, who accepted the Rectorship of St. Michael's Church in Oct., 1836, and entered upon his duties Dec. 4th, the second Sunday in Advent."

Mr. Starr had married Sarah Peace (daughter of Dr. Nathan W. and Rebecca Coles of Colestown, N. J.), who was baptized January 6th, 1837, by Bishop Doane, and confirmed by him April 7th, 1839. At her Baptism one of the witnesses was Mrs. Joseph Higbee, who in the same year gave to the Church a white marble Baptismal Font, which was placed in the front corner of the Chancel. At this time the Vane and Steeple were regilded and the fence repainted.

April 14, 1841, the Church was draped in black in memory of President Harrison.

In 1841 an Organ was purchased "like the one in the First Presbyterian Church," and placed in the gallery, in which alterations had been made to accommodate it. Easter Monday, April 16th, 1843, the following persons were elected Wardens and Vestrymen.



A VIEW SHOWING THE SIDE OF THE CHURCH BEFORE
IT WAS EXTENDED TO THE STREET IN 1843

Wardens

John Read

Wm. Halstead

Vestrymen

John R. Dill

Thomas Cain

Samuel B. Scattergood

Samuel S. Stryker

Joseph Wood

Delegates to Diocesan Convention.

Joseph Wood

William Halstead

John Reed

Saml. B. Scattergood

Quarterly Meetings of the Vestry were appointed for February, May, August and November. The thanks of the Vestry were extended to the ladies and gentlemen of the Choir for their help in the Church Service.

Application having been made for private burial places, adjoining ground was bought. The next year, 1844, a fence was built around the graveyard to include this new lot.

Mrs. Starr died July 23rd, 1844, and was buried at Burlington, the Vestry attending in a body. Their daughter Elizabeth, who died April 4th, 1849, was buried in St. Michael's Church yard.

June, 1846, Mr. Starr made the motion to raise the front of the gallery by an even open work railing.

MEMBERS OF VESTRY—1848

Wardens

Wm. Halstead

Joseph Tyrrell

Vestry

Thomas Cain

Josiah N. Bird

John R. Dill

Stacy A. Paxon, *Secretary*

As Principal of the Old Trenton Academy and Secretary of the Board of Management, Mr. Starr became acquainted with the boys of Trenton.

The Rev. Samuel Starr resigned the Rectorship of St. Michael's Church, March 23rd, 1855 in the nineteenth year of service, and accepted a call to Grace Church, Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

The longest in the history of the Parish, and one of the most successful. The people were attached to him and much was accomplished for the spiritual and temporal welfare.

During this long Rectorship the Church was repaired many times. The Church building was extended to the street, Galleries erected, and a new fence. The last was in 1851.

Mr. Starr married the second time. (Mary C. Thompson) His children were Wm. Coles, who entered the ministry; Edward, Elizabeth, Mary and Thomas and Richard.

January 19th, 1854, at a Vestry meeting, Mr. Starr announced that the lot on Perry Street on which the building of the Sunday School is erected, was purchased in 1828, by several ladies of the Parish who organized themselves into a Society under the title of "The Sunday School Society attached to the Protestant Episcopal Church of St. Michael, in the City of Trenton." The Society has ceased to exist and Charles S. Frazer, the surviving Trustee, has transferred his right to the Rector and Vestry of this Church.

The Rev. Samuel Clements became Rector of St. Michael's in May, 1855, immediately showing great interest in the work of the Sunday school, becoming Superintendent and organizing a Teachers' Meeting for Saturday afternoons, of which he was the leader.

At this time the Sunday School was held in the gallery of the Church, under the charge of Miss Mary Forman, with a membership of sixty scholars. From records kept by Mr. Clements, the following report has been taken:

Superintendent—Rev. Reese C. Evans, who was assisting the Rector.

Librarians—Bayard McIntosh, M. Dickinson.

Secretary—Francis Abbott.

<i>Teachers</i> —S. P. Parham	Mrs. Dickinson
Miss M. M. Dickinson	Miss Geary
Mrs. Maxwell	Miss Elizabeth Weld
Miss Adelaide Stephenson	Miss Mary Forman
Miss Hutchinson	Miss Gregg
Miss Henrietta Potts	Miss Ann E. Huut
Miss Fannie Yard	Miss Mary McIntosh

Infants—Miss Mary Beatty *Bible Classes*—The Rector

Under this Rectorship a number of young men whose families were connected with other churches became members of St. Michael's Church.

The Rev. Samuel Clement's "boys" are well known as successful clergymen, lawyers, doctors, and business men.

Some of these boys had been pupils of the Rev. Samuel Starr in the Trenton Academy.

In October, 1856, the Sunday Scholars presented a Surplice to Rev. Samuel Starr (a former Rector), who left to take up missionary work in Iowa; also a melodion was purchased for the use of the school by the scholars.

June 17th, 1858, Mr. Clements resigned from St. Michael's and later conducted a very successful school for boys at Ogontz.

The Rev. Richard Bache Duane accepted the Rectorship of St. Michael's Church, September 1st, 1858. Bishop George W. Doane, on September 9th, sent to the Vestry a certificate announcing that the Rev. R. B. Duane had been canonically transferred.

October 7th, a special meeting of the Vestry was called to meet with the new Rector. Mr. Duane took up the work with enthusiasm and ability and there was steady growth along all lines although in the following year a number of the leading members left St. Michael's to form a new parish, the nucleus of Trinity Church, Trenton.

In a few years a new Parish House was built on the site of the one built in 1828 on Perry Street. This was occupied until 1893 when the present building was erected in the rear of the church.

Beside the Parish activities, much "Community work" was carried on in this Building. September 29th (St. Michael's Day), 1861, the Mission School of St. Michael's was organized. The few scholars present formerly attended the Union Mission of the Y. M. C. A. December 24th a Christmas Festival was held for these scholars.

The Superintendent was Charles S. Wevill, who resigned July 27th on account of leaving Trenton. Samuel P. Kelly took charge followed by T. Logan Murphy, both of whom became clergymen.



THE RT. REV. WILLIAM HENRY ODENHEIMER, D. D.

Third Bishop of New Jersey

Born August 11, 1817

Consecrated Oct. 13, 1859

Became Bishop of the new Diocese of Northern New Jersey, 1874

Died August 14, 1879

In August, 1862, the school had become so large it was necessary to occupy the large room on the second floor.

A night school was conducted for children who worked; Sewing schools for white and colored, and a Sunday school for colored children. A Dorcas Society was formed by the women of the Parish to provide clothing for the needy Mission scholars and poor of the city.

During this summer the Church was repaired and Services were held in the Perry Street Chapel. Wednesday evening, October 8th, 1862, Mr. Duane preached his farewell sermon, resigning to accept a call to St. John's Church, Providence, R. I.

Rev. Edward W. Appleton became Rector of St. Michael's in November, 1862, preaching his first sermon Sunday morning, November 9th. During his Rectorship three young men were ordained to the ministry.

October 16th, 1863, Charles N. Chevrier was ordained to the Diaconate in St. Michael's, Mr. Appleton preaching the sermon, and on July 10th, 1865, to the Priesthood.

William B. Bodine was ordained to the Diaconate, July 10th, 1865, in St. Michael's.

Montgomery R. Hooper was ordained to the Diaconate, March 27th, 1865, in Trinity Church, Newark, Dr. Eccleston preaching the sermon.

Mr. Chevrier was Mr. Appleton's assistant, 1863 to 1865, preaching his first sermon October 28th, 1863, and preaching again, September 16th, 1866, when Rector of Union Church, Shannonville, Pa. At the time of his death Rev. C. N. Chevrier was Rector of Trinity Church, Swedesboro, N. J.

After other charges, Rev. Montgomery R. Hooper accepted a call to a church in Yonkers, N. Y., where he also conducted a school for boys.

The Rev. William B. Bodine became President of Kenyon College, and later Rector of the Church of the Savior, Philadelphia, Pa. Dr. Bodine's first charge was in Baltimore, Md.



VIEW OF NORTH YARD, SHOWING THE TRANSEPT

Mr. Appleton occupied, as the Rectory, the house opposite the Church, now the Parsonage of the Third Presbyterian Church. Apparently the influence of the ladies who, in 1828, obtained the Sunday School Building, was contagious, as on March 15th, 1865, the Anniversary Meeting of the "Pastoral Aid Society" was held.

This was during the trying days of the Civil War, when in 1863 "A Day of Prayer and Fasting" was appointed by the President of the United States.

April 10th, 1865, in the early morning, the church bell was rung when the news came of the surrender of General Lee's army and the close of the War. Easter Day, April 16th, 1865, sermon on the death of President Lincoln. April 19th, a Memorial Service and address by Mr. Appleton.

The corner stone of Grace Church, Crosswicks, was laid October 19th, 1865. The following clergymen took part in the Service:

Rev. E. W. Appleton, St. Michael's, Trenton; Rev. Wm. R. Carroll, Christ Church, Allentown; Rev. Benj. Watson, The Church of the Atonement, Philadelphia.

The Rectors of St. Michael's had exercised a ministerial care over the church people of Allentown and Crosswicks until their respective churches were built. The names of many of these church families are to be found on the earlier Records of this Church.

Mr. Appleton resigned the charge of St. Michael's in December, 1865, on account of ill health, giving a farewell address December 10th, after a sermon by the Rev. Samuel Appleton, his brother.

Dr. Appleton had had as an Assistant, the Rev. T. Logan Murphy, who was also Superintendent of the Morning Sunday School. Mr. Murphy gave up this work early in 1866. The new Superintendent was Mr. James C. DeCou, who retained the office until the school was closed in 1879. Many of the pupils attended other schools or could attend the Sunday school of St. Michael's Chapel on North Clinton Avenue, which was in the morning.



OGDEN W. BLACKFAN
Vestryman
1871



JAMES CLARKE DECOU
Vestryman and Senior Warden



JAMES MURPHY
Vestryman and Junior Warden
1871



JOHN MOSES
Vestryman and Junior Warden

After a year of Supplies a call was extended to the Rev. Christopher W. Knauff and accepted. Mr. Knauff came to Trenton in November, 1866, preaching his first sermon Sunday morning, November 18th.

The usual activities of the Church continued with the addition of a school for German children held in the Parish House.

Some repairs were needed about the Church and in 1870 the work was begun, July 18th. Services were held in the Chapel. Alterations were completed February, 1871. At the first service in the renovated church the Rector preached from the appropriate text, "And that they may know that this House which I have builded is called by thy Name," 1st Kings, 8, 43, this word being just as true of Christian temples.

MEMBERS OF VESTRY—1871

Wardens

James M. Davis

William R. McIlvaine

Vestry

Ogden W. Blackfan

F. R. Wilkinson

James C. DeCou

H. G. Scudder

James Murphy

John Moses

Samuel K. Wilson

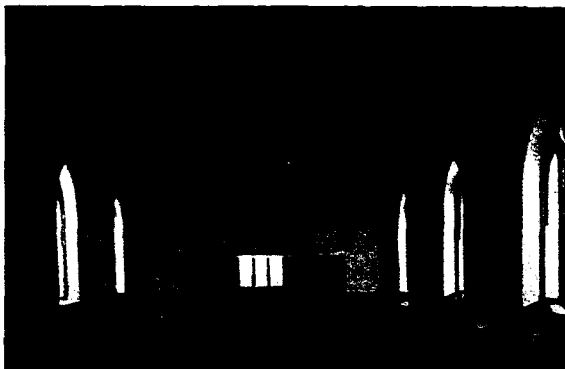
E. Mercer Shreve

Samuel S. Stryker

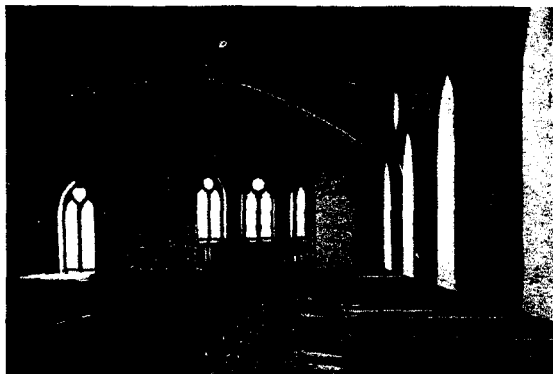
All who had contributed towards the repairs were thanked by the Rector, including the Sunday school Children, who paid for the central window of the Chancel.

At this time the Gregorian form of chanting was introduced. In enlarging the Chancel it was necessary to cover the graves of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Higbee. Their tombstones were laid flat on the graves under the Chancel, and privilege was granted to their daughters, Mrs. Theodosia Eberle, Mrs. Anna Goldsmith, Mrs. Charlotte Haines, and Mrs. Caroline Coursen, to erect a Tablet upon the chancel wall, just over the graves, as a memorial. "Resolved—That this Tablet shall not be removed from the wall without consent of the Vestry and of the ladies who placed it

AFTER THE ALTERATIONS MADE IN 1871



WEST VIEW SHOWING THE ORGAN



EAST VIEW SHOWING THE CHANCEL

there." (Mrs. Charles Higbee was the daughter of Walter Wilmot Townsend and Charlotte Coles of Dosoris, Long Island.)

Below this Tablet, in the floor of the Chancel, are the tombstones of their children—Walter Townsend, 1818; Lavinia, 1820; Mary Higbee, 1821; Charles Higbee Coursen, 1848.

The Rev. C. W. Knauff resigned the Rectorship of St. Michael's to accept a call to Christ Church, Bordentown, N. J., the spring of 1873.

From April to October, 1873, many former Rectors of St. Michael's officiated. Dr. Beasley and Dr. Duane, Rev. Samuel Clements and Rev. James H. Lamb, a member of St. Michael's at one time.

Prof. Marcus H. Martin, of the State Normal Schools, a Lay Reader at that time, conducted the Lenten Services.

The Rev. William H. Neilson became Rector, October 12th, 1873. This was a period of unusual Missionary effort in the Church at large, and St. Michael's held meetings and entertained Bishops of newly acquired mission fields. The third Sunday of each month was Missionary Sunday for Church and School, the visiting clergy speaking to the children.

October 23rd, 1873, an Anniversary Meeting of the American Church Missionary Society was held and addresses made by Rev. Dr. Riley of Mexico.

November 22nd, 1874, Bishop Whitaker of Nevada preached in St. Michael's and in 1877, Bishop Schereschewsky of China, and Bishop Penick, of Africa. July 22nd, 1877, the Rev. I. K. Yokoyama made an address (in the evening) on Christianity and Heathenism. Mr. Yokoyama had received his education at the Alexandria Seminary from St. Michael's Church; was ordained June 29th, 1877, and returned that summer to Japan to take up Missionary work.

In 1878 Bishops Hare, of Niobrara, and Boone, of China, visited St. Michael's.

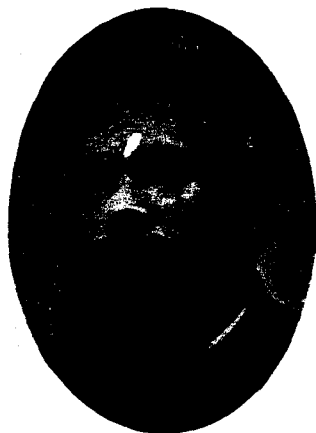
A Sunday school had been carried on for some time on North Clinton Avenue, in a room over a store, conducted by Professor



REV. GEORGE H. EDWARDS
1881-1882



REV. HENRY S. WILLIAMSON
1882-1883



REV. LEWIS H. JACKSON
1890-1893



REV. MILTON A. CRAFT
1893-1896

ASSISTANT MINISTERS

Martin and others. The Rector attended when possible, assisted by Lay Readers from the Church. One of these, Professor Martin, was ordained Deacon, Sunday morning, February 28th, 1875, by Bishop Scarborough in St. Michael's.

A Trenton daily newspaper of December, 1877, contains this notice: "The Christmas Services at St. Michael's were conducted by the Rev. Drs. Neilson and Martin. On the walls were texts in letters of cedar. The music rendered by Prof. C. M. Hattersiey was of a high order of merit." The Christmas Festival was held in the Church, December 28th, with an address by Bishop Scarborough, and a lighted tree for the children. The number of scholars in the two schools, the Church School and St. Michael's Chapel, was 550.

The Rev. Peter Parker Phillips came in September, 1878, as the Rector's assistant, with charge of the Chapel. Mr. Phillips resigned, September, 1879, to go to Parkersburg, Va., and was succeeded by Rev. John S. Gibson, November, 1879.

June 8th, 1879, Bishop Scarborough ordained to the Priesthood, the Rev. P. P. Phillips, presented by Dr. Atkins, of Yonkers, the Rev. Arthur Congar, presented by Dr. Baker, of Princeton, and the Rev. Howard Thompson, presented by the Rev. Natl. Pettit, of Bordentown.

In January, 1880, Dr. Neilson visited the Holy Land. During his absence the Parish was cared for by the Rev. A. B. Atkins and the Assistant, Mr. Gibson.

The Rector returned in July, 1880. In November of that year Mr. Gibson accepted a call to a parish in Bellaire, Ohio.

His successor, the Rev. George H. Edwards, came October, 1881, was ordained Priest January 1st, 1882, by Bishop Scarborough, in St. Michael's, and accepted a call to the Church in Metuchen, June, 1882.

MEMBERS OF THE VESTRY — 1882

Wardens

Samuel K. Wilson

James Murphy



THE RT. REV. JOHN SCARBOROUGH, D. D., LL. D.

Fourth Bishop of New Jersey

Born April 25, 1831

Consecrated Feb. 2, 1875

Died March 14, 1914

Vestry

James C. DeCou	Timothy Abbott
John Moses	James Moses
E. Mercer Shreve	Henderson G. Scudder
Thomas W. Johnson	William Hancock
Ambrose W. English	

October 22nd, Dr. Neilson preached an anniversary sermon, referring to the events of the past nine years. A mortgage paid off, a Rectory purchased, and a Chapel built in a growing section of the city.

The new assistant was the Rev. Henry S. Williamson, son of Ex-Chancellor Williamson, recently graduated from the Seminary at Alexandria, Va. September 1st, 1883, Mr. Williamson accepted a call to St. Paul's Church, Trenton, where he remained until his death, November 13, 1884.

During the Rectorship of Dr. Neilson, a society for young women and older girls was organized around which centered many of the activities of the younger members of the Church.

The leaders in this work were Miss Elizabeth A. Smith and Miss Justina L. Atterbury, faithful Sunday school teachers and ever ready to promote by word and deed the spiritual and temporal welfare of the young. The Society held its first regular meeting during the Epiphany season and took for name and emblem "The Silver Star." Much pleasure and profit resulted from this work.

In 1879 a "Home" was opened for destitute women. To explain the progress of this work we quote from the report of the "Home" for 1887.

"I feel called upon to state that the foundation of the Home, and its support since, has been mainly owing to the Guild. It originated by a few young girls, some of them with little of this world's goods, forming themselves into a Society to relieve the poor. They took upon themselves the support of two women, now inmates of the Home. Other and richer friends, seeing their effort, came forward with assistance, thus we were enabled to rent a small house and start a Home, calling



REV. SAMUEL STARR
1836-1855



REV. RICHARD B. DUANE
1858-1862



REV. EDWARD W. APPLETON
1862-1865



REV. C. W. KNAUFF
1866-1873



REV. WILLIAM H. NEILSON
1873-1889



REV. OSCAR S. BUNTING
1889-1896

RECTORS OF ST. MICHAEL'S

it after the Church of which many of those interested were members, and appointing our Rector, Dr. Wm. H. Neilson, its President."

Elizabeth A. Smith, President.

By annual dues, entertainments and contributions from friends the "Home" was supported and the inmates well cared for.

The death of Miss Ann Douglass, in 1893, marked the passing of the last one of the Church members needing a home.

As the other inmates could be well cared for in the Widow's and Single Women's Home of Trenton, the Church Home was closed.

The property was sold and the proceeds with more money added by Miss Smith, was given to the Vestry to create a fund for the benefit of the poor of the Parish, and to be called "The Hester Driver Smith Fund." At this time a branch of the McCall Mission in France, an undenominational Society, supported by all Christian Churches, was in active service.

The Rev. Wallace W. Lovejoy was Assistant from October, 1883, to October, 1885.

During this Rectorship a very successful mission was conducted by the Rev. Floyd S. Tompkins, of Philadelphia.

March, 1886, the Envelope System for Church Offerings was introduced. In the summer of 1886 the Rector and Vestry decided to purchase a new organ and make other repairs.

These alterations were made to accommodate the new choir of men and boys. The Church Services were resumed in October, and first service with vested choir held December, 1886.

Mr. Enoch Burroughs was organist. He was followed by Mr. Roland Bourne, who remained until 1913.

The Easter Offering of 1888 was over eleven hundred dollars, liquidating the indebtedness of the Church to date.

About this time all the organizations of the Parish were united in a Guild and took the name Chapters of the Parish Guild, an arrangement that united the Parish workers most successfully.

Dr. Neilson resigned May 1st, 1889, closing the second longest Rectorship in the history of the Parish, and one of marked spirit-

uality—to take up Missionary work in Cuba. Later he went to Shepherdstown, W. Va.

The Rev. Oscar S. Bunting became Rector of St. Michael's, November 1st, 1889, coming from Emmanuel Church, Harrisonburg, Va.

Mr. Bunting took up the work of both Church and Chapel until March, 1890, when the Rev. Lewis H. Jackson came as Assistant, with charge of the Chapel, remaining until January 1st, 1893, then accepting a call to St. Andrew's Church, Yardley, Pa.

Trinity Sunday, June 1st, 1890, Bishop Scarborough administered the Rite of Confirmation, and ordained two Deacons.

In 1891 Mr. Bunting suggested the idea of a Parish House connected with the Church. Plans were made and the work begun in 1892, finished in 1893. A short corridor connects the building with the Church. In March, 1892, a most successful Mission was held, conducted by the Rev. Wm. B. Bodine.

The Church was closed during the summer of 1893 for repairs. Services held in the new Parish House.

September 24th, 1893, the Rev. Milton A. Craft entered upon his duties as Assistant Minister with care of the Chapel, coming from Danville, Va. The energy and devotion of Mr. Craft to the work added much to the congregation of St. Michael's Chapel.

On May 4th, 1896, St. Michael's Chapel became an independent Church, and was incorporated as Grace Church. It has been enlarged, a Parish House added and now, in 1925, is one of the most successful Parishes in the city. The Rev. Milton A. Craft is its first and present Rector, with an assistant in charge of the Missions.

A number of the people came from North Trenton to the Chapel, but it was a long distance and they desired a church nearer their homes. In 1895 services were held in a room on Mulberry Street by Mr. Craft and also a Sunday school. This Mission grew steadily and in 1902 a church was built on Brunswick Avenue and named St. Andrew; the first service in the new church was held October 30th.

Chapter 175 of the Brotherhood of St. Andrew was organized in 1890 with Mr. James S. Clark as Director.

Chapter 196, Daughters of the King, was organized in 1892, with Miss Louise B. DeCou as Directress. At this time, Mrs. Charles N. Chevrier was President of the Ladies Aid Chapter, Miss Eliza C. Freeman of the Home and Helpers Chapter, Mrs. Sarah I. Blackwell of the Missionary Chapter (Woman's Auxiliary), Mrs. James C. DeCou, of The Girls' Chapter.

April 11th, 1891, the Church met with a great loss in the death of Mr. James Murphy, a faithful Junior Warden. He was buried in the Church Yard, afterward removed to a family plot in Ewing Cemetery.

Mr. James C. DeCou was elected Junior Warden to fill the vacancy, May 13th, 1891.

In February of this year occurred the death of Miss Sidney Paul Forman, a faithful and devoted member of the Church. She was buried beside her sister, Miss Mary Forman (one of the ladies whose efforts obtained the first Sunday School Building on Perry Street).

Their graves are covered by the Parish House.

The Vestry of 1893 consisted of the following:

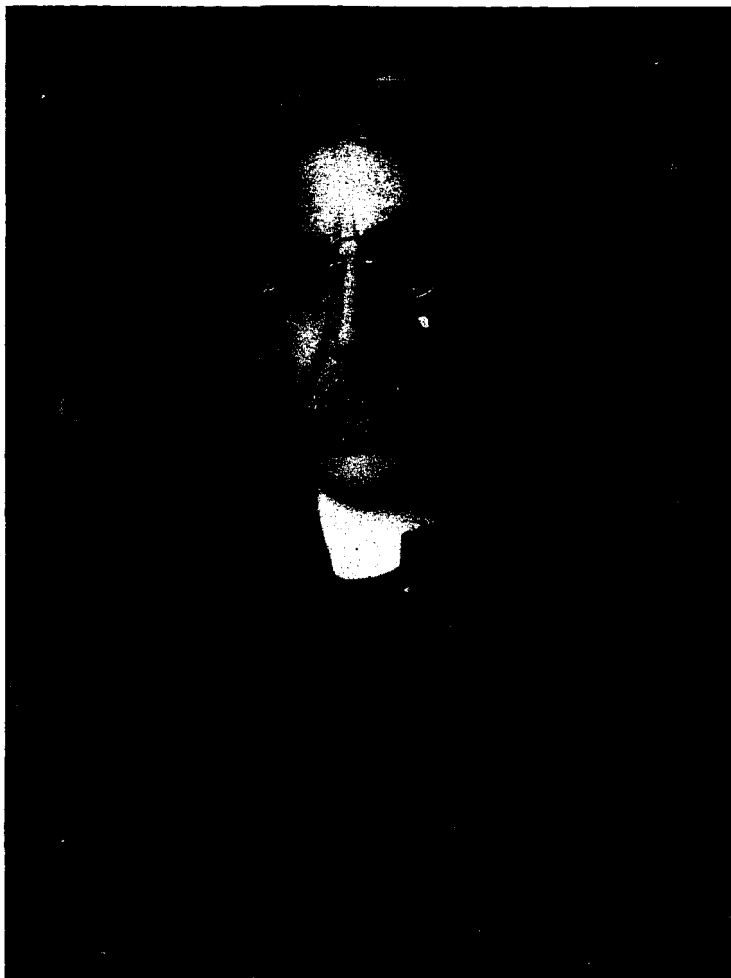
Wardens:

Samuel K. Wilson	J. C. DeCou
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Vestrymen

Dr. John Kirby	Prof. Weston Jenkins
Thos. Ingram	Henry D. Scudder
James S. Clark	Thos. W. Johnson
John Moses	Albert L. Gill
John L. Parson	

The Rev. Oscar S. Bunting resigned February, 1896, leaving Trenton the 26th to accept a call to St. Paul's Church, Petersburg, Va.



REV. W. STROTHER JONES, D.D.
1896-1908

HISTORY OF ST. MICHAEL'S

MEMBERS OF VESTRY—1901

Wardens

James C. DeCou

John L. Murphy

Vestry

Albert L. Gill

Charles H. Baker

J. H. Blackwell

J. H. Scarborough

G. D. W. Vroom

C. P. Weeden

Elias F. Carr

John D. Hoff

Edmund D. Cook

Rev. W. Strother Jones was Rector of St. Michael's Church from October, 1896 to September, 1908, the third Rectorship, in number of years, in the history of the Parish, coming from Trinity Church Fairfield, Conn. Dr. Jones continued the activities of the Church and added much to the life and interest of the Church work. Daily Lenten services were held and large classes presented for Confirmation. Many of the joint Missionary Meetings of the Trenton Parishes were held in St. Michael's with speakers of note. June 1st, 1897, a service of Admission for new members to the Daughters of the King and Brotherhood of St. Andrew was held in the Chapel.

In response to a request from President McKinley a service of Thanksgiving for victories and Prayer for the Forces of the United States was held July 10th, 1898, in the Church.

December 31st, 1899, a Special Midnight Service was held to welcome the incoming Twentieth Century, address by Dr. Jones.

The Parish House was thoroughly renovated in 1900. May 13th, 1902, the Diocesan Convention was held in St. Michael's Church—Dr. Sleeper was the preacher. Dr. Jones was appointed Delegate to the next General Convention.

MEMBERS OF VESTRY—1902

Wardens

James C. DeCou

Elias F. Carr



REV. T. BOND HOLLAND
1909-1912



REV. SAMUEL CLEMENTS
1855-1858



REV. WM. BEST EDDY
1913-1919

Vestry

Albert L. Gill
J. H. Blackwell
G. D. W. Vroom
C. P. Weeden

Edmund D. Cook
J. H. Scarborough
Charles H. Baker
Arthur G. Moses

John D. Hoff

May 5th, 1903, Dr. Jones was the preacher at the Diocesan Convention. The Rev. Oscar S. Bunting died at Petersburg, Va. February, 1905. A memorial service was held in St. Michael's March 3rd, 1905, at 3. P. M. Dr. Bunting was Rector from 1889 to 1896.

Clergymen in the Chancel were Bishop Scarborough, Rev. E. J. Knight, Rev. J. McAlpine Harding, Rev. Milton A. Craft, and Dr. Jones.

In 1906 services were held in the Parish House while the Church was being repaired. All new windows were placed and the tile floor laid in the aisles. A Trinity Window of exquisite coloring was placed in the South wall by Mr. G. D. W. Vroom, in memory of his Mother and Children. The Stone bearing the names of the children of Col. Daniel Cox was removed from the vault under the Church and placed in the South Tower.

The Chapel in Parish House was redecorated and Chancel furniture from the Church placed in it. The two long windows—the circular window—the Communion Table—and two large arm chairs. Other work done to the Parish House.

The Sunday school during Dr. Jones rectorship was in good working condition. Four departments and a large Home Department with competent leaders. The Sunday school Chapter for both boys and girls was a good social and remunerative society.

Dr. Jones received a call from St. Paul's Church, Erie, Pa. He resigned St. Michael's, and accepted the call to Erie, leaving Trenton September, 1908.

Dr. Jones remained in Erie four years, resigning to become first assistant to Dr. Stires, St. Thomas Church, New York, remaining in New York until a few months before his death, which occurred August 19th, 1918, in Alexandria, Va.



THE CHAPEL IN THE PARISH HOUSE

Rev. T. Bond Holland, First Assistant at St. George's Church, New York City, came to St. Michael's Church in 1909, officiating for the first time February 24th. A large and successful Men's Club was organized, with a well equipped Club Room in the center of the city.

The Girls' societies united and joined the Girls' Friendly Society of America with a large membership and many Associates, and was a most active branch.

February 2nd, 1910, a service commemorating the thirty-fifth anniversary of Bishop Scarborough's Consecration was held in the Church.

Dr. Holland's rectorship was short. He accepted a call to St. John's Church, Brooklyn, and left Trenton, October, 1912.

February, 1913, the Rev. Wm. Best Eddy became Rector of St. Michael's, coming from Grace Church, N. Y., where he had been first assistant.

Mr. Eddy was deeply interested in church music and immediately took charge of the choir. Mr. Wyeth, an Oxford graduate, was engaged as choirmaster and organist. A more elaborate style of music was introduced, the choir enlarged and stringed instruments added. Mr. Wyeth was followed by Mr. Charles Ford Wilson, an exceptionally fine organist and choirmaster.

Under Mr. Wilson's leadership the music steadily improved until St. Michael's choir was considered one of the finest in the state.

MEMBERS OF VESTRY—1916

Wardens

James C. DeCou

Elias F. Carr

Vestrymen

Charles H. Baker

Newton A. K. Bugbee

William O. Warren

J. Harvey Scarborough

Edwin R. Walker

Franklin Hendrickson

Wilbur F. Sadler

Walter P. Wilson

Samuel P. Throp



VROOM MEMORIAL



McCULLOUGH MEMORIAL



MURPHY MEMORIAL

When the Chapel was repaired in 1918 many Memorials were placed. The Chancel was in memory of Mrs. Margaret Whitaker, given by her niece, Miss Emma Chambers, all the furniture and two beautiful windows of Kent glass, a St. Michael and St. Gabriel. The side windows were in memory of Mr. Henry Nicklin, given by his wife and daughter, and in memory of Mr. and Mrs. John L. Murphy by their daughters.

The two doors in memory of Mrs. F. K. Ale and Miss Freeman, the Bible in memory of Mrs. J. S. Blackwell.

The Chapel was consecrated by Bishop Matthews.

Mr. Eddy conducted a Bible Class for men on Sunday afternoons, the members of which were active in the Church work.

In 1915 a series of Religious Meetings were held in Trenton. Although the Episcopal Church did not take active part in the Revival, many were influenced to consider their church duties more closely and Mr. Eddy presented a class of one hundred and fifty for Confirmation.

In 1918 the Church met with a great loss in the death of Mrs. William Bissell, daughter of Mr. William Hancock, a former Vestryman. Mrs. Bissell was President of the Woman's Auxiliary for many years, a faithful, earnest Church member.

In September, 1919, Rev. Wm. Best Eddy resigned from St. Michael's to return to Grace Church, N. Y.

During the winter of 1919-1920 the Rev. Milton A. Craft, Rector of Grace Church, Trenton, kindly gave his time to instruct and present a class for Confirmation, visit the sick and officiate at funerals for the congregation of St. Michael's.

On Palm Sunday, 1920, the Rev. Samuel Steinmetz officiated for the first time and by request of the Congregation continued to supply during the summer. In the fall, Mr. Steinmetz accepted the call to St. Michael's, and preached his first sermon as Rector September, 1920.

The work was taken up with enthusiasm and new life and interest pervaded the Church. On occasions of special sermons by the Rector the congregation more than filled pews and aisles.

The following memorials have been given in the past five years. The fine large organ in memory of Mr. William Hancock and family; a marble tablet, in memory of Mr. James C. DeCou; two handsome stained windows, one in memory of Mrs. Wm. G. McCullough, the other in memory of Misses Mary and Irene Murphy; two silver plates for the offering, in memory of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Painter; a silver bread box, to the memory of Dr. Jones; a service-book for the Litany desk, to the memory of Mr. Louis Cooper, and other gifts. In the near future a window will be placed, in memory of Mr. and Mrs. James Murphy and their son Edward Appleton Murphy, by their daughter Mrs. Randolph Jay.

A room in the Parish House was redecorated and furnished for a ladies parlor. The Church Chapter was instrumental in much of this work, under the leadership of Mrs. E. H. Ginnelley.

The old cemetery around the church, put in charge of the Church Chapter with special committee to look after it, has had the lettering on the headstones recut and one of the oldest (Dr. John Brown, 1737) removed to the North Vestibule.

The annual meeting of the Woman's Auxiliary was held in St. Michael's, January 19th, 1921 and January 14th, 1925, the latter the fiftieth anniversary of the Society.

The Diocesan Convention that met in St. Michael's Church May 5th, 1925, was a notable Convention of Anniversaries.

It marked the tenth anniversary of the consecration of Bishop Paul Matthews, when the Diocese presented to him the Pastoral Staff, January 25th, 1925.

Bishop Matthews in the Convention address referred to the fact that this year marks the passing of sixteen hundred years since the Emperor Constantine called a Council at Nicea, in May, 325. At this Council was formulated the Nicene Creed, so called for the place of its birth.

A third anniversary is that of St. Michael's Church. This 1925th year commemorates two hundred and twenty-five years of life: five years of Missionary effort and two hundred twenty

years of service since there was received a "License" to conduct the Services of the English Church and assume the duties and responsibilities accompanying it.

Thus for two centuries the Doctrines and Truths proclaimed in faraway Nicea have been preached in old St. Michael's.

Sunday, October 4th, 1925, the fifth anniversary of Mr. Steinmetz's rectorship was observed. These statistics are quoted from the Anniversary Sermon: "During the past five years, one hundred persons have been baptized, approximately two hundred confirmed, thirty-six marriages and four hundred twenty funerals, seven hundred sermons and addresses have been delivered in church, together with three hundred sixty-four talks on secular subjects.

The Choir under the capable leadership of Prof. Leonard Moreton, numbers forty members, and renders the service in a most pleasing and skillful manner.

The graded Church School extends its work under the faithful supervision of the Rector; Mr. Walter P. Wilson, superintendent; Mr. Samuel Davies, assistant.

The Intermediate Department, under the charge of Mrs. Samuel Steinmetz, and Mr. Joseph Wycks.

The Beginners, with Mrs. Walter P. Wilson, Leader, and Miss Eleanor Wilson, assistant.

The active organizations at this date are:

The Men's Club—President, Mr. Joseph Wycks. 150 members.

Brotherhood of St. Andrew—Director, Mr. Walter P. Wilson.

The Church Chapter—President, Mrs. Edwin H. Ginnelley.

The Woman's Auxiliary—President, Miss Mary H. DeCou.

The Girls' Friendly Society—President, Miss Elizabeth D. Bodine.

The Candidates Class, G. F. S.—President, Mrs. Samuel Davies.

The Home Department (Church School)—Superintendent, Miss S. Ella DeCou.



REV. SAMUEL STEINMETZ
1920.

The Daughters of the King—President, Mrs. Edgar Wood.

Lay Readers—Members of St. Michael's:

Mr. Walter P. Wilson

Mr. Joseph Wycks

Mr. Samuel Davies

Mr. James A Galt

Mr. Alan Crams

Parish Missionary—Mrs. Morgan L. Livingstone.

Members of the Vestry of 1925.

Wardens

N. A. K. Bugbee

Walter P. Wilson

Vestrymen

Chas. H. Baker

Dr. E. H. Ginnelley

James A. Galt

Prof. Wm. Starr Myers

Wm. O. Warren

Dr. J. R. Cooper

Alfred Funk

Wm. H. Atkinson

Dr. David Stretch

This brings us to the year 1925.

The relating of events and occasions does not give the story of the true life of the Church.

The strength, the time, the means of its people given willingly; the friendship between Rector and congregation in joy and sorrow cannot be put in words, but we can rejoice that the Church still lives as a Witness for Christianity.

ITEMS OF INTEREST

S. P. G. In consequence of a representation made by Dr. Thomas Tenison (Archbishop of Canterbury) to King William II, a charter was obtained, bearing date June 18, 1701, incorporating several persons distinguished for their stations and virtues, by the title of "The Society for Propagating the Gospel in Foreign Parts."—Whitehead's Early History of Perth Amboy.

Shortly after the foundation of the S. P. G., George Keith (formerly a member of the Society of Friends) who had returned to England in 1694 and received Orders in the Church of England from the Bishop of London in 1700, prepared a "Memorial" from which much information was obtained about the Colonies.

King William died in 1701. He was succeeded by Queen Anne who was zealously devoted to the Church of England and by her influence and gifts greatly encouraged the Church in the Colonies.

From the above Records much of the information recorded in these pages has been obtained.

DEED OF LAND ON WHICH THE OLD CHURCH WAS ERECTED IN HOPEWELL

OFFICE OF SECRETARY OF STATE, TRENTON, NEW JERSEY,

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DECLARATION IN TRUST, PAGE 114

This Indenture, the twentieth day of the Second Month, called Aprill, in the second year of our Soveriegne Lady Ann, Over England Queen and in the Year of our Lord, According to the Computation used in England, One thousand Seven hundred & three. Between John Hutchinson of Hopewell in the County of Burlington and province of West New Jersey, Yeoman on the

one part and Andrew Heath, Richard Eayre, Abiell Davis and Zebulon Heston of the same town County and province of West New Jersey aforesaid yeoman on the other part. Witnesseth that the said John Hutchinson for and in consideration of the sum of tenne pounds Current Silver Money of West New Jersey aforesaid unto him the said John Hutchinson in hand paid by the said Andrew Heath, Richard Eayre, Abiell Davis and Zebulon Heston At or before the Sealing & Delivery hereof, the receipt whereof he the said John Hutchinson doth hereby Own and Acknowledge and thereof and of every part and parcle thereof Doth hereby acquit, release & Exonerate and Discharge the said Andrew Heath, Richard Eayre, Abiell Davis and Zebulon Heston them and every of them, their heirs Exrs. and Administrators of them, and every of them, forever by these presents Hath Given, Granted, Bargained, Sold, Aliened, Enfeoffed, released and Confirmed, and by these presents Doth fully, Clearly and Absolutely Give, grant bargain Sell, Alien Enfeoffe, release and Confirme unto the said Andrew Heath, Richard Eayre, Abiell Davis and Zebulon Heston their heirs and assignes forever:

A Certain Piece of land Lying near to the Lands of the said Andrew Heath in the Easterly Side of the Highway leading between the house of the said John Hutchinson and said Andrew Heath, as it was surveyed and laid out on the Seventh day of this instant Aprill Anno 1703 (that is to say beginning at a black Oak tree standing on the Eastern side of the said Highway and goes thence three and thirty Degrees to the Eastward of the South, four chaines to some small Hickory Saplings; thence Northeasterly Sixty Seven Degrees five chaines to a post, then Northwesterly thirty three Degrees five chaines to another post, then Southwesterly five chaines to the first beginning. Containing two Acres of Land. With free Surety of Egress and Regress on the South West side of said land from the said Highway to ye land and from the said land to the Highway, at all times forever.

Together with all the Mines, Mineralls, Woods and all other profits, comodities and hereditaments Whatsoever unto them

belonging or in any wise appertaining, with all the Estate, Right, Title, Interest, property Clayme and Demand whatsoever of him the said John Hutchinson of, in, or unto, the said two acres of land and premises and any pt. or pcle of the same with Appurtenances, either in the Law or Equities, with the Revercone and Revercones, Remainder and Remainders thereof, and of every part and parcle thereof. To have and to hold the said Two Acres of Land and all and singular the granted and bargained premises and every part and pcle of the same with the appurtenances; unto him the said Andrew Heath and Richard Eayre, Abiell Davis and Zebulon Heston their heirs and assignes to and for the only use and behoofe of them the said Andrew Heath, Richard Eayre, Abiell Davis and Zebulon Heston their heirs and assignes forever.

And the said John Hutchinson for himself his heirs, Exrs. and Admrs. Covenants, Grants and agrees to and with the said Andrew Heath, Richard Eayre, Abiell Davis and Zebulon Heston their heirs and Assignes, by these presents, that at the time of the sealing and Delivery hereof he was seized of a pure absolute and indefeisable Estate in ffee Simple in and to the said two Acres of land and in and to all the Computed and bargained premises and every part and parcle of the same with appurtenances. And had then and at that time full power, good right and lawfull authority to grant bargaine and sell the same to the said Andrew Heath, Richard Eayre, Abiell Davis, Zebulon Heston their heirs and assignes forever in manner and forme aforesaid. And that he hath not Wittingly or Willingly committed, suffered or done any act, matter or thing Whatsoever whereby or by reason whereof the granted premises or any part or parcle of the same is or shall or may be burden, charged or incumbered in any other title, charge, Estate or any incumbrance oterwise howsoever, other than the quitt rents thereout issuing unto our Soveriegn Lady, the Queen her heirs and Successors, with the Arrears thereof, if any be. And further that the said John Hutchinson and his heirs shall and will from time to time and any time or times hereafter During the space of Seven years next ensuing the date of these



THE "LYCENSE" GIVEN BY GOVERNOR INGOLDSBY

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presents, at the request cost and charge in the Law of them the said Andrew Heath, Richard Eayre, Abiell Davis and Zebulon Heston their heirs and assigns Make Doe Suffer Acknowledge and Execute or cause or procure to be Made Done Suffered Acknowledged and Executed, All and every such further and other Act Matter or Thing Whatsoever reasonable and Lawfull for the further better and more Perfect Assuring Suremaking Conveying and Confirming the said two Acres of Land and all other the geanted and premises and every part and parcel of the same with the Appurtenances unto them the said Richard Eayre, Andrew Heath, Abiel Davis and Zebulon Heston their heirs and Assignes forever According to the tenour, purport, true intent and meaning of these presents, So as the P'son or P'sons unto whom such request shall be made, be not compelled nor compellable hereby to travell further than the town of Burlington for the Doing and Executing thereof, and so as such further Assurance containe no further Covenant or Warranty than in these Presents are contained.

In witness whereof the said John Hutchinson hath hereunto Sett his hand and Seale the Day and year first above written 1703.

JOHN HUTCHINSON
with (seale)

Sealed and delivered in
the Presence

of

Jonathan Davis

William Wardle

William Emley, Senior

A COPY OF THE "LYCENSE" GIVEN BY GOVERNOR INGOLDSBY

LYCENSE

Richard Ingoldsby, Esquire, Lieut-Governor of Her Majesties Province of New Jersey, New York and all the Territories, etc., depending thereon in America.

To Thomas Tindall, Roger Parke, Robert Eaton, Andrew Heath,
Greeting:

Whereas, Severall of the Inhabitants of the Townshipp of Hopewell in her Majesties province of New Jersey out of a pious designe to promote the honor of God and the Advancement of the Protestant Religion and Church of England as by Law established and in order thereunto, Have Purchased a Convenient tract of Land of John Hutchinson, Deceased, As by the Sale Hereof bearing date the twentieth day of April, Anno Dom. 1703 for the Erecting and building a house for the more decent worshiping of God according to the usage aforesaid. And have by voluntary contribution begun to erect and build the same, for which they have also desired my Lycense. These are therefore to Lycense, Authorize or impower you or any three or more of you to Erect and build upon the said tract of land so purchased as aforesaid a Church or place for the more decent worshiping of God according to the forme and worship of the Church of England as by Law established as also to take and receive such Gifts and Contributions as well disposed people shall voluntarily bestow for the said pious designe.

Hereby appointing ye said Thomas Tindall, Robert Eaton, * * * to be Church Wardens of the said Church to be called by the name of Christ Church * * * for the year next ensuing.

Giving hereby and Granting unto you in conjunction with the Minister and Vestry of the said Church all such powers and privileges as the Minister, Church, Wardens and Vestry usually have and enjoy in the Kingdom of England.

In witness whereof I have set my hand and Seal the third day of Aprill *Anno Reg Regn. Anna Nunc Anatie, &c., Anno Dom 1705.*
 By his honnor's Commd.

J. BASS

RICH. INGOLDSBY.

THOMAS TINDALL AND ROBERT PEARSON

At the time the Old Church was built at Hopewell, Thomas Tindall lived in that locality. He was actively interested in the effort to provide a Church there after the lot had been deeded to him and others in 1703.

Later he removed to Nottingham Township, having bought land that is now South Broad Street, near the road to Bordentown. After the death of Thomas Tindall and his son Thomas,

to whom this property had been left, it was bought by Robert Pearson, who had married his daughter, Elizabeth Tindall. They had been living in the Pearson house which he had built on land bought by his father, Robert 1st, in 1686. On the Tindall property they lived and died and brought up a large family of children.

His daughter, Theodosia, married Abraham Hunt, at whose house the Christmas festivities were carried on the night of Christmas Day, 1776.

As was the custom, they were all buried in a plot on their own land.

Later a Church was built and called The Pearsonville M. E. Church, and is now a live church. Robert Pearson left his son Isaac this property. The last Pearson owner was Mary Pearson Hopkinson, who sold it to the late Peter DeCou. Since his death and that of his sons it has passed into the hands of strangers, but the old house built of bricks brought from England is still standing, though neglected.

Robert Pearson carried on the interest of his father-in-law in Christ Church, Hopewell, by an active interest in its successor, St. Michael's Church in Trenton. He served on the Vestry and his children and descendants have continued in the work down to the Twentieth Century. One of these, Mr. Albert L. Gill, was Secretary of the Vestry at the time of his death in 1915.

SAMUEL TUCKER

Samuel Tucker was Treasurer of the Province during the American Revolution. When the enemy was approaching Trenton he attempted to leave with valuable papers. He had only reached the road to Bordentown when he was overtaken by the enemy. He was allowed to return and remain at the house of Robert Pearson, near by, who gave the parole "that Mr. Tucker would stay there as long as was necessary,"—thus he took protection from the English. For this he was severely criticized, though he did it to save the notes and papers in his possession.

Jos. Warrell, Esq., Att. at Law, living at "Belleville," near Trenton, gives certificate of character of Samuel Tucker (buried in old grave yard) having known him from boyhood, when he took protection from the British.

THE COXE FAMILY

AND CODICIL TO WILL OF COL. DANIEL COXE

Colonel Daniel Coxe was an Englishman, the son of Dr. Daniel Coxe of London, physician to the Queen of Charles II and to Queen Anne. Dr. Coxe, having received the largest Grant ever given by the Crown, became the Principal Proprietor, and Governor of West Jersey for a few years. He had married a lady of fortune and high standing and preferred to remain in England.

Dr. Coxe left all his American possessions to his son Colonel Daniel Coxe, who came to the Colony of West Jersey early in the 18th Century. He was friendly with the Colonial Governors and received his title of Colonel from his appointment as Commander of the forces in West Jersey, by Lord Cornbury.

He was Member of the Governor's Council many years.

The early years of his life in America, Colonel Coxe lived in Burlington and was interested in the Church there.

He and his wife Sarah (daughter of Judge Eckly of Philadelphia) were buried in the body of Old St. Mary's, at the foot of the Communion Table. A white marble slab marks the site:

"Daniel Coxe, died April 25th, 1739, *aetat* 65.

"Sarah Coxe, died June 25, 1725, *aetat* 35."

Later he removed to Trenton, bought the property on which Colonel William Trent had lived and remained there until his death in 1739. This house and its contents he left to his son John, who died in 1753.

Though a member of St. Mary's, Burlington, Colonel Coxe felt the need of a Church nearer Trenton, the old Christ Church in the country being out of repair.

He provided for this in a Codicil to his will.

The only undivided tracts of land were one in Hopewell and one in Maidenhead. He chose it from the latter:

“Be it known to all men by these presents that Whereas Daniel Coxé of Trenton, in the County of Hunterdon, in the Province of New Jersey, Esq.—have made and published My last Will and Testament in writing, bearing date on or about the Twenty-first Day of March in the year of our Lord One Thousand Seven Hundred and Thirty-seven,

“Now the said Daniel Coxé—Do by this present Codicil in all things approve of, ratify and confirm the Same my said last Will and Testament, otherwise than as is in this Codicil contained.

“And moreover I Do hereby Devise, Give and bequeath unto the Executors of this my said last Will and Testament all that piece of land Scituate in Maidenhead in the said County of Hunterdon, containing about one hundred acres and commonly known by the name of The Town Lot.

“To be by them my said Executors or the Survivor or Survivors of them, Conveyed unto Six Credible and honest Freeholders within the said Township of Maidenhead as my Executors shall think fit and who have purchased their lands of me.

“And which said Conveyance or other assurance of the said Lott of land so to be made by my Executors the Survivors or Survivor of them shall be deemed and judged most proper and Convenient Secure and Effectual for the assuring Settling and Estating of the said Lott of Land to and for the use of an Episcopal Church erected or to be hereafter erected in the said Township of Maidenhead—And my will and meaning is And I do hereby declare That this Codicil be and be adjudged to be part and parcel of my said last Will and Testament, and that all things herein contained and mentioned be faithfully and truly performed, and as fully and amply in every respect as if the same were so declared and set down in my said Last Will and Testament, And which said last Will and Testament I do hereby Now publish, ratify and confirm and in all things direct to be observed and fulfilled and, together with this my Codicil in every respect to be obeyed and performed Except, nevertheless, Wherein the same or any part or Clause thereof is or may be altered added to or in some other manner changed by virtue of this my Codicil or anything therein contained.

"In witness whereof I, the said Daniel Coxe, have hereunto Set my hand and seal the Eighteenth day of April in the year of our Lord One Thousand Seven hundred and Thirty Nine.

DAN COXE.

Signed, Sealed, Published and Declared by above named Daniel Coxe as and for his Codicil to his last Will and Testament above herein recited in the presence of us the Subscribers who have signed our names as Witnesses in the presence of the Testator

JOHN DAGWORTHY

ANDREW REED

SAMLL. JOHNSON

Be it remembered, &c., the 30th day of April, 1739, proved by

ANDW. REED

SAMLL. JOHNSON

At Burlington, April 30th, 1839

JOSEPH ROSE, *Surrogate*

Within Instrument is the Codicil to the last Will and Testament of Daniel Coxe and will well and truly perform the same.

SAMLL. BUSTILL

JNO. COXE

Wit. JOSEPH ROSE, *Surrogate*.

The Deed conveying this lot on which to build an Episcopal Church is not in the possession of St. Michael's Church. The few references to it on the Church Register are after the death of an Executor or his Substitute. John Coxe, an Executor named in the Will, died in 1753.

At a Vestry meeting in 1755, inquiry was made about the Deed given by John Coxe, whether it had been recorded. In 1821 the subject is renewed, but now the reference is to a deed from Daniel Coxe.

Daniel Coxe was not an Executor but it was to him the Execution of the Will was given in 1753 by the two Executors living in New York after the death of John Coxe and Samuel Bustill, the

other two Executors. This Daniel, who was another son of Colonel Daniel Coxe, died in 1758. This John and Daniel were buried in the Coxe Vault under St. Michael's Church.

The next reference is at a Vestry Meeting in 1826 when "Mr. Kerwood reported the transfer of the Deed of Daniel W. Coxe in favor of the Vestry of this Church."

This record proves that the Vestrymen were in legal possession of the Church lot. Daniel W. Coxe was the son and Executor of William Coxe who died in 1801 and was buried in the Coxe vault under St. Michael's Church. William settled all the other estates and had the Church Deed in his possession. This would be in care of Daniel W., who transferred it in the favor of the Vestry. The lapse of years and the change of officers may account for its disappearance or it may yet be found as other documents have been.

Renunciation to Daniel Coxe of the Execution of the Will of Colonel Daniel Coxe by the surviving executors, Joseph Murray and James Alexander.

To all to whom these presents shall come.
Joseph Murray and James Alexander send Greeting.

Whereas Daniel Coxe, late of Trenton in the County of Hunterdon in the Province of West Jersey, Esquire, deceased, did in his life time duly make and Execute his last Will and Testament, bearing date about the twenty-first day of March in the Eleventh year of the Reign of his said present Majesty *Annoque Domini* 1737, and therein appointed Joseph Murray, Samuel Bustill, John Coxe and James Alexander his Executors with power to them and the Survivor or Survivors of them to Sell and Convey Sundry Lands in the said Last Will mentioned and to do and perform many other things by the said last will directed, and the said Testator by a Codicil to his said last will, bearing date on or about the Eighteenth day of April in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and thirty-nine, gave further powers to his said Executors, as by the said last Will and Codicil duly proved & recorded in the Secretary's Office at Burlington, reference being thereunto had, fully and at large may appear.

And whereas the said John Coxe and Samuel Bustill are since dead and the said Joseph Murray and James Alexander are now the surviving Executors appointed by the said last Will,

And whereas the place of abode of the said Joseph Murray and James Alexander is at New York at a great distance from the said Testator's Lands and Estate, by which it's conceived it would neither be so beneficial to the Testator's Estate nor so convenient for the said Surviving Executors to take upon them the Executorship, as Vesting the Estate in Trustees more at hand, capable and willing to Execute the trust reposed in them; which Daniel Coxe the eldest Son and heir at law of the Testator could do by a Deed by the said Joseph and James advised to be made; which if the said Heir at law and those Trustees would Execute then the said Joseph and James consented to renounce and refuse the said Executorship. Thereby to render the Estate, by the said Deed intended to be granted, Indefeasible without which renunciation it would not be so.

And whereas the said Daniel, the heir, together with William Coxe Richard Saltar and Robert Lettice Hooper, the Trustees intended, have executed the Deed so advised as aforesaid; Now to render the same deed so advised as aforesaid indefeasible, the said Joseph Murray and James Alexander, for the reason aforesaid, have renounced and hereby do renounce and refuse the Executorship of the last Will and Testament of the said Daniel Coxe deceased and have agreed and do hereby agree that the deed aforesaid shall be and hereby is declared to be absolute and indefeasible against them. Dated the Eighteenth day of August, 1753.

JOHN BERRIEN

JOS. MURRAY

JAS. ALEXANDER

THIS INDENTURE, made this first day of January—in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and twenty—BETWEEN “The Rector, Church-Wardens and Vestry-Men of the Protestant Episcopal Church of St. Michael’s, in the City of Trenton,” party of the first part, and Daniel Coxe—of the City of Philadelphia—county of Philadelphia—and State of Pennsylvania—party of the second part, witnesseth, that the said party of the first part, for and in consideration of the sum of One Hundred and ten dollars,—legal money of the United States, to them in hand paid by the said party of the second part,—the receipt whereof they do hereby acknowledge, Have given, granted, bargained, sold, assigned and conveyed, and by these presents Do give, grant,

bargain, sell, assign and convey unto the said Daniel W. Coxe, his heirs and assigns, all that certain pew or seat, situate and being in the body of the Protestant Episcopal Church of St. Michael's, in the City of Trenton, in the county of Hunterdon and the state of New Jersey, abutting Pew No. 12 and Pew No. 14 belonging to William Stevenson numbered Thirteen—with the appurtenances—And all the estate, right title, interest, and property whatsoever, of them the said "The Rector, Church-Wardens and Vestrymen of the Protestant Episcopal Church of St. Michael's, in the city of Trenton," of, in and unto the same: To have and To hold the said pew or seat, unto the said Daniel Coxe, his heirs and assigns, to his and their use for ever: Provided nevertheless, That the said Daniel W. Coxe, his heirs, executors, administrators and assigns, shall pay, or cause to be paid to the said "The Rector, Church Wardens, and Vestry-Men of the Protestant Episcopal Church of St. Michael's, in the City of Trenton," and their successors in office, or to such person or persons as they or their successors shall appoint for receiving the same, yearly and every year, such rent, sum or sums of money (as shall be assessed) * * *

And Provided always, and these presents are upon this express condition, that if the said yearly rent, or any part thereof shall be behind and unpaid, for the space of ninety days next after the expiration of each and every year in which said yearly rent shall become due (the Privileges of the Pew shall be forfeited.) * * * In Witness Whereof the said parties to these presents have hereunto interchangeably set their hands and seals the day and year first above written.

SIGNED, SEALED AND DELIVERED
IN THE PRESENCE OF

JOHN R. THOMPSON

The Rector, Church-Wardens
and Vestry-Men of the Protestant Episcopal Church of
St. Michael, Trenton.

DANIEL W. COXE.

The above is a copy of the contract between Vestry and Pewholders for the holding of the Pew for one year.

JOSEPH HIGBEE

Mr. Higbee was one of the early members of St. Michael's Church. The tomb close to the South Wall of the Church covers the grave of Joseph Higbee, his wife Rachel Wright, and of three

children. The dates of these children are the oldest in the yard. He was a member of the Vestry in 1761, and Warden. This was a position of responsibility, involving a general oversight of the Church property, the securing of a Rector or a Supply and the Church finance.

He was succeeded in office by his son. Separated only by the path is the family plot of this son, Joseph II, who ably filled his father's place, in caring for the Church, as his descendants have done to the present generation.

Joseph Higbee, II, in 1830, built a mansion on the lot on which that of Colonel Washington Roebling stands. This house was not to be sold while there was a descendant to occupy it. The last one was Mrs. Charlotte N. McIntosh who, in her will, remembered the Church and Sunday school with a legacy.

On the adjoining lot the house, still standing, was the home of Mrs. John G. Stevens, who, with Mrs. McIntosh, gave the font now in use, in memory of their mother, Mrs. Higbee.

The Higbee tract was a large one, extending northerly from the river. The lower end of Bellevue Avenue was originally Higbee Street, and an old brick and stone barn at the corner of Passaic Street is said to have been a Higbee barn.

THE CHURCH BELL

The Bell of Old St. Michael's was a reality until the year 1891 or 1892. At this time bells were no longer rung at the hour for service. The Belfry was in need of repair and the ground on which it stood was included in the plan of the proposed new Parish House. At the suggestion of the Rector, the Rev. Oscar S. Bunting, the Bell was presented to the Chapel of the Theological Seminary of Virginia. So the bell that had called to service the worshippers of Old Trenton now echoes that call to those who will carry the message to coming generations.

June 26, 1772, at a Vestry Meeting, it was decided to build a Cupola or Belfry to hang a Bell presented to this Church by Mr. Charles Coxe. This gives no date when Mr. Coxe gave the bell.

It had probably been given years before and placed in the Steeple which had become unsafe for its heavy weight. Later a Cupola and Gallery were built.

During the Revolutionary War the bell would be taken away from the war zone, to prevent its being made into bullets. The Bell of Old Christ Church, Philadelphia, was removed in this manner, returned at the close of the war.

The state of the Church property in Trenton is shown by the memorandum "To repair their Church which was left in ruins," December 1, 1787. It would take many years to restore it.

When the bell was returned the Church had no place to hang it, and the Trenton Academy had no bell, so the Church Bell was placed there and remained for many years.

May 5, 1822, at a stated meeting of the Vestry a Committee was appointed to settle with the Trustees of the Academy for the bell belonging to this Church.

If the Academy had not returned the bell there would have been some reference to the new one.

The outline sketch of the Church yard with the old Bell Tower and the bell now in Virginia prove the existence of a bell which was "The Old Bell."

This sketch was made just before the Parish House was built, 1892-3, when the Inscriptions from the stones were copied.

OLD SILVER IN POSSESSION OF ST. MICHAEL'S CHURCH

From Hill's History of the Church at Burlington, p. 133.:

"In 1708—Communion Service sent to Hopewell by Queen Anne."

From a letter of J. Basse, Secretary, to S. P. G., 1708—

*"Her Majesty * * * sent lead and glass and pulpit cloth * * * for Church at Hopewell which we received by the hands of the Hon. Col. Quarry."*

A SILVER FLAGON, seven and one-half inches high, in the shape of a goblet with an extended lip, one and one-half inches from the rim of the bowl, which is four inches in height and four and one-half inches in diameter.

TWO SMALL SILVER CUPS lined with gold: all bearing the inscription—"St. Michael's Church, Trenton, N. J." Evidently added at a much later date.

A SILVER PATEN bearing inscription—

"In Memoriam. Lucy Ann Higbee. Ob. April 29, 1853. St. Michael's Church, Trenton, N. J."

FIVE SILVER COLLECTION PLATES; inscriptions:

"St. Michael's Church. Trenton, N. J. 18-12."

"St. Michael's Church. Trenton, N. J."

"Lucy Ann Higbee. St. Michael's Church. Trenton, N. J."

RECENT GIFTS: *"Presented 1924. In Loving Memory of Father, John Ellis Painter—1840-1887—By Dr. & Mrs. Edwin H. Ginnelley. 1924."*

[On under side]

"St. Michael's Church. Trenton, N. J."

"In loving Memory of Mother, Calebbina Emelia Painter—1845-1908—By Dr. & Mrs. Edwin H. Ginnelley. 1924."

[On under side]

"St. Michael's Church. Trenton, N. J."

Queen Anne also sent Communion Linen.

A linen napkin, one yard square, is still in possession of the Church. It is a wonderful specimen of the art of the textile workers of that early day.

In the centre is woven the Coat of Arms of England, surrounded by the words *"Honi Soit Qui Mal y Pense."* Just above it the words *"In Defense"* and below it the words *"Dieu et Mon Droit."*

In the border at the top are woven the words—"Fear God and Honor the Sovereign." In the corresponding border below are the words "Wrought at Hamilton—1714."

On either side respectively are woven the words,
"God Bless Queen Anne, Great Britain's Glory"
"Whose Fame Shall live in Endless Story."

MEMORIALS IN CHANCEL

THE COMMUNION TABLE. *"In Memory of Robert Field Stockton, Jr., Who died, A. D. 1864."*

RETABLE. *"In Memory of William Woodburn and Anna Margaretta Potter, his wife, Christmas, 1899."*

THE BIBLE. *"St. Michael's Church, Trenton, N. J. In Memory of Josiah H. D. and Frances Smoot. Easter, 1906. Presented by Mrs. William Strother Jones, in Loving Memory of her Father and Mother."*

BAPTISMAL EWER. *"One Lord—One Faith—One Baptism. In Memory of Joseph Crowell Hoff. Born January 7th, died August 23, 1865."*

MEMORIAL BOOKS: ALTAR SERVICE BOOK: by the Church Chapter.

PRAYER BOOK AND HYMNAL. "*By Mrs. Charlotte B. Ale, in Memory of Her Mother.*"

PRAYER BOOK. "*In Memory of Lydia S. Atkinson. Easter, 1906. By Her Daughter, Mrs. Clara M. Ely.*"

HYMNAL. "*By the Woman's Auxiliary.*"

PRAYER BOOK AND HYMNAL. "*By the Daughters of the King.*"

LITANY SERVICE BOOK. "*St. Michael's Church, Trenton, N. J. In Loving Memory of Louis Cooper. Died October 23, 1923.*"

THE CROSS. "*In Memoriam, Robert Field Stockton. Born, Princeton, January 22, 1832; died, Trenton, May 7, 1898.*"

THE VASE. "*In Memoriam, Mary Stockton Beasley. Born, Princeton, November 15, 1857; died, Trenton, February 18, 1881.*"

THE VASE. "*In Memoriam, William Woodburn Stockton. Born, Trenton, May 16, 1872; died July 10, 1874.*"

THE ALMS BASIN. "*In Loving Memory of The Rev. Oscar S. Bunting, Rector of St. Michael's Church, Trenton, N. J. The Gift of Peter D. Vroom, Charlotte D. Vroom, Garrett D. W. Vroom, December 25, 1908.*"

TABLET IN CHANCEL WALL. "*Charles Higbee. Born, January 12, 1769; died, February 14, 1841, and Charlotte, his wife, born March 31, 1786, died June 13, 1851.*"

STONES IN CHANCEL FLOOR, under Tablet to Charles and Charlotte Higbee. "*Walter Townsend Higbee, 1818; Lavinia Coles, 1820; Mary Higbee, 1821, Children of Charles and Charlotte Higbee.*"

"*Charles Higbee Coursen. 1848. Infant son of Mr. G. H. and Caroline Coursen, of New York.*"

"*To the Glory of God and in Loving Memory of James Clarke DeCou, 1839-1917. A Vestryman of this Church and Superintendent of the Sunday School for fifty years. Junior Warden, 1891-1901; Senior Warden, 1901-1917. 'I was glad when they said unto me, let us go into the House of the Lord.'*" Placed by his family.

IN THE CHURCH. "*In Memory of Gen. Jonathan Rhea. Died February 3, 1815, aged 56 years, and Maria Matilda, wife of Gen. Jonathan Rhea, died June 14, 1800, aged 37 years; Mary, daughter of Gen. Jonathan and Maria M. Rhea,*

and wife of Garret D. Wall, Esq., died March 27, 1822, aged 34 years; Anthony Rutgers Rhea, son of Gen. Jonathan and Maria M. Rhea, born November 7, 1791, died August 14, 1795."

INSCRIPTION ON FONT. "*Our Mother, Elizabeth Lawrence Higbee. 1773-1838.*"

The Font first in use in the Church was a small marble basin on a pedestal. Given by Mrs. Joseph Higbee in memory of her Mother, Mrs. Lucy Lawrence Lewis.

The Font now in use was given by the daughters of Mrs. Joseph Higbee, 1871.

MEMORIAL WINDOWS.

THE TRINITY. "*In Loving Memory of Matilda M., Charlotte D., Gouverneur R., Margaret G. Vroom. 1906.*" Placed by Judge and Mrs. G. D. W. Vroom.

THE ASCENSION. "*In Memory of Frances Hodgson McCullough. 1853-1922.*" Placed by her family.

THE RESURRECTION. "*In Memory of Mary Taylor Murphy, 1860-1901; Irene Murphy, 1862-1920.*" Placed by the Vestry.

THE ROSE WINDOW. "*Presented by Mrs. William Pearson. 1871.*"

CENTRAL CHANCEL WINDOW. "*The Gift of the Sunday School, 1871.*" Removed to Chapel, 1906.

IN NORTH VESTIBULE. "*1737. Dr. John Browne. Died, May 11, aged 70 years. Born in Northampton, Old England. Educated in London. This Stone was removed from the Family Seat on the Banks of the Delaware by his granddaughter, Lucy Jarvis, and placed in the Church Yard by his great-granddaughter, Elizabeth Lawrence Higbee.*

*"The Soul and Body which he wore
To God he freely did restore
To keep it as He did before."*

This Tablet was placed in North Vestibule of the Church in 1924.

SOUTH VESTIBULE. "*St. Michael's P. E. Church. Erected, 1751, Rebuilt, 1819.*"

The Chapel in the Parish House was renovated in 1918. The Chancel with furnishings complete (excepting the two arm chairs, removed from Church Chancel in 1871) was given as a Memorial to Mrs. Margaret Whitaker, by her niece, Miss Emma Chambers.

THE TABLET beneath one of the windows bears the following inscription: "*To the Glory of God, In Loving Memory of Margaret Whittaker, March 13, 1909, This Re-constructed Sanctuary is affectionately dedicated. 1918.*"

THE beautiful WINDOWS OF KENT GLASS represent St. Michael and St. Gabriel.

THE WEST WINDOWS are in memory of Mr. Nicklin, presented by his wife and daughter. Inscription: "*Henry James Nicklin, born 1842, died 1913.*"

Of Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Murphy, presented by their daughters. Inscription: "*John Little Murphy, Born June 19, 1828, died May 4, 1900; Sarah Briggs Murphy, Born January 26, 1838, died June 27, 1915.*"

OTHER MEMORIALS

THE DOORS bear the following Inscriptions:

"*Emmeline Merritt Johnson, Born October 27, 1841, died November 8, 1905.*"

"*Behold I stand at the door and knock.*" Rev. 3-20."

"*Eliza Carter Freeman, Died February 16, 1908. 'I am the door.' St. John, 10, 9.*"

THE PRAYER DESK. "*In loving Memory of Charlotte Bradshaw Ale. Entered into Life Eternal October 16, 1915.*"

THE ORNAMENTAL BEAMS in Ceiling placed by the Church Chapter.

THE TILING in the aisle was the gift of Mrs. H. J. Nicklin and Miss M. S. Nicklin.

THE PEWS and CUSHIONS placed by the Brotherhood of St. Andrew.

THE BIBLE in Memory of Mrs. Jonathan H. Blackwell.

1819—The Church was altered and rebuilt to such an extent it was thought well to have the Church consecrated. Bishop Croes complied with their request and the Church was consecrated November 17, 1819.

1843—Services were held in the State House, while the Church was repaired. The Nave was extended to the street.

In the interior galleries were erected on the sides and the Chancel was enlarged by placing the Communion rail in the form of a square, replacing the semi-circle.

The pews were arranged for two side aisles in the place of the centre aisle. New pews were built, new cushions and carpet, and all the interior painted, completed the reconstruction.



THE TRANSEPT WHEN FIRST BUILT



THE TRANSEPT WHEN ORGAN WAS INSTALLED IN 1924

1871—The interior of the Church was entirely changed. The Chancel was extended to form a semi-circle, and furnished with Memorials. The galleries removed, the Transept added, the walls painted.

1886—Other changes made to accommodate the new vested choir. The organ was removed from the gallery over the front entrance and a smaller one purchased and placed in the southeast corner of the Church, near the Chancel. Several pews were removed and the Chancel platform enlarged. The centre aisle was replaced. Walls and woodwork were redecorated.

1892-3—The Parish House was built in the rear of the Church. The first floor contained a small Chapel room for Primary Department and two Guild Rooms.

On the second floor a large room for the Main School, class rooms, the Library and the kitchen.

1924—The new large Organ was placed in the Transept gallery, by Mr. and Mrs. N. A. K. Bugbee, in memory of the family of Mrs. Bugbee,—Mr. William Hancock and family.

ABSTRACT OF

Deed of 1839 for ten lots of ground in The Trenton Cemetery. Elisha Gordon, of the City of Trenton, Mercer County, New Jersey,

to

The Rector, Church Wardens and Vestrymen of the Protestant Episcopal Church of St. Michael, in the City of Trenton, their successors and assigns: Grant:

For the consideration of the sum of Two Dollars; Ten lots—No. 553-562, inclusive, in the City of Trenton and in a "Plan of the Trenton Cemetery," established by Elisha Gordon; each lot being ten feet in length and eight feet in width "together with all the privileges appertaining thereto: to hold as a Cemetery or Burial Ground forever.

These lots to be held as a burial place of the bodies of the poor deceased persons of the said Church, under the direction of the said Rector, Church Wardens and Vestrymen of the said Church.

Signed, Sealed and Delivered

January the first, 1839

ELISHA GORDON.

THOMAS GORDON, M. C. C.

This Deed coincides with the following from an Article in a Trenton newspaper by H. J. Podmore:

A cemetery, at one time, was located near the Battle Monument. It covered about four acres of ground and included parts of the present Chapel, Barbara, and Humboldt streets as well as of Sweets Avenue and Gordon Street, which was named for Mr. Gordon. A large arch of wood was at the entrance on Princeton Avenue. A large receiving vault was in center of the cemetery. Other interments were made but for lack of care it was unfit for burials and was finally sold.

The Church School has always been an important part of the Church work. In 1855 it is mentioned as being held in the gallery of the Church. Miss Mary Forman (a devoted Church member) was the superintendent with sixty scholars. Dr. Clements (then Rector) took great interest in the young people and the school. He formed Bible classes for young men which increased the number of scholars.

About 1860 a new Parish House was built on the lot on Perry Street.

The superintendents were Charles H. Wevill, Samuel P. Kelly, T. Logan Murphy and James C. DeCou.

Present Superintendent—Walter P. Wilson.

In 1877 the Church school and Chapel numbered 550 officers, teachers and scholars.

A report for 1911 states, number of officers, teachers and scholars, 315.

The present school is divided into four grades and numbers 185 officers, teachers and scholars.

WOMEN'S ORGANIZATIONS

1828—"The Sunday School Society attached to the Protestant Episcopal Church of St. Michael's, in the City of Trenton."

Dorcas Society

Silver Star

St. Margaret's Guild

Ladies Aid

Home and Helpers

The Chancel Committee

1867—The Pastoral Aid.

1897—The Ladies Aid, the Chancel Committee and Home and Helpers decided to unite and formed "The Church Chapter," which is still in existence, 1925.

MEMBERS OF LADIES AID, 1897

Mrs. John Moses	Mrs. Albert Whitaker
Mrs. J. H. Blackwell	Mrs. Charles R. Baker
Mrs. G. D. W. Vroom	Miss Emma DeCou
Mrs. J. L. Bodine	Mrs. C. N. Chevrier

Directresses of First Vested Choir—Miss A. E. DeCou, Miss Bessie R. Neilson, Mrs. Thos. Johnson and Mrs. C. B. Ale for many years, in a most capable and efficient manner, cared for the Chancel work and the Choir.

MEN'S ORGANIZATIONS

The Men's Club, under different names, has been more or less active. The young men of Mrs. E. H. Ginnelly's and Miss Alice Colkit's Church School classes formed and carried on successfully a club for several years, later joining the Men's Club.

The Brotherhood of St. Andrew has been in existence since 1890.

1916—A Chapter of The Boy Scouts of America was organized by Mr. Frank E. Groom. This was carried on in a systematic way and was a pleasure and profit to the boys.

The present Men's Club was organized as a Community Club, working both in Parish and City.

About ten years ago the Senior Warden received a letter that had been written for William Hay, then living in the West, and in failing health. He wanted to part with sermons, in his possession, of the Rev. Dr. Frazer, that they might be preserved.

Mr. Hay was the son of Lamar and Cornelia Geary Hay of Trenton, deceased. Mrs. Hay was a granddaughter of Dr. Frazer.

She had taken care of the sermons as long as she lived, then the son took them when leaving Trenton.

Mr. DeCou sent for the Sermons and they are kept with other valuable papers.

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Bishop White was buried in the same "Black Gown" in which he had been consecrated. Naturally it was much worn and when handled it was torn. A piece was kept by Miss Eliza Lawrence, of Philadelphia, who was present at the time, and through the hands of friends has come into the possession of the Compiler.

SUMMARY

The history of Colonial Churches is much the same in the beginning, varying, as the years go on, with the increase in population and the manner of living. St. Michael's, erected in a locality that was destined to become the center of a large city, has lived to see nine Episcopal Churches, and Missions rise to meet the demands of the growing city and is still holding her own with a congregation changing continually.

In her possession are Documents referring to the business side, letters from Bishops and Clergy, Sermons of those who have passed on many years ago and personal records.

These pages include the greater part of the history of the Parish.

FROM THE CHURCH REGISTER

Buried, December 7th, 1823, Pauline Bonaparte, infant child of Mrs. Holton and Joseph Bonaparte.

April 2, 1824. Anna Holton of the Township of Nottingham, asks for more ground around the grave of her child, and for a family plot.

The lot granted was "On the North side of the Church yard, between the stones of Jacob Benjamin and Thomas Ingleton."

When Joseph Bonaparte, brother of the great Napoleon Bonaparte, came to the United States, New Jersey granted permission

to him to own property without being naturalized. He purchased and improved land at Bordentown into a park. He owned many acres in that locality and reaching nearly to Trenton. As this was only a temporary home, he returned to France after a few years.

His cousin, Lucien Charles Murat, was also a resident of New Jersey, choosing at first a site in Columbus, a few miles from Bordentown. On this he erected a mansion built of bricks brought from England. This is in a good condition, owned and occupied by Charles Wright, of Columbus.

But Prince Murat afterwards preferred to live at Bordentown so bought and built there, never occupying the house at Columbus.

These records of him are found on the Register of St. Michael's Church.

August 13, 1831—Married by the Rev. William L. Johnson, in the absence of Dr. Beasley, Prince Lucien Murat and Caroline Frazer.

June 13, 1833, Baptized Caroline Laetitia, daughter of Prince Lucien Murat and wife, Caroline.

November 10, 1832, Baptized Lucien Charles, son of William and Mary Lance, of South Carolina. Sponsors, Prince Lucien Murat and William G. Ramsay.

1796—Elizabeth, wife of Robert Lettice Hooper, died at "Belleville," near Trenton.

July 30, 1797, Hon. Robert Lettice Hooper, in 67th year, died at "Belleville," near Trenton.

Later there was advertised for sale "That elegant 'Seat' called 'Belleville,' late residence of Robert Lettice Hooper, on Delaware River, containing 100 acres." This was the Sinclair & Rutherford seat advertised September, 1806, by John Rutherford as "Summer residence of subscriber in the City of Trenton, 330 acres on both sides of the river, and one of the lots between the new Street and Calhoun's Lane, including Prospect Hill."

The property of the late Isaac Richey was part of this Estate, now Richey Place.

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A letter from Clifford Beakes Rossell to Charles Hildeburn, Philadelphia, contained the following items:

"Wm. Trent, son of Chief Justice Wm. Trent, married Sarah Wilkins, of a Pittsburgh family."

"Mary, daughter of Wm. Trent, married Nathan Beakes of Trenton. Lydia, daughter of Nathan Beakes married Zachariah Rossell, Major in the Regular Army, war of 1812, and afterward, for many years, Clerk of the Supreme Court of N. J., and Adjutant General. Clifford Beakes Rossell was the grandson of Zachariah and Lydia Beakes Rossell."

(Collections of Pa. Historical Society)

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Rensselaer Williams, a well-known Churchman and public official, was Justice of the Peace and Librarian of Trenton Library.

He was one of the Founders of Trenton School Company or Academy: a Vestryman in 1783 of St. Michael's.

He died suddenly while walking on the street in front of the State House, and was buried in the Church Yard; his children are buried near him.

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Samuel K. Wilson—Mr. Wilson died Dec. 4th, 1900. The Church lost not only a Senior Warden and Vestryman but one of its oldest Communicants. A member of the Church for fifty years, a Vestryman for forty years and Senior Warden for twenty-five years.

Mr. Wilson was active in the church work and liberal in his gifts. When the new Parish House was built in the rear of the Church Mr. Wilson financed the building of it and also left a substantial legacy to the Church in his will.

He was survived by his wife and one daughter, Hazel.

January 27, 1892. Memorial to Mr. John Moses, Junior Warden:

Mr. Moses has been a citizen of the City of Trenton for nearly half a century and for over forty years a Communicant of this Church. As a Citizen he was public spirited and patriotic; as a Manufacturer, successful and progressive; and one whose example illustrates the effect of faithful devotion to the principles of industry. For many years he filled with exemplary fidelity most important positions in financial Institutions of our City.

In his life he was gentle and unassuming, yet firm in the doing of right; always upright and honest and a steady, constant and generous member of this Church. His Christian character and unvarying kindness toward all of us, and his wise counsels and integrity endeared him to us, and will ever be present in our memory.

Resolved, That we sincerely sympathize with the afflicted family of the Deceased in being called to part with one on whom they leaned with so much confidence and love.

Resolved, That this minute be entered in the minutes of the Vestry and that a copy thereof be transmitted to the family of the Deceased, and published in the papers of the City.

Committee: G. D. W. VROOM,
JAMES C. DECOU,
J. H. BLACKWELL.

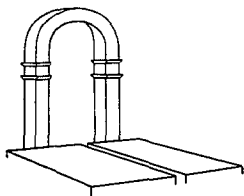
JAMES CLARKE DECOU

"Mr. DeCou resided in Trenton from boyhood and in business and affairs of the Church, in which he was actively interested, he was well known.

"He married Martha Hinsdale Butler, of Philadelphia. The passing of Mr. DeCou makes the third death of Vestrymen within the year 1917, Adjutant General Wilbur F. Sadler and Samuel Thropp being the other two. Mr. DeCou was born at Clarkesville, near Princeton, the birthplace of his mother, a descendant of Benjamin Clarke, one of the early settlers of that locality. When the family moved to Trenton he was educated at the Trenton Academy and engaged in the drug business, until forced to retire on account of ill health.

"In politics Mr. DeCou was a strong Republican, and a member of the City Invincibles. By birth he was a Friend, attending the Stony Brook Meeting, of which his mother's family were members; afterward the Orthodox meeting in Trenton. The DeCou family were French Huguenot who went to England for safety and there became members of the Society of Friends. Through personal friends and the influence of Rev. Samuel Clements, Rector of St. Michael's, he joined that Church in its work in a lifelong service, from scholar to teacher and superintendent of the School for fifty years. Vestryman and Senior Warden at the time of his death.

INSCRIPTIONS from the old grave yard lot near State Hospital. *"Underneath this stone lie the remains of Samuel Tucker, Esq., who departed this life the 14th day of January, 1789. Aged 67 years, 3 months, and 19 days.*



The Arch and Tomb Stones of Samuel Tucker and Wife in Old Cemetary

*"Though in the dust I lay my head
Yet, gracious God, Thou wilt not leave
My soul forever with the dead
Nor lose Thy children in the grave."*

"In memory of Elizabeth Tucker, the wife of Samuel Tucker, Esq., of Trenton, and daughter of James and Ann Gould, who departed this life on Sunday, the 13th day of May, 1787. Aged 57 years, 8 months and 27 days.

*"This life's a dream, an empty show
But the bright world to which we go
Hath joys substantial and sincere:
When shall I wake and find me there?
Then burst the chains with sweet surprise
And in my Saviour's image rise."*

THIS EXTRACT from Mrs. Tucker's will shows the old Church lot was still used for burials: *"My Body I commit to the Earth, to be buried at the Old Church."*

"Grace Da- - - - or Hend."

"In Memory of John, son of William and Elizabeth Clayton, died November 5, 1757; aged 19."

"Ma - - - - John Dagworthy, Esq., who died May 16, 1729; aged 37 years."

THIS INSCRIPTION has been completed from a chart of one branch of the family of John Dagworthy: "*John Dagworthy married Sarah, daughter of George Ely. Their daughter Margaret married James Mitchell and died May 16, 1729 (the date on the tomb-stone) and was buried in Trenton, N. J.*"

THE WILL of John Dagworthy, probated September 6, 1756, names the four sons of daughter Margaret Mitchell and their father, James Mitcheil. He also mentions sons John and Ely, and daughter Elizabeth Clayton.

THE WILL of a John Dagworthy, dated June, 1781, mentions sister Elizabeth Clayton and nephews James and William Clayton, George and Nathaniel Mitchell.

THESE FACTS and dates were obtained from Mrs. Ida Waydell Faxon, New York City, a direct descendant of James and Margaret Dagworthy Mitchell.

St. Michael's Church is situated on North Warren St., facing West, with a grave yard on either side. This makes the North yard and the South yard. A Transept was added to the Church on the North side, about half way back, covering all the width of the yard except a passage to the rear. This makes North yard front and North yard rear.

On the South side was built The Parish House covering the graves in the rear. This makes the South yard rear but the list of Inscriptions on these stones is listed "Inscriptions from Stones covered by Parish House." Those in front are South yard front—unless a few close to Parish House are South yard back. If the two photos of the Exterior of the building are placed one over the other it will give one Exterior with the yard on either side, and illustrate this explanation.

NORTH YARD—REAR

"Mr. Carl Establier, died February 11, 1785, aged 36 years."

"Eliza Ann, daughter of Philip and Elizabeth Slack, died April 26, 1827, aged 17 years, 9 months, and 12 days."

"Richard B. Slack, son of Philip and Elizabeth Slack, died December 30, 1830, aged 10 years, 5 months and 4 days. At Pottsville, Pa."

"Eldridge Wood, son of Henry and Hannah Wood, died October 1, 1814, aged 11 years."

"William E. Wood, son of Henry and Hannah Wood, died November 2, 1817, aged 21 years."

"Zachariah Wood, died May 5, 1847, aged 54 years."

"James Wood, Jr., died May 11th, 1776, aged 60 years."

"Henry Wood, died June 18, 1811, aged 56 years, 9 months and 7 days.

"Hannah Wood, widow of Henry Wood, died August 23, 1850, aged 87 years, 9 months and 27 days."

"Joseph Wood, died May 8, 1860, aged 60 years. Mayor of Trenton."

"Permelia G. Wood, daughter of Charles Sergeant, died May 25, 1839, aged 35 years, 10 months and 20 days."

Josephine Louisa, only daughter of Joseph and Permelia Wood, born March 1, 1825. Died Nov. 21st, 1836. Aged 11 years, 8 months, 20 days.

"John Clunn, died November 27, 1798, aged 59 years."

"Mrs. Margaret Clunn, died December 5, 1823, aged 84 years."

"Margaret, daughter of John and Elizabeth Clunn, died May 12, 1815."

"Ann Douglass, died December 17, 1893, aged 89 years."

"James Douglass, died March 30, 1837, aged 80 years. Also Mary Douglass, wife of James Douglass, died December 31, 1835, aged 66 years."

"Margaret, daughter of Henry John and Isabella Kemble, born March 20, 1853; died August 18, 1853."

"Hester Ingleheart, wife of Wm. Musgrove, died February 20, 1837, aged 68 years."

"William Humphreys, buried July 28, 1823."

"Jane, wife of Jonathan Bryant, died November 7, 1828, aged 73 years."

"Jonathan Bryant, died September 20, 1831, aged 75 years."

"Thomas Cain, died March 18, 1843, aged 66 years, 9 months."

"Mr. William Bard, died July 30, 1796, aged 73 years."

"Thomas Ingleton, died January 25, 1817, aged 56 years."

"Elizabeth Robinson, died November 9, 1832, aged 75 years."

"Small stone marked H. B."

"Samuel Lawrence, son of Samuel and Catherine Lawrence, died January 13, 1837, aged 24 years."

"George Woodruff, died September 2, 1846, aged 82 years, and Jean Woodruff, relict of George Woodruff, died April 24, 1848, aged 73 years."

"Jacob A., son of Isaac and Hannah Hester, died April 9, 1836, aged 6 months, 9 days."

"Hannah Muirhead, died March 7, 1850."

"Crooke Stevenson, died August 17th, 1820."

"Cornelia Halsey, died May 20, 1808." Tablets in North Wall of Transept.

"John, born May 15, 1819; died July 8, 1819. Amelia, born January 16, 1822; died August 5, 1822. Children of James Alexander and Maria Stevens."

"Alfred, son of James Alexander and Maria Stevens. Died October 25, 1824, aged 1 year, 5 months, 4 days."

"Samuel Lawrence, son of Wm. C. and E. Howell, died February 26, 1834, aged 6 weeks and 4 days."

"William Lawrence, son of Wm. C. Howell and Eve Howell, died November 30, 1835, aged 10 months and 13 days."

"Eve Howell, died December 10, 1838, aged 31 years, 1 month and 24 days."

"Edward, died August 13, 1839, aged 8 months, 21 days."

"Mary, wife of Jacob G. Howell, died December 1, 1836; in the 27th year of her age."

Jacob — — — — name not clear, who died July 27, 1764, aged 5 years and 11 months.

Jacob

Larry Coleman

NORTH YARD, FRONT

"Henry Lawrence Waddell, born July, 1802; died March 31, 1833."

"Ann Waddell, daughter of Henry Lawrence Waddell, born 1815, died January 16, 1830."

"Mary, wife of Philip Fister, died March 11, 1790, aged 46 years, 5 mos."

"Margaret Fister, died March 25, 1794, aged 21 years, 11 months and 14 days."

"John Dougherty, died December 12, 1795, aged 31 years, 4 months and 28 days."

"Thomas, son of John and Harriet Anderson, born October 18, 1829; died August 20, 1839."

"Henry O'Hara, born 1764; died July 27, 1856."

"Catherine, wife of Henry O'Hara, born 1778; died January 26, 1860."

"Charles O'Hara, born August 10, 1822; died August 16, 1849."

"Simeon Henry, son of Michael and Susanna O'Hara, born December, 1837; died July 12, 1838."

"Mary, widow of Jacob Benjamin and daughter of Charles Axford, died October 15, 1847, aged 78 years."

"George Benjamin, born 1801; died February 18, 1819."

"William A. Benjamin, born 1804; died May 15, 1875."

"Margaretta E., widow of William A. Benjamin, born 1808; died November 19, 1885."

"Henry Waddell, D.D., Rector of St. Michael's Church, Trenton. Died January 20, 1811, aged 66 years. A faithful and affectionate Pastor, a sincere and zealous Churchman, an amiable honest man. Also Lucia Waddell, wife of Rev. Henry Waddell, died April 11, 1824, aged 76 years, 8 months."

"George Meredith Waddell, died August 19, 1805, aged 19 years. A student of Nassau Hall, Princeton."

"Lucia Sophia Waddell, died October 1, 1811, aged 27 years."

"Charles Cain, born 1778, died March 1, 1842."

"Jacob Benjamin, born October 29, 1769, died September 4, 1806."

"Anna, daughter of Robert and Mary Rhea and relict of Benjamin Ludgard, Esq., died March 27, 1817, aged 63 years, 7 months and 17 days."

"Erected by a Bereaved Mother to the memory of a beloved child, Pauline Joseph Ann Horton, who departed this life December 6, 1823, aged 4 years."

"Sacred to the memory of Richard, son of Gen. Jonathan and M. M. Rhea, who was lost off Charlestown, S. C., November 12, 1816, in the 28th year of his age. And of Nicholas G. Rutgers, son of Gen. Jonathan and M. M. Rhea, who died in the upper Louisiana country, September 14, 1817, in the 25th year of his age."

EXTERIOR TABLETS

ON FRONT OF CHURCH: "*Eternal vigilance is the price of Victory. Marking Route taken by Washington from Philadelphia to Cambridge, to assume command of the Patriot Army in 1775. Placed here by The New Jersey Society, Sons of the American Revolution, June 23, 1914.*"

IN SOUTH TOWER: "*This slab formerly covered the Family Vault of the Coxe Family, over which the church building was extended in 1846-7. John, 1753; Daniel, 1758; Rebecca, 1802, Children of Col. Daniel Coxe, who by Will devised to this Parish the lot on which this Church is erected.*"

ON SOUTH WALL OF CHURCH: "*Sacred to the Memory of Gen'l. Z. M. Pike, of the U. S. Army, who fell in the defence of his Country on the 27th of April, A. D., 1813, at York, Upper Canada. This small tribute of respect is erected by his Friend, Z. R.*"

"*Sacred to the Memory of Mrs. Mary Sayre, relict of the Rev. John Sayre, who departed this life 11th January, 1787. In the 50th year of her age.*"

ON CHANCEL WALL, outside: "*In Memory of William Geary, M. D.; Rev. William Frazer; Mrs. Rebecca Frazer, Rebecca Bard, Mary Martha, Robert William Hay, Mrs. Jane Geary, Colin Frazer, Charles Campbell Frazer, Mary Jean Neal.*"

INSCRIPTION taken from the Tomb of the Honorable David Brearley: "*In Memory of David Brearly, First M. W. Grand Master of Masons in New Jersey. Born June 11, 1745; died August 16, 1790. Practiced law in Allentown, N. J.; Lieut.-Colonel in the U. S. Army during the War of the Revolution; Member of the First State and Federal Convention; Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of New Jersey; M. W. Grand Master, 1786-1789. An ardent patriot, brave soldier, upright judge and beloved Mason. Erected by the M. W. Grand Lodge of Masons of N. J., April 3, 1924.*"

REMOVALS FROM ST. MICHAEL'S CHURCHYARD.

TO RIVERVIEW CEMETERY:

Charlotte Virginia, youngest daughter of John H. and Mary R. McIntosh. Born August 11, 1844; died, June 1, 1859.

Elizabeth Lewis, wife of Albert B. Dod, daughter of John H. and Mary R. McIntosh. Born, January 7, 1837; died, August 29, 1860. Also her infant son, Albert Baldwin Dod, born, June 13; died September 9, 1860. Also Elizabeth McIntosh Dod, died November 11, 1861, aged 2 years and 6 months.

Charlotte Neilson, Relict of the late John H. McIntosh. Born, June 17, 1801; died, June 18, 1887.

Lewis Pemberton Higbee. Born, November 27, 1809; died, January 17, A. D. 1859.

Mary Trent Rossell. Born December 3, 1815; died April 1, 1887.

Major Zachariah Rossell. Born, November 14, 1788; died July 21, 1842.

Lydia Beakes, wife of Major Zachariah Rossell. Born, April 3, 1791; died April 4, 1848.

Mrs. Mary Weeks. Died January 7, 1878, aged 87 years.

George Weeks. Died August 11, 1857; aged 28 years.

SOUTH YARD—*Rear*

INSCRIPTIONS ON TOMB STONES AT GRAVES COVERED BY
THE PARISH HOUSE IN ST. MICHAEL'S CHURCH YARD,
TRENTON, N. J.

"In memory of Elisha Gordon, who died on the 28th of March, 1840, A. D., aged 80 years. By the conscientious discharge of the duties of his past state he prepared himself for those of the future."

"Elizabeth, wife of Elisha Gordon. Born, November 20, 1786; died, July 26, 1876."

"In memory of Arthur Corry, who departed this life September 26, A. D., 1827. Aged 61 years."

"In memory of Margaret Ann Corry, who departed this life October 7, 1807. Aged 8 months, 8 days."

"Sacred to the memory of Charles Ramsey, who died December 20, 1851. Aged 76 years. Also of Mary Ramsey, his wife, died September 27, 1831. Aged 56 years."

"Sacred to the memory of Miss Jane Gibson, a native of Charleston, S. C., who departed this life April 11, 1841, A. D. In the joyous hope of a glorious immortality."

"In memory of Capt. John Morrill, who departed this life August 12, 1812. Aged 62 years and 2 months."

"In memory of William Cain, who departed this life December 24, 1781, in the 35th year of his age."

"Sacred to the memory of Maria Henderson, who departed this life March 1, A. D., 1843, in the 71st year of her age."

"Sacred to the memory of Grace Smick, who departed this life March 23, 1810, aged 51 years, 10 months and 15 days."

"Sacred to the memory of Wm. Smick, son of Peter and Grace Smick, who departed this life October 7, 1825, aged 18 years, 9 months and 10 days."

"Sacred to the memory of Grace Smick, daughter of George L. and Elizabeth Phillips, who departed this life December 21, A. D., 1842, aged 10 years, 3 months and 17 days."

"In memory of Daniel, son of George L. Phillips, born October 17, 1834; died February 20, 1835, aged 4 months and 3 days."

"In memory of George L. Phillips, who departed this life September, A. D., 1847, aged 45 years, 5 months and 21 days. Also of Elizabeth, wife of George L. Phillips, born December 25th, 1808; died February 19, 1882."

"Sacred to the memory of Thomas Cain, who departed this life March 18, A. D., 1843, aged 66 years and 9 months."

"Jane, wife of Jonathan Bryant, departed this life November 7, A. D., 1828, in the 73rd year of her age."

"In memory of John W. Primmer, died July 23, 1864, in the 54th year of his age. Also, Emily R. Primmer, died March 24, 1864, in the 52nd year of her age."

"Fannie McDermott, of County Armagh, Ireland, died February 4, 1868."

"In memory of Jeremiah Buzhart, who died October 27th, 1805, aged 50 years. And of Ann, his wife, who died December 18, 1819, aged 70 years."

"In memory of Lydia, wife of Thomas Ashworth, a native of Manchester, England, born November 30, 1800; died August 17, 1860. Aged 60 years."

"In memory of John Woods, son of Wesley P. and Elizabeth Hunt, who died September 10, 1826, aged 8 weeks."

"In memory of Mary Dagworthy, daughter of Wesley P. and Elizabeth Hunt, who died August 22, 1831, aged 19 months."

"In memory of Mary Dickinson, daughter of Wesley P. and Elizabeth Hunt, who died September 14, 1837, aged 12 months."

"In memory of Jane C. Pearson, wife of William Pearson, who departed this life September 9, A. D., 1842, in the 29th year of her age. Also their daughter, Louisa Bedford, who departed this life July 9, 1838, aged 9 months and 5 days."

"William Snowden, died September 20, 1846, in the 51st year of his age."

"Maria, widow of William Snowdon, died July 20, 1851, in the 49th year of her age."

"Catherine M., daughter of Joseph and Sarah Brittain, died November 24, 1871, aged 61 years, 5 months and 14 days."

"Sallie, daughter of Joseph and Susan Brittain, died February 26, 1864, aged 75 years, 6 months."

"Susan, wife of Elias Hughes, and daughter of Joseph and Susan Brittain, died November 24, 1861, aged 75 years and 22 days."

"Emma. Emma Augusta Forman, died June, 1846, aged 8 years."

"Sacred to the memory of Mary Forman, born May 18, 1803; died May 8, 1874."

"In memory of Susan Elizabeth Forman, who died August 26, A. D., 1826, aged 20 years."

"Sacred to the memory of Mrs. Mary Ann Allison, widow of the late Richard Allison, who departed this life August 8, 1829, aged 50 years."

"To the memory of John Mershon, who was born Christmas Day, A. D., 1792, and died December 15, A. D., 1842. Patient, cheerful, victorious through the faith of the Lord Jesus Christ. In grateful remembrance of his unwearied devotion to the interests of St. Michael's Church for more than twenty years, the Vestry erect this tribute to his memory."

"Eliza D. Mershon, widow of John Mershon, daughter of George and Ann Ryall, born February 3, 1792; died March 24, 1864."

"In memory of Thomas Green, son of John D. and Frances Green, who departed this life August 23, 1825, aged 11 weeks and one day."

SOUTH YARD—*Front*

"Hannah Barnes, daughter of Isaac and Mary Barnes, died April, 1807, aged 7 years, 1 month and 21 days."

"Mary Cornell, widow of John Cornell, born January 22, 1824; died April 1, 1887. Also, Mary, wife of Thos. Oliver, born 1789; died 1856."

"Caroline Law, Died 1871."

"Mary, wife of Isaac Barnes, Jr., died 1801, aged 21 years, 3 months and 4 days."

"Elizabeth, wife of A. G. Claypoole, died March 27, 1794, aged 28 years." Also, Sarah, their daughter, died August 13, 1793, aged 18 months."

"Sarah Maccoun, widow of David Macoun, late of the City of Philadelphia, died September 17, 1846, aged 60 years."

"Mary, daughter of David and Sarah Maccoun, died September 4, 1849."

"Thomas Craskell Husband, of Jamaica, died August 22, 1837, aged 50 years, 4 months and 20 days."

"Sarah Browning, daughter of Joseph and Abigail Hollinshead, died August 7, 1836, aged 1 years, 8 months and 21 days."

"John March. Born on the Island of Jamaica, May 19, 1774; died May 5, 1837, in Trenton. This Tablet is erected by his son, Thomas Edward March."

"James Mennis, Jr., born May 8, 1824; died February 20, 1836, aged 11 years, 9 months and 21 days."

"Samuel Henry, died January 9, 1795, aged 24 years, 4 months."

"Mary Moon, widow of Joseph Moon, died September 3, 1835, aged 64 years."

"Martin Moon, died December 8, 1836, aged 28 years."

"Maria, daughter of Job and Deborah Moore, died April 19, 1798, aged 45 years."

"Deborah, wife of Job Moore, died October 2, 1829, aged 80 years."

"Joseph M. Yard, died November 14, 1853, aged 63 years, 6 months and 8 days."

"Mary, wife of Joseph M. Yard, died February 5, 1858, aged 61 years, 6 months and 24 days."

"Hetty Brearley, daughter of Hon. David Brearley, died February 14, 1819, aged 44 years."

"William Moore, son of John and Sarah Vandegrift, died October 5, 1805, aged 11 months."

"Sarah, daughter of John and Sarah Vandegrift, died October 20, 1805, aged 4 years, 2 months."

"William Moon, died April 17, 1835, aged 29 years."

"Mary Hankinson, died April 1, 1811, aged 36 years."

"Thos. Gordon, born September 23, 1778; died September 25, 1818."

"Mrs. Rebecca Gordon, widow of Thos. Gordon, Esq., died September 7, 1864, aged 88 years."

"Mrs. Mary Henry, died January 25, 1804, aged 29 years."

"George Henry, died October 23, 1846, aged 76 years."

"The Honorable David Brearley, died August 27, 1790; aged 45 years. Also Elizabeth, relict of David Brearley, died August 27, 1832."

"Joseph Higbee Brearley, son of David and Elizabeth Brearley, died April 2, 1805, aged 21 years."

"David Brearley, son of David and Elizabeth Brearley, died at Blakeley, Ala., November 8, 1820. Aged 34 years."

"Pearson Hunt, Esq., died November 4, 1828, in his 63rd year. Also his wife, Rachel Hunt, born May 26, 1766, died April 7, 1836."

"Sally Milner Hunt, died September 15, 1818, in 17th year."

"Theodosia P. Hunt, born March 21, 1800; died January, 12, 1844."

"Sarah Pidgeon, born October 29, 1740; died June 14, 1763."

"Caroline Mary, only daughter of Peter and Sarah Striker."

"William Kerwood, died January 22, 1867, aged 88 years."

"Mary, daughter of John and Elizabeth Throckmorton, died July 26, 1792, aged 6 weeks and 1 day."

"Renssalaer, Williams, Esq., died December 1, 1796, aged 61 years. Also, Catherine Williams, his wife, died December 29, 1792, aged 69 years."

"Mr. Samuel Henry, died May 15, 1784, aged 69 years."

"Rebecca Browning, daughter of Joshua and Abigail Hollinshead, died June 29th, 1841, aged 3 years, 10 months and 6 days."

"Michael Armstrong, died December 16, 1806, aged 46 years."

"Isabella, widow of Michael Armstrong, died December 24, 1831, aged 80 years."

"George Johnson, died April 15, 1800, aged 53 years."

"In memory of an infant daughter of John and Eliza Johnson, citizens of Philadelphia, died October 7, 1814."

"Sarah, widow of Joseph McCully, died May 10, 1831, aged 81 years."

"Mary, wife of James Pettit, died May 4, 1843, aged 23 years. Also, John William, son of J. and M. Pettit, died June 26, 1842, aged 4 months."

"James Pettit, died December 18, 1860, aged 44 years."

"Mrs. Martha Gillespy, born at Hardingstone, Northamptonshire, England, February 13, 1791; died at Trenton, April 19, 1867."

"Sarah Montgomery Rogers, died March 11, 1868, aged 72 years."

"Ann Murphy, died September 21, 1875, aged 78 years."

"Joseph James Murphy, aged 5 years, 3 months."

"John R. D., son of James and Emily Murphy, aged 8 months."

"James Murphy, died April 11, 1891, aged 66 years. Removed to Ewing Cemetery."

"James Johnson, died September 21, 1834, aged 61 years, 8 months and 27 days. Also, Sarah, widow of James Johnson, died March 10, 1875, in her 90th year."

"Mary Johnson, died March 28, 1860."

"Hannah Johnson, died March 10, 1881."

"Eliza Johnson, died May 8, 1885."

"Jane Johnson, died March 20, 1890."

"Catherine Johnson, died February 7, 1894, aged 95 years."

"Samuel Rutherford, died October 20, 1767, in 50th year of his age. A captain in His Majesty's 15th Regiment of Foot."

"Lucy, Relict of Rt. Rev. Abraham Jarvis, of Connecticut, died May 5, 1829, in the 80th year of her age."

"Joseph Higbee, died June 10, 1796, in 76th year, and of Rachel, his wife, died July 30, 1777, in her 50th year. And of their sons, Samuel, 1st, died July 20, 1751; Samuel, 2nd, died May 10, 1757; George, died March 4, 1768; John, died May 20th, 1764. Each under two years of age."

"Caroline Higbee, died July 28, 1803; Louisa Higbee, died July 1, 1808; Daughters of Joseph and Elizabeth Higbee."

"Ann Higbee, died November 12, 1834, aged 65 years;" Catherine Higbee, died June 17, 1827.

"Sarah M. Higbee, daughter of Joseph and Elizabeth Higbee, born July 12, 1801; died October 12, 1857."

"Theodosia, Relict of Gen'l John Watts, of Pittsburg, Pa., and daughter of Joseph and Rachel Higbee, born February 20, 1771; born February 6, 1833."

"Joseph Higbee, son of Joseph and Rachel Higbee, born December 20, 1761; died December 12, 1829. Also of Elizabeth L. Lawrence, his wife, daughter of Nat. and Lucy Lewis, died November 1, 1838, aged 65 years."

"Joseph Milnor, eldest son of Charles and Charlotte Higbee, born May 20, 1807; died April 26, 1842."

Square Monument near Parish House. "Virginia Elizabeth, eldest daughter of Joseph and Elizabeth Higbee."

"Lucy Ann Higbee."

"Virginia Higbee, daughter of Joseph Higbee, born 1797; died September, 1834."

"Lucy Ann, third daughter of Joseph and Elizabeth Lawrence Higbee, born April 30, 1798; died April 29, 1853."

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MARRIAGES (Dates worn away).

Jan'y 2d	Samuel Rutherford	to Ruth Beadles	License
	Samuel Yardley	Lucy Thornton	License
	Daniel Grehe	Eliz. Wilgoos	Banns
	William Watson	Sara Oalden	License
	Thomas Fish	Eliz. Delay	Banns
	Wm. Williams	Susan Markwell	Banns
	Nat. Cotman	Martha Laramar	License
	James Paxton	Sarah Adams	License
	Lewis Francisco	Charlotte Felixia	Banns

(Date worn off, but should be 1772)

May 6	Rev. Jonathan Odell	to Ann DeCou	License
June 21	Darby Wheland	Jane East	Banns
Sept. 27	Capt. Brereton Poynton	Mary Rutherford	License
Oct. 18	Thomas McNamée	Hanna Clemens	Banns
Nov. 1	Thomas Yardley	Hanna Bailly	License
Dec. 24	Thomas Murgatroyd	Sara Tucker	License

1773

Jan. 19	Martin Taylor	Mary Swainey	License
20	Jas. Campbell	Ann McKensie	License
Sept. 15	Daniel Price	Barbara Jones	Banns

1769

July 17	Hosier M. Fall	to Ann Lister	Banns
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1770

Jan. 22	Micajah Howe, Esq.	to Sarah Field	License
March 23	Patrick Parks	Ann Gregoree	Banns
June 24	Aaron Quigly	Abigail Reed	License
Nov. 29	Thomas Healwood	Margaret Mahany:	Banns, License

1771

Feb. 22	Nathaniel Lewis	to Lucy Lawrence	License
March 10	Nathaniel Parker	Martha Plummer	License
	Jacob Booce	Barbara Harman	License

1788

Oct. 12	James Cooper	to Elizabeth Douglass	License
Oct. 23	Robert Hoops	Martha Cotnam	License

BURIALS.

- 1768 March 4, George Higbee
 1751 July 20, Samuel Higbee, 1st.
 1757 May 10, Samuel Higbee, 2d.
 1764 May 20, John Higbee
 1777 Feb. 20, Rachel Higbee
 1790 Aug. 16, David Brearley
 1792 Feb. 24, George Brearley
 1796 June 10, Joseph Higbee
 1805 April 2, Joseph H. Brearley
 1769 Aug. 17, John Allen, Esq.
 Nov. 20, Jane Appleton
 Dec. 3, Catherine Sarker

 1770 Feb. 12, Mary Bond
 July 10, William Livezy
 Oct. 20, Pontius Stelle
 Nov. 7, Sarah Harcourt
 Dec. 18, Mary Spencer

 1771 April 28, Mary Pearson
 John Brathwaite

 1772 Feb. 1, Ann Ryan
 Feb. 11, Catherine Williams
 Feb. 17, Nathaniel Parker
 April 1, Elizabeth Lawrence
 April 5, Mary Ingleheart
 Aug. 10, Thomas Hankinson
 Oct. 12, Susanna Grace Thomson
 Oct. 16, Mary Witte
 Oct. 19, Charles Clunn
 Nov. 2, Jane Holdin
 Nov. 3, Barbara Shepeck
 Dec. 3, John East
 Dec. 15, Mary Trent, aged 83 years

 1773 April 12, Darby Whealon
 Charles Aum (Clunn?)

MARRIAGES BY THE REV. WILLIAM FRAZER

A

1779 Dec. 17	Anderson, James	to Jane Slack	<i>Bucks</i>
1780 April 13	Acker, William	Ann Moore	<i>Amwell</i>
1780 Oct. 1	Aitkins, Thomas	Margaret Rodman	<i>Bucks</i>
1781 Sept. 13	Anderson, Daniel	Fanny Anderson	<i>Hopewell</i>
1783 June 10	Anderson, John	Ann VanKirk	<i>Amwell</i>
1787 March 26	Amory, John	Catherine Vansickle	<i>Amwell</i>
1787 April 14	Anderson, Joshua	Letitia Harvey	<i>Bucks</i>

B

1778 Jan. 9	Beans, Jonathan	to Rachel Rogers	<i>Bucks</i>
1778 March 16	Bracher, Amos	Edith Day	<i>Bucks</i>
1778 Aug. 6	Bye, Hezekiah	Sarah Petit	<i>Bucks</i>
1778 Dec. 2	Buckman, Abner	Elizabeth Bailey	<i>Bucks</i>
1779 April 18	Bray, John	Rachel Rittenhouse	<i>Amwell</i>
1780 March 19	Birdsale, Saml.	Elizabeth Canby	<i>Bucks</i>
1780 Nov. 21	Berry, William	Sarah Harding	<i>Amwell</i>
1781 July 27	Buckman, Benjamin	Ann Jenny	<i>Bucks</i>
1781 Aug. 12	Beckman, William	Sarah Foreman	<i>Maidenhead</i>
1786 June 14	Buchanan, John	Azebah Lake	
1787 April 12	Bellas, John	Ann Bear	<i>Amwell</i>
1787 July 5	Bake, Henry	Mary Higgins	<i>Amwell</i>
1789 Sept. 20	Burke, Edward	Elizabeth Downie	<i>Amwell</i>
1791 Sept. 1	Barton, Matthias	Hetty Cox	<i>Bloomsbury</i>

C

1778 March 26	Carlile, Ebenezer	to Sarah Liverton	<i>Amwell</i>
1779 March 8	Carr, John	Sarah Reed	<i>Amwell</i>
1780 Jan. 16	Cadwalader, Benjamin	Hannah Bradfield	<i>Bucks</i>
1780 Oct. 9	Case, John	Margaret Buchanan	<i>Amwell</i>
1781 July 10	Carson, John	Mary VanCamp	<i>Amwell</i>
1782 Feb. 4	Coxe, Tench	Rebecca Cox	<i>Hunterdon</i>
1782 Feb. 26	Carter, Charles	Alice Clark	<i>Bucks</i>
1782 May 30	Covenhoven, John	Martha Higgins	<i>Amwell</i>
1782 Sept. 1	Case, Tunis	Elizabeth Landis	<i>Amwell</i>
1782 Nov. 3	Card, Andrew	Mary Cranmer	<i>Amwell</i>
1783 Feb. 22	Church, Joseph	Mary Comfort	<i>Bucks</i>
1785 March 13	Cornell, William	Katherine Miller	<i>Amwell</i>
1786 May 17	Covenhoven, John	Elleanor Grandin	<i>Lenbanon</i>
1788 Aug. 21	Cooper, Gabriel	Elizabeth Hoppock	<i>Amwell</i>
1789 July 18	Chamont, James LeRoy	Grace Cox	<i>Sidney</i>
1790 Jan. 16	Covert, Bergon	Ann Housekill	<i>Amwell</i>

D

1778 April 29	Deverall, John	to Ann Reed	<i>Amwell</i>
1779 July 13	Decow, Isaac	Rachel Postlerthwaite	<i>Trenton</i>
1785 May 22	Dunn, Isaac, Major	Abigail Tweedy	<i>Lamberton</i>
1789 Sept. 20	Doan, Joseph	Mary Connard	<i>Bucks</i>
1790 June 27	Dilts, George	Mary Kuhl	<i>Amwell</i>
1791 Aug. 17	Dougherty, John	Ann Fister	<i>Trenton</i>

E

1783 July 30	Ent, Daniel	to Elizabeth Douglass	<i>Amwell</i>
1786 Nov. 27	Ely, Abner	Hannah Lacy	<i>Bucks</i>

F

1777 Oct. 4	Fell, Samuel	to Thamar Russell	<i>Bucks</i>
1779 Oct. 17	Furnace, Thomas	Mary Hill	<i>Bucks</i>
1780 Jan. 22	Fell, Zenos	Elizabeth Brown	<i>Bucks</i>
1780 Dec. 24	Fox, Peter	Elizabeth Ross	<i>Amwell</i>

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1781 Nov. 18	Farrier, Francis	Jane Douglass	<i>Bucks</i>
1786 May 4	Featherby, Nathaniel	Jane Harvey	<i>Bucks</i>
G			
1777 Dec. 22	Godoun, John	to Mary Rounseval	<i>Amwell</i>
1778 Aug. 18	Green, William	Mary Stewart	<i>Bucks</i>
1779 Sept. 23	Godoun, Evan	Rachel Rounseval	<i>Amwell</i>
1780 May 7	Graff, Samuel	Christian Fulper	<i>Amwell</i>
1780 June 8	Gilbert, Stephen	Pamela Whitten	<i>Bucks</i>
1780 Feb. 1	Gurten, James	Elizabeth Tomlinson	<i>Bucks</i>
1783 Nov. 27	Godoun, Jacob	Sarah Lake	<i>Amwell</i>
1781 Feb. 15	Geary, Peter	Ann Pegg	<i>Amwell</i>
1781 March 7	Gillespie, Samuel	Myrtilia Denormandie	<i>Bristol</i>
1782 May 9	Gordon, Thomas	Mary Leovy	<i>Bucks</i>
1790 Jan. 13	Gray, Joseph	Hannah Atkinson	<i>Amwell</i>
H			
1778 Jan. 12	Haisley, Ezekiel	to Mary Brian	<i>Bucks</i>
1778 Aug. 9	Hogeland, Derrick	Catherine Robbins	<i>Amwell</i>
1780 June 19	Harvey, John	Margaret Harvey	<i>Bucks</i>
1780 June 29	Haines, Joseph	Ann Moore	<i>Amwell</i>
1780 Sept. 17	Hull, Thomas	Rebecca Sherman	<i>Bucks</i>
1780 Nov. 16	Hogeland, William	Mary Brewer	<i>Amwell</i>
1781 Sept. 17	Holcombe, Samuel	Sarah Emley	<i>Amwell</i>
1782 Jan. 10	Headly, John	Ursula Longshore	<i>Penna.</i>
1782 Jan. 15	Hough, John	Hannah Watson	<i>Bucks</i>
1782 March 7	Humphries, Daniel,	Jane Pinkerton	<i>Trenton</i>
1782 April 11	Hellings, Robert	Pamela Opdyke	<i>Bucks</i>
1782 Sept. 1	Househill, Jacob	Ruth Roberts	<i>Amwell</i>
1783 May 29	Holcombe, Thomas	Mary Holcombe	<i>Amwell</i>
1783 Oct. 16	Hendricks, Nichols	Catherine Mershon	<i>Amwell</i>
1784 April 11	Harvey, Thomas	Rachel Merril	<i>Amwell</i>
1784 Oct. 18	Higgins, Nathl.	Martha Perrine	<i>Amwell</i>
1785 May 4	Hunt, Abraham	Mary Dagworthy	<i>Elizabethtown</i>
1785 May 31	Heath, Joseph	Sarah Robbins	<i>Amwell</i>
1785 Aug. 18	Harvey, Abraham	Jane Gregg	<i>Bucks</i>
1785 July 16	Hyde, George	Sarah Smith (widow)	<i>Amwell</i>
1785 Nov. 17	Higgins, Jonathan	Mary Reading	<i>Amwell</i>
1786 Dec. 19	Hoppock, Jonathan	Ann Moore	<i>Amwell</i>
1787 May 15	Hogeland, Abraham	Susannah Nevius	<i>Amwell</i>
1787 June 20	Hill, Samuel	Sarah Trout	<i>Amwell</i>
1791 Jan. 27	Hagerman, Aaron	Charity Sutphen	<i>Amwell</i>
1792 July 31	Hoff, Jacob	Elizabeth Creamer	<i>Phila.</i>
1792 Oct. 27	Hillzimer, Thomas.	Theodosia Imlay	<i>Trenton</i>
1793 April 28	Heister, Jacob	Mary Tippold	<i>Trenton</i>
1785 Jan. 16	Hart, A. Hart	Abigail Rows	<i>Amwell</i>
J			
1779 Sept. 23	Johnson, Martin	to Ann Trout	<i>Amwell</i>
1783 Oct. 16	Johnson, Samuel	Hepsibah Carey	<i>Bucks</i>
1793 April 14	Jones, Henry	Sarah Cowell	<i>Trenton</i>
K			
1780 Nov. 16	Kenny, Nicholas	to Merriam Nicholas	<i>Amwell</i>
1782 May 16	Kitchen, James	Ede Wells,	<i>Salisbury, Bucks</i>
1783 Jan. 6	Kitchen, John	Hannah Ely	<i>Bucks</i>
1779 Dec. 17	Kitchen, William	Sarah Lee	<i>Bucks</i>
1789 July 12	Kinsey, John	Patience Sackett	<i>Bucks</i>
L			
1778 April 15	Large, Stephen	to Elizabeth Colden	<i>Bucks</i>
1778 May 10	Landis, Joseph	Sarah Calvin	<i>Amwell</i>
1778 Aug. 6	Larew, Abraham	Hannah Hull	<i>Amwell</i>
1778 Dec. 17	Louderback, Fredk.	Elizabeth Horn	<i>Amwell</i>

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1780 Sept. 12	Lewis, John	<i>Bucks</i>	Rachel Fox	<i>Kingwood</i>
1780 Nov. 7	Landis, Saml.	<i>Amwell</i>	Hannah Heath	<i>Bucks</i>
1781 Feb. 8	Leech, Isaac	<i>Phila.</i>	Sarah Holcomb	<i>Amwell</i>
1781 March 1	Low, Cornelius		Rachel Burrows	<i>Amwell</i>
1781 July 17	Lisk, Abraham		Jane Thompson	<i>Amwell</i>
1783 July 27	Lake, Isaac		Elizabeth Godoun	<i>Amwell</i>
1777 Oct. 6	Lukens, Seneca		Sarah Quimby	<i>Amwell</i>
1779 Sept. 15	Lewis, Thomas		Ruth Doane	<i>Bucks</i>
1780 Jan. 14	Loury, William	<i>Flemington</i>	Martha How	<i>Trenton</i>
1781 Nov. 1	Laban, Charles		Mary Hall	<i>Amwell</i>
1784 Dec. 4	Longshore, Levi		Sarah Sutton	<i>Bucks</i>
1785 May 8	Lambert, Joseph		Mary Tyson	<i>Bucks</i>
1789 Nov. 1	Ludwick, Simon	<i>Trenton</i>	Elizabeth Hannah	<i>Amwell</i>
1790 July 20	List, John		Rachel Quick	<i>Amwell</i>
1790 March 11	Laske, Jacob		Hannah Vansickle	<i>Amwell</i>

M

1778 Aug. 18	Masking, Henry		to Ruth Harman	<i>Bucks</i>
1780 Oct. 15	Martingale, Myles		Susannah Harvey	<i>Bucks</i>
1781 Feb. 15	Moore, Stephen		Martha Burrows	<i>Amwell</i>
1782 Jan. 9	Miller, John		Mary Winter	<i>Amwell</i>
1782 May 23	Matthew Henry		Rosanna Wolverton	<i>Bucks</i>
1783 May 28	Marts, William		Elizabeth Snook	<i>Amwell</i>
1783 May 24	Moore, Abraham		Ann Laske	<i>Amwell</i>
1783 Sept. 17	Martin, Silas		Hannah Cooper	<i>Bucks</i>
1788 Jan. 6	Mitchell, Aaron		Hannah Hunt	<i>Trenton</i>
1788 March 4	Moore, Charles		Alice Harding	<i>Amwell</i>
1785 March 15	Morgan, Andrew		Margaret Ketcham	<i>Hopewell</i>
1789 Jan. 11	Moore, Joseph		Hannah Landis	<i>Amwell</i>
1789 Sept. 6	Marselius, John H.	<i>Hunterdon</i>	Joyce Stockton	<i>Bucks</i>
1785 May 29	Morrice, Richard		Charity Parker	<i>Somerset</i>
1790 July 6	Marsh, Isaac		Ellenor Griggs	<i>Amwell</i>
1777 Oct. 25	Moore, Elisha		Mary Moore	<i>Hopewell</i>
1792 May 12	Mennaugh, Neil		Abigail Conner	
1793 May 19	McCraight, Joseph		Margaret Hart	<i>Trenton</i>
1793 Nov. 12	Moodie			<i>Trenton</i>
1784 Dec. 26	Meldrum, Robert		Keziah Higgins	<i>Amwell</i>

N

1779 Jan. 28	Newport, James		to Margaret Sparks	<i>Philadelphia</i>
1785 June 5	Newburn, Jonathan		Ann Brown	<i>Bucks</i>

P

1779 May 19	Peters, John		to Rachel Pownal	<i>Bucks</i>
1778 April 26	Phillips, Isaac		Ann Sharp	<i>Amwell</i>
1779 Oct. 24	Polhemus, Cornelius		Mary Mershon	<i>Amwell</i>
1780 Jan. 31	Plumley, Jacob		Jane Gouger	<i>Amwell</i>
1780 May 31	Pownal, George		Elizabeth Lea	<i>Bucks</i>
1780 Oct. 25	Paxson, Moses		Margaret Pownal	<i>Bucks</i>
1787 April 5	Pegg, David		Euphemia Jones	<i>Amwell</i>
1791 Jan. 30	Price, Noah		Lena Sutphin	<i>Amwell</i>

Q

1788 April 18	Quick, William		to Charity Busenburgh	<i>Amwell</i>
1789 Feb. 4	Quick, Cornelius		Ann Johnson	<i>Amwell</i>

R

1778 May 17	Robbins, John		to Catherine Pegg	<i>Amwell</i>
1778 Nov. 9	Rice, Thomas		Mary Hartley	<i>Bucks</i>
1780 June 28	Robbins, John		Grace Runyan	<i>Amwell</i>
1780 Oct. 26	Rittenhouse, Joseph		Ann Wright	<i>Amwell</i>

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1781 Jan. 10	Rockhill, John	<i>Pittstown</i>	Elizabeth Ross	<i>Amwell</i>
1781 March 15	Rounsavell, Henry		Elizabeth Heath	<i>Amwell</i>
1781 Aug. 9	Russell, Malachi		Dinah Kitchen	<i>Amwell</i>
1793 Jan. 9	Runyan, John		Rebecca Landis	<i>Amwell</i>
1780 Oct. 30	Rutherford, John, Esq.		Hellena Morris	<i>Amwell</i>
1789 March 1	Reading, Joseph		Martha, Will	<i>Amwell</i>
1790 Dec. 6	Rippon, William		Esther Minion	<i>Trenton</i>
1777 Oct. 26	Robbins, Amos		Ruth Barnes	<i>Amwell</i>
1786 Nov. 2	Rockafellar, Andrew		Hannah Hixon	<i>Amwell</i>
1779 Dec. 19	Rounsavell, Fregift		Allemina Godoun	<i>Amwell</i>
1786 Nov. 20	Roberts, Michael	<i>Philadelphia</i>	Fanny Lowry	<i>Alexandria</i>
1790 Aug. 27	Rockhill, John		Gaynor Potts	<i>Kingwood</i>

S

1778 April 14	South, Hill		to Sarah Liverton	<i>Amwell</i>
1778 Nov. 8	Smith, John		Ann Dilts	<i>Amwell</i>
1781 July 26	Snook, John, Jr.		Hannah Coolback	<i>Amwell</i>
1781 Sept. 20	Smith, Ephraim		Rebecca Lewis	<i>Bucks</i>
1782 June 13	Stevenson, John		Catherine Corshon	<i>Amwell</i>
1782 July 28	Smith, Samuel		Margaret Anderson	<i>Amwell</i>
1783 May 18	Scarborough, John		Elizabeth Kelly	<i>Amwell</i>
1783 June 30	Smith, Joseph		Elizabeth Patterson	<i>Readington</i>
1784 Feb. 3	Stout, Fregift		Sendon Gordon	<i>Amwell</i>
1784 April 25	Shafer, John		Margaret Kemple	<i>Amwell</i>
1785 Dec. 15	Sutton, Amos		Jane Robbins	<i>Amwell</i>
1786 March 16	Schenck, Jacob		Ellenor Vanmater	<i>Amwell</i>
1786 Dec. 7	Smith, Burrows		Elizabeth Craven	<i>Amwell</i>
1787 Jan. 11	Simpson, John		Agnes Miller	<i>Bucks</i>
1788 March 4	Smith, Phineas		Catherine Vanhise	<i>Amwell</i>
1788 Sept. 6	Sutton, Nathan		Elizabeth Robbins	<i>Amwell</i>
1789 Nov. 15	Stives, William		Catherine Venoms	<i>Somerset</i>
1777 Nov. 16	Stout, Samuel		Delilah Runyon	<i>Amwell</i>
1793 March 18	Stelle P. Delare		Mrs. Beulah Wharton	<i>Trenton</i>
1793 Sept. 8	Sicard, Juli Augustine		Ann Rogers	

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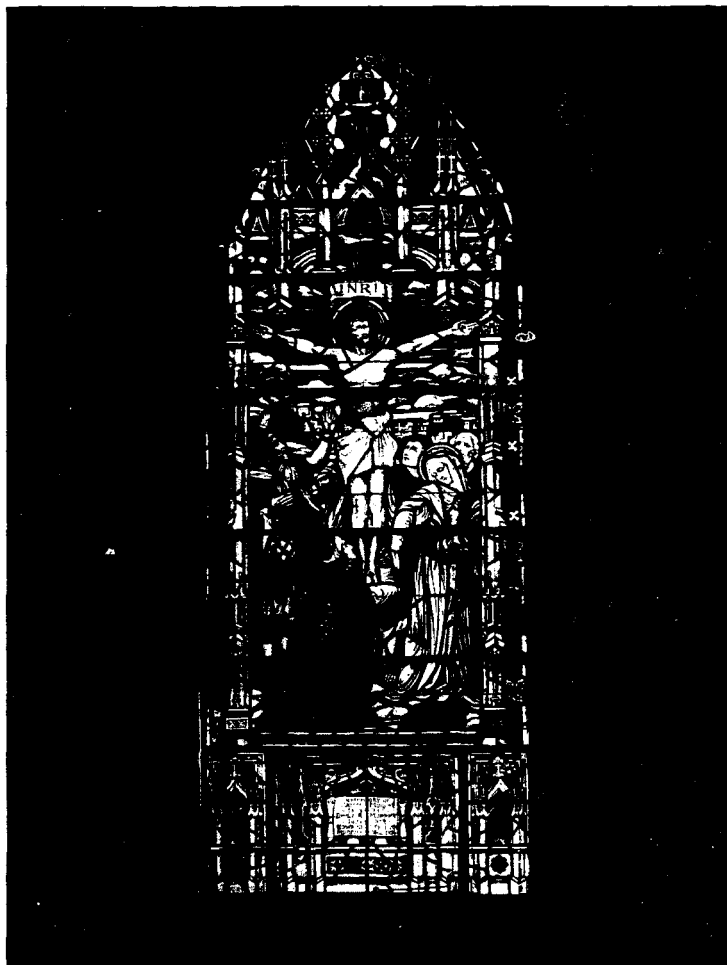
1778 May 9	Tomlinson, Joseph		Hannah Siddons	<i>Bucks</i>
1779 Jan. 3	Taylor, William	<i>Amwell</i>	Catherine Waggoner	<i>Alexandria</i>
1779 Oct. 19	Temple, Peter		Martha Sevens	<i>Amwell</i>
1780 Sept. 14	Taylor, Timothy		Acsah Johnson	<i>Bucks</i>
1786 Dec. 17	Taylor, Samuel	<i>Chester Co.</i>	Ann Birdall	<i>Amwell</i>
1784 Oct. 21	Throckmorton, Richard		Margaret How	<i>Trenton</i>
1785 May 27	Thomas, Lewis		Margaret Casewell	<i>Bucks</i>

V

1785 Feb. 27	Vanaumen, Benjamin		to Catherine Dilts	<i>Amwell</i>
1780 Sept. 17	VanCamp, Gilbert		Charity Thacher	<i>Kingwood</i>
1782 Oct. 13	VanDyke, Dominicus		Hannah Roweth	<i>Amwell</i>
1783 Oct. 16	Vanhorn, Cornelius	<i>Readington</i>	Elizabeth Hoppock	<i>Amwell</i>
1780 Feb. 2	Vancourt, Moses	<i>Philadelphia</i>	Louisa Denormandie	<i>Bristol</i>

W

1778 March 23	Wilson, Isaac		to Rebecca Blackwell	<i>Bucks</i>
1779 Jan. 3	Woolverton, John		Rachel Quinby	<i>Amwell</i>
1781 April 29	Willet, David		Ann Runyon	<i>Amwell</i>
1781 Aug. 12	Wikoff, Jacob		Susanne Allen	<i>Amwell</i>
1781 Sept. 19	Walker, Jonathan		Jane Low	<i>Amwell</i>
1779 Aug. 19	Wurts, Morice	<i>Morris</i>	Sarah Williamson	<i>Amwell</i>
1787 Jan. 4	Woolverton, Nathaniel		Pamela Hudnot	<i>Amwell</i>
1784 Dec. 26	Williamson, Peter		Charity Hulick	<i>Amwell</i>
1789 Feb. 22	Wickoff, Nicholas		Susannah Flagg	<i>Somerset</i>
1793 Oct. 27	Williams, John		Sarah Munday	<i>Trenton</i>



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JAMES L. MURPHY
1825-1891

EMILY A. MURPHY
1827-1912

EDWARD APPLETON MURPHY
1862-1924

Dedicated Palm Sunday, March 28, 1926

HISTORY OF ST. MICHAEL'S

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1780 Jan. 24	York, James		Margaret Meddock	
1784 Dec. 7	Young, Aaron		Catherine Larison	<i>Amwell</i>
1786 April 19	Young, Peter	<i>Lebanon</i>	Magdalena Rockafellar	<i>Amwell</i>
	Yeagly, Andrew		Sarah Davis	<i>Amwell</i>

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