Information Sheet

R Christ Church Episcopal (Rolla, Mo.).
Twenty-six folders.

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Christ Church Episcopal began in 1870 as an unorganized mission. The Rev. William Johnson served the small congregation once a month, making the trip from Trinity Church at Lebanon, Missouri. The Diocese of Missouri accepted the Rolla church as an organized member in 1879. The Rev. Johnson moved from Lebanon to Rolla in 1881 and initiated construction of a church building. The building was completed in 1882 and was dedicated on Easter Sunday. The building stood until 1950, when work was begun on a brick edifice to replace the original wooden structure. The new building was completed in 1951. A parish hall with classroom facilities was completed in 1964. Additional improvements to the buildings and grounds were made in 1974 and 1981.

The records of Christ Church are incomplete, especially for the earliest period of its history. The extant materials have been organized into three groups. They consist of church records, including logs of services held, treasurer's records, and minutes of meetings; the records of St. Margaret’s Guild; and various clippings, notes, and printed materials on the history of the church and its members. The historical materials include “A Centennial Story” of Christ Church Episcopal, 1882-1982, by two members of the history faculty at the University of Missouri-Rolla, Donald B. Oster and Lance Williams. Using church records and other sources, the authors chronicled the development of the church and highlighted the ministries of several of its pastors. Oster and Williams also pointed out the close connections between the church and UM-Rolla (formerly the University of Missouri School of Mines and Metallurgy). Many of the faculty, staff, and students at MSM/UMR have been members of the congregation, including Charles P. Williams, the school’s first director.

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