INTRODUCTION
The records of the Trinity Episcopal Church contain artifacts recovered from the Kansas City church’s cornerstone. These include architectural sketches and timelines of the church’s construction as well as Kansas City newspapers from the day the cornerstone was laid.

DONOR INFORMATION
The records were donated to the State Historical Society of Missouri by R.M. Perkins on 26 May 1976 (Accession No. 2187).

ORGANIZATIONAL SKETCH
Trinity Episcopal Church was approved for formation in 1883. The new church was located at the corner of Tracy Avenue and Tenth Street in Kansas City, Missouri. Robert Talbot was selected to be the parish’s first rector, the Episcopal equivalent of a priest. Burling and Whitehouse, a prominent Chicago architecture company, was contracted to design the church. The Trinity cornerstone was laid on June 19, 1887.

The location that once housed Trinity Episcopal Church later came under the ownership of Paradise Baptist Church. It was then sold to the Salvation Army in 1965. The original building is no longer in place, and the location is now used as a parking lot for the Salvation Army.

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE
The records have been arranged into three standard-sized folders and one oversized folder. All contents were taken from the church’s cornerstone.

Folder 1 contains records relating to the construction of the Trinity Church. This includes an architectural sketch done by Burling and Whitehouse. It also includes a timeline of the church’s approval and construction, beginning in April of 1883.

Folder 2 contains papers relating to the organization of the Episcopal Church. This includes The Church Almanac, a book that lists all Episcopal churches and clergy across the United States from the year 1884. Another artifact from this folder is a copy of the Episcopal Church’s constitution for the state of Missouri. Finally, this contains two sources of news for the Episcopal Church. The first, The Spirit of Missions, is an official Episcopal pamphlet that documents locations of major missions the church was involved with in 1887. The second, The Living Church from March, 1887, gives weekly news about the Episcopal Church.


The oversize folder contains Kansas City newspapers from the day before and the day of the laying of the cornerstone.
FOLDER LIST

f. 1 Construction and architectural information, 1883-1887
f. 2 Episcopal Church information, 1884-1887
f. 3 Christian-themed newspapers, 1887

OVERSIZE

Items #1-7 The Evening News and The Kansas City Star, June 18, 1887; The Kansas City Times (3 copies) and The Kansas City Journal, June 19, 1887 (2 copies)

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