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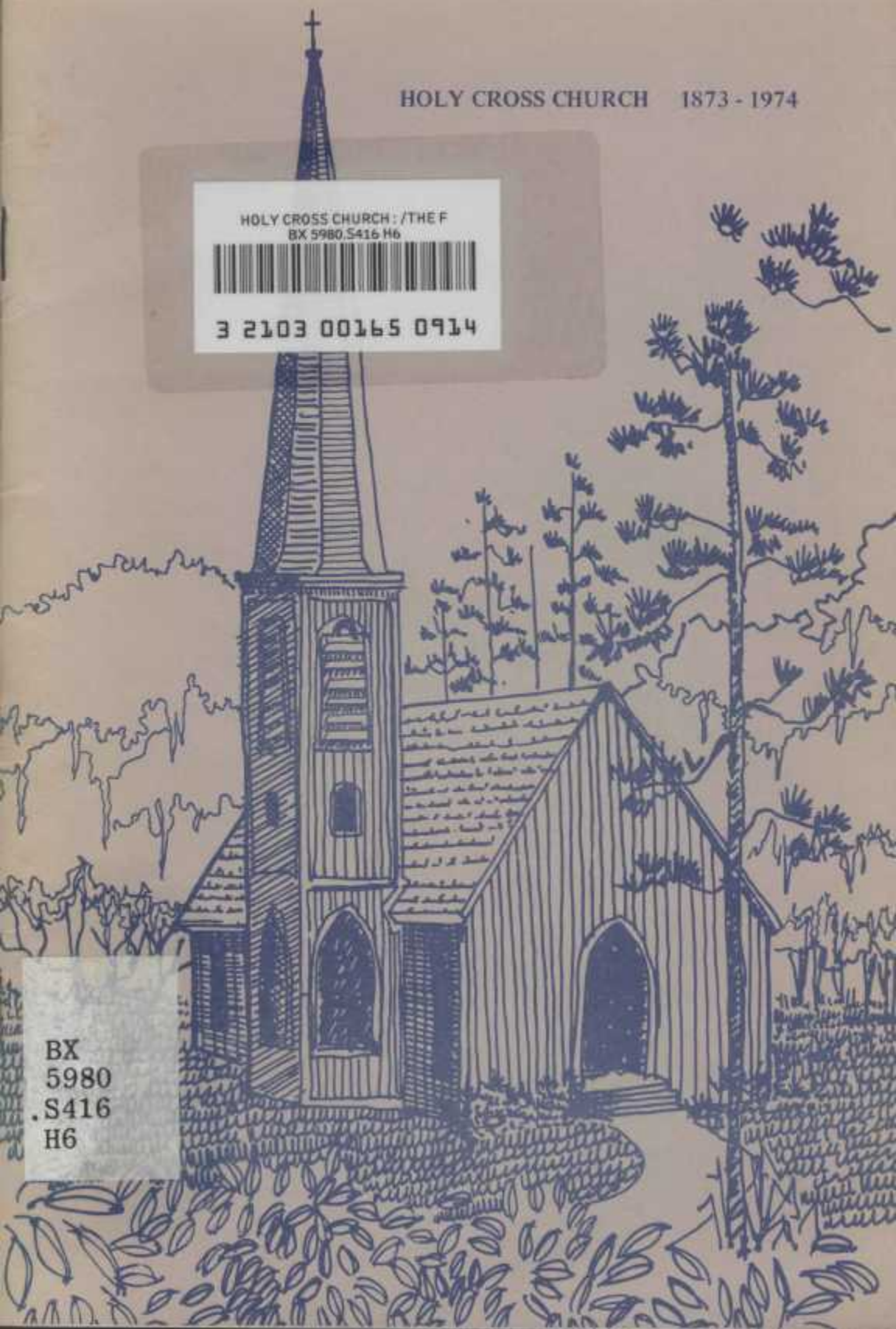
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Original Holy Cross Church

by Upjohn

1873 - 1881

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**The First Hundred Years**

**Prepared for**

**The Centennial Celebration**

**1973**

**IN MEMORIUM**

**Clarissa Starling Peterson**

**November 4, 1894      January 1, 1960**

**Alice Sheldon Fitts**

**June 9, 1879      June 17, 1972**

**Members of Holy Cross Church**

## PREFACE

The history of Holy Cross Church herein contained is the combined efforts of many people and is derived from accumulated sources, all of which have to the best of the ability of the writers, been verified. This work contains no bibliography; however, all source material has been copied in part or in toto and placed in the files of the church. If sources used have not been verified, they are so indicated within the text.

Most of the records of the church were destroyed by fire; therefore, historical papers, newspapers and letters have been used to compile the early history. It is the sincere hope of the writers that the text reflects an accurate and as complete as possible history of the first 100 years of Holy Cross Church.



Rev. Samuel Day  
1900 - 1904



## HOLY CROSS EPISCOPAL CHURCH

1873 - 1973

### The Mother Church of Central Florida

The conclusion of the Confederate War left the Diocese of Florida prostrate and in ruin. "Everywhere terror, and everywhere the multiplied sight of death." Three churches had been burned by enemy action, one had been sold (uncanonically) by its impoverished congregation for debt; of the twelve church academies, all but two had been destroyed or so disrupted by war as to be in ruin. Moreover, of the twelve clergymen officiating in the diocese in 1861, only four remained, and of the Church's thirteen parishes, only Tallahassee and Monticello had been undisturbed by actual events, although these were likewise in poverty. The financial resources of the diocese had collapsed along with the Confederacy and the plantation system.

As if to drain the last bitter drop of hope, the venerable and much loved Bishop, Francis Huger Rutledge, died in the fall of 1866. The Diocesan Council of 1866 felt the anger and frustration of devout men. "Great and desolating have been (The Church's) misfortunes of the last few years: contending against the destruction and adverse fortunes of protracted and ruinous war, prostrating churches, scattering in places the hunted flock, sacrificing her noblest and bravest sons, in martyrdoms, deaths and imprisonments, and impoverishing utterly her membership." *Diocesan Journal*, 1867, page 46, yet true to faith, they could write, "the gates of hell shall not prevail against His church; . . . His Church is alive, her candlestick is in its appointed place . . . kindling with new luster, fed with the oil of God's flavor and grace."

As if to put aside the past the Diocese elected its second Bishop — not one of their own — a new man with a burning missionary zeal seldom surpassed in the Church, John Freeman Young, the assistant rector of Trinity Parish, New York. The date was July 25, 1867, and the Church in South Florida would bear his mark from that day to this.

Bishop Young was consecrated in Trinity Church, New York, in a great service attended by over one hundred clergy from nearly every state of the union. Shortly thereafter he left for Jacksonville where, after a few days, he undertook to survey his prostrate domain by visiting every part of his diocese where a church was or had been.

Bishop Young was not content to merely rebuild, but began in 1870 to explore the highway of the St. John's River. He appointed the Reverend F.R. Holeman and the Reverend Edward MacClure as missionaries for the upper and lower river, with Mr. Holeman's base at Palatka. That Mr. Holeman's work was fruitful is evident from the Bishop's address, (*Journal* 1872), in which he reports that on Thursday, April 13, 1871, he left Palatka in company with Mr. Holeman for Mellonville, to spend the following Sunday.

An interesting note on this trip is found in an article in *Tequesta* of unknown date.

"On the 16th of December, the two clergymen left Daytona for Enterprise, camping





Rev. Samuel B. Carpenter

on the ground at night, midway on their journey. The next afternoon, they reached Enterprise, and soon afterwards took the steamer across the lake to Mellonville (Sanford). That night the Bishop preached at the Hotel. Thus ended the visitation of the upper St. John's, Indian and Halifax River section."

However, on reaching Mellonville Friday evening, he learned that nearly all the hotel guests, who were mainly to constitute the congregation, were leaving by boat on Sunday. The Bishop decided to appoint a service in the schoolhouse on Saturday. But, a pouring rain prevented the service.

The Reverend Holeman seems shortly to have moved his base of operations to Sanford, where General Henry Shelton Sanford deeded land for a church and rectory. The building of the church was greatly aided by Mrs. Sanford's interest and contributions and those of her friends whom she was able to interest in the work. The Parish report for 1872 states, "number of families 4, individuals not thus included 3, totals souls 14; baptisms - adults 1, infants 3, total 4; catechisms in church 12; communicants - admitted 2, added by removal 3, present number 7; marriages 1, funerals 1, Sunday school teachers 5; scholars 19; and contributions - parochial \$200.00, domestic missions \$1.70.

The area to be reached by the church was so large that Holeman organized a Catechism Class, composed of adults, whom he taught all the principals of "our Holy religion" and prepared them to teach others. "The system works beautifully, and I already have the satisfaction of seeing strangers to the church gradually interested in our service solely by the efforts of the members of my class; and I have the pleasure to know that their faith in Our Blessed Lord is not only deeply rooted and grounded in them, but they are able to teach the same to others. The congregations are generally large and beyond our expectations. The communicants have increased to seven. Our two Wardens are now acting as Lay Readers and Catechists, and are at present organizing classes of adults for the purpose of instructing them in those things which a Christian ought to know."

Mr. Holeman also organized missions at Maitland, Orlando, Apopka, Lake Jessup and at Sand Point and Orange Mills, as well as at Enterprise. But the area to be served was so great that he was dependent upon the diligence of the lay readers, and in Orlando the work of Mr. Francis Epps, long a churchman in the Central Florida area, was of foremost importance.

In the Bishop's address to the Convention he stated that at Sanford, near Mellonville on Lake Monroe, a beautiful church after the designs of Upjohn was ready for consecration. Beside it a rectory was to be built. With the completion of the large hotel there the coming season, that point can become soon, no doubt, a self-supporting parish. We do not know who selected the name "Holy Cross", but the *Journal for 1874*, covering the year 1873, lists Mr. Holeman as rector of "Holy Cross, Sanford."

While there has been much speculation as to "Upjohn" churches in Florida, Holy Cross is the only one verified as having been built after his designs. Richard Upjohn was the



Rev. Arthur Searing Peck  
1913 - 1924.



celebrated designer of Trinity Church at the head of Wall Street, New York City, and was noted for this Gothic church architecture. As Upjohn was a friend of both Bishop Young and General Sanford, his work was no doubt at their request.

General and Mrs. Sanford had hoped that the Church could be consecrated on Easter Sunday, 1873, but according to the Bishop's address to the Convention of 1874, he returned from Fernandina Easter week on Tuesday, and on Thursday following started for Sanford, on Lake Monroe.

"On Low Sunday the consecration took place, the Reverend Messrs. Thackara (St. Peters, Fernandina) and Holeman being all the clergy of the Diocese who were able to be present, several others who had prepared to be with us having been prevented by providential causes. I preached and celebrated the Holy Communion. The Church is designed by Upjohn, and is completely furnished by communion service, altar linen, organ, bell and all necessary requisites for divine worship, and the impression produced by the service, witnessed with a fullness of performance never before seen by most present, as we heard at once from all sides, was most happy and favorable to the future growth of the congregation and parish. And the whole occasion was peculiarly pleasant and enjoyable to the considerable number of persons who ascended the St. Johns from St. Augustine, Jacksonville and Fernandina to participate in the services."

Mr. Holeman left Holy Cross in 1874, although he continued his work in Orange County, as the Journal for 1875 lists the Reverend Lyman Phelps as rector. Mr. Phelps was from Connecticut, and was not only a priest, but an agriculturist, student and banker, and General Sanford's friend. Mr. Phelps appears to have been a very active missionary and by 1876 was able to report that he was holding regular services at Holy Cross, with communion the first and third Sundays of each month, and also services at Orlando and Maitland. And by 1877 he reported 19 communicants at Sanford, a Sunday school organized at Ft. Reed, and that he was also working in Zellwood.

The growth of the parish seems to have continued during the remaining years of the 1870's with the growth of the area and the citrus industry. However, a disaster struck in the summer of 1880 when a hurricane swept through Sanford completely destroying the Church building, and destroying many of the citrus groves which supported the Church families.

Bishop Young, in an appeal for aid, wrote (Sanford Papers) in Church organs: "Allow me through your columns to make known to those interested in the church in Florida one of the calamities we have suffered. I refer to the destruction of the beautiful church in Sanford which has surprised and delighted so many tourists for the last five years. The church was designed by Upjohn and erected by the earnest efforts of Mrs. Henry S. Sanford, seconded by the many contributions of her many friends at the costs of some \$5,000.00. What makes the loss more disastrous is the fact that Orange County was swept of almost everything. Trees, houses, stores, buildings of all kinds have in many instances



Rev. Mortimer Glover  
1925 - 1930

shared the fate of our beautiful church and the maturing orange crop which is the only means of support to many, is nearly destroyed and the groves are badly injured by the twisting of the tops. Our church people have generally settled there, but recently were laying the foundation of the future and have no means outside their general small investments. Without the aid of our brethren the wreck of our church must be left to decay, but if our brethren will help us by contributing a part of the means necessary, as poor as we are, we will rebuild the church with greater strength than its construction utilized as far as practicable. The material is now in ruins. May we not hope for a sympathetic response in this our appeal from our brethren who have been spared from such a provincial calamity as it has been visited upon us and especially from those who so kindly aided Mrs. Sanford in the erection of the church. We ask that contributions to our aid be sent to the Reverend A. W. Twing, Secretary to Domestic Missions at 22 Nible House."

Generous aid must have been forthcoming, for a new church was completed in 1882, along modified Upjohn designs, with a high spire which became a landmark along the St. John's River. It contained 150 sittings and became a parish during the diocesan counsel of 1883. The Reverend S.B. Carpenter, who had become rector, was able to report forty-two families in the parish.

Another interesting note found in *Tequesta*, Volume 24, 1964, mentions that President Chester A. Arthur, Secretary of Navy William E. Chandler, the President's private secretary, chef and a messenger left Washington on April 5, 1884, for a visit to Florida. On April 6th they arrived in Jacksonville, and because of an outbreak of smallpox continued on to Sanford by steamer, arriving in the early afternoon of the 7th. The President expressed surprise at finding a "place so beautiful" and "accommodations so admirable" at Sanford.

"After dining the Presidential party was driven to the Belaire orange plantation of Henry S. Sanford, founder of the town, professional diplomatist, and former minister to Belgium. Much to the delight of the visitors some of the over-ripe fruit was still on the trees. After several unprofitable efforts to secure fruit from the ground, Secretary Chandler 'shucked' his coat, gaily climbed a tree and picked some. That night at Sanford the visitors enjoyed what they considered a rare treat. A few Negro boys gathered around an "ebony hued" comrade who was 'turn-tuning' a banjo and singing in a tenor voice:

Oh! Where is my beauty gone?

Meet me by the moonlight alone.

The others soon joined the chorus "accompanied by pattering feet and occasionally the clicking bones." Two "frightfully unkempt and ragged" boys began to dance in unison. Arthur and friends heard the music and soon became attentive listeners. Songs followed song until near midnight much to the gratification of the visitors."

On Monday, April 9th, Arthur left Sanford for Kissimmee. Having spent Sunday in Sanford, it might be reasonably assumed that the President and his entourage attended





Rev. Henry I. Louttit  
1930 - 1933

religious services in Sanford and quite possibly at Holy Cross Church. While in the Kissimmee area the President visited with remnants of the race of Seminole Indians. Here he fished, evidently quite successfully, having a catch of 16 fish weighing 100 pounds. On Wednesday, the 11th, the President returned to Sanford, badly sunburned but in good health. "Though he was not eager to leave Sanford, Arthur embarked April 13th."

Webb's Jacksonville Directory (one issue only) for 1886 lists Holy Cross Episcopal Church as "Rev. S.B. Carpenter, Rector, Archdeacon of South Florida; Rev. L. Turguand, Assistant; B.F. Whitner, Senior Warden; Dr. King Wyly, Junior Warden; E.R. Trafford, Treasurer; and John King, Secretary."

Bishop Young had died in 1885, and the diocese met in special counsel in March, 1886, where the Reverend Edwin Gardner Weed was nominated and confirmed as Bishop. Under Bishop Weed's guidance the Church in Florida made rapid progress. In 1888, when the Diocese celebrated its semi-centennial session, the Church had grown from seven churches in 1838 to eighty parishes and organized missions with fifty-four ministers. It became apparent that such a sizable diocese with scattered congregations was too much for one man to supervise adequately. The necessity of either episcopal aid in the form of a suffragan bishop or a partition of the diocese was emphasized. The General Convention of the Episcopal Church in 1892 divided the diocese with the Right Reverend William Crane Gray as Bishop of the Missionary Jurisdiction of South Florida. Holy Cross was one of the parishes transferred to the new diocese. On February 21, 1893, in the presence of Bishop Weed, William Crane Gray presided over the organizational convention of the Missionary Jurisdiction of South Florida, which was held in Holy Cross Church, Sanford.

The church expanded and grew during the 1880's with the growth of the area and the increase of the citrus industry. By 1891, Holy Cross was out of debt; and on November 1, 1881, the second church of Holy Cross Parish was consecrated by Bishop Weed. However, great financial disaster struck Florida in the freezes of 1894-1895. Many of the parishioners moved, and those remaining were left without means of livelihood. The church was unable to retain regular rectors. Services were held by the lay readers and visiting clergymen, among whom was the Reverend Samuel Day, who acted as rector from 1900 until 1904. He also maintained missions at Lake Mary, Sylvan Lake and Enterprise, using a naptha launch to cross Lake Monroe. Not until 1913 was Holy Cross able to engage a regular rector, when the Reverend Arthur Searing Peck came from Galesburg, Illinois.

The period of the Rev. Peck's tenure was one of great activity for Holy Cross Parish.

On Wednesday of Easter week in 1914, Bishop Grey (after his resignation) attended the dedication of the first Parish House. Senior and Junior Chapters of the Brotherhood of St. Andrews were formed and were well attended by Episcopalians as well as many members of other denominations. As the Brotherhood thrived many new things were added to make the Parish House truly a community center. Along with a library, billiard table, and bowling alley, the Brotherhood installed a moving picture machine. During the



Rev. Martin Bram  
1933 - 1941



same period Holy Cross fielded a basketball team. At the peak period of growth and community activity, disaster befell the Parish again and on Nov. 27, 1923, the Church Parish House, Rectory and club rooms, and all records, were destroyed by fire.

Hardly had the ashes cooled when the congregation began plans for the construction of a new church to be built in the prevailing Spanish style. Fr. Peck exerted a major influence in the building of the new church but in 1924 he resigned effective the following January. Perhaps the strain of the disaster had proven too great.

First services were held in the third church of Holy Cross Parish on Easter Sunday, 1925, and it is this building and parish house that continues as the home of the parish. Services were continued by Reverend James G. Glass, the retired Dean of St. Lukes until November 1925, when Reverend Mortimer Glover became rector.

The Parish House was finished in 1927 and the Church School began to grow rapidly. Shortly after the fire Holy Cross purchased a large residence where McKinley Hall now stands. Soon after Mr. Glover's arrival this property was sold and the rectory on Palmetto was built. Actually, the site of this rectory had been deeded by General Sanford to a Negro congregation with the usual clause of reversion to the Sanford estate should the land be used for other than church purposes. A Church was erected there in 1870, according to the best available source, the first Negro church in Sanford. At their request, Mrs. Sanford donated a bell which was dedicated April 17, 1871. In the 1920s it seemed advisable that the Negro congregation build at a new location on Locust Street. Holy Cross defrayed all or part of the purchase price of the land for the new church which is still in use today. The Palmetto Street property was then deeded to Holy Cross and became the site of the second rectory. Mr. Glover resigned in 1930 to accept a call to St. Andrews, Tampa.

In 1930 the Reverend Henry I. Louttit became rector of Holy Cross and during this period there was increasing interest and participation in church activities among the young people. In 1933 Mr. Louttit resigned to go to Holy Trinity Church, West Palm Beach.

The Reverend Martin Bram came to Holy Cross in 1933 during the depths of the depression and remained until 1941 when he accepted a call to St. Andrews, Tampa. The church doors were kept open with difficulty and token payments only were made on the mortgage. Mr. Bram's devoted service and understanding friendship helped the Parish to hold body and soul together until the time when the depression began to wear off. Mr. Bram married one of Sanford's best loved young ladies, Mabel Bowler. Now he was truly a member of the community. With his consecration Holy Cross, Sanford, and Holy Trinity West Palm Beach, became distinctive; two successive rectors became Bishop and Bishop Suffragan.

In 1941 the Reverend Frank E. Pulley came to Holy Cross and on August 1, 1942, the present church — the third building — became eligible for consecration. The freedom from indebtedness was made possible through a concerted drive for funds and large



Rev. Frank E. Pulley  
1941 - 1945

memorial gifts by members of the Chase family. On October 4, 1941, the church was consecrated by Bishop Wing. Soon after Mr. Pulley left Sanford. In 1945 he was made chaplain at the U. S. Military Academy at West Point.

The Reverend Mark T. Carpenter was installed as rector by Bishop Wing on Trinity Sunday, May 27, 1945. It is interesting to note that the first rector of the 2nd Holy Cross building, the Reverend S.B. Carpenter, held the first services in Enterprise in the "Brach House" hotel parlors and was instrumental in bringing about the construction of the present church there in 1883. Later it was badly neglected and the Reverend Mark Carpenter was given charge of the restoration; All Saints Church was formally reopened by Bishop Louttit on the first Sunday in December, 1946. About this time the indebtedness of the Holy Cross rectory was paid off leaving all Holy Cross properties free from mortgage.

In 1948 the Reverend Carpenter became rector at Fort Lauderdale and the Reverend H. Lyttleton Zimmerman came to Holy Cross.

In September 1954, Holy Cross Episcopal Day School for preschool children opened its doors. One kindergarten under the able direction of Mrs. Marion St. John provided a much needed service to the community for 18 years until the spring of 1972.

The Reverend Zimmerman accepted a call to Pompano Beach and the Reverend John Thomas came to Holy Cross on November 20, 1956, at which time there were 439 communicants in the Parish. By 1958 there were 509 communicants and the Reverend George Swallow, living then in DeBary, acted as assistant rector for several months. From 1960 - 1963 the Reverend John R. Griffith was assistant rector. On October 5, 1963, a lifelong and faithful member of Holy Cross, Mr. Benjamin Whitner, Jr., was ordained to the perpetual diaconate.

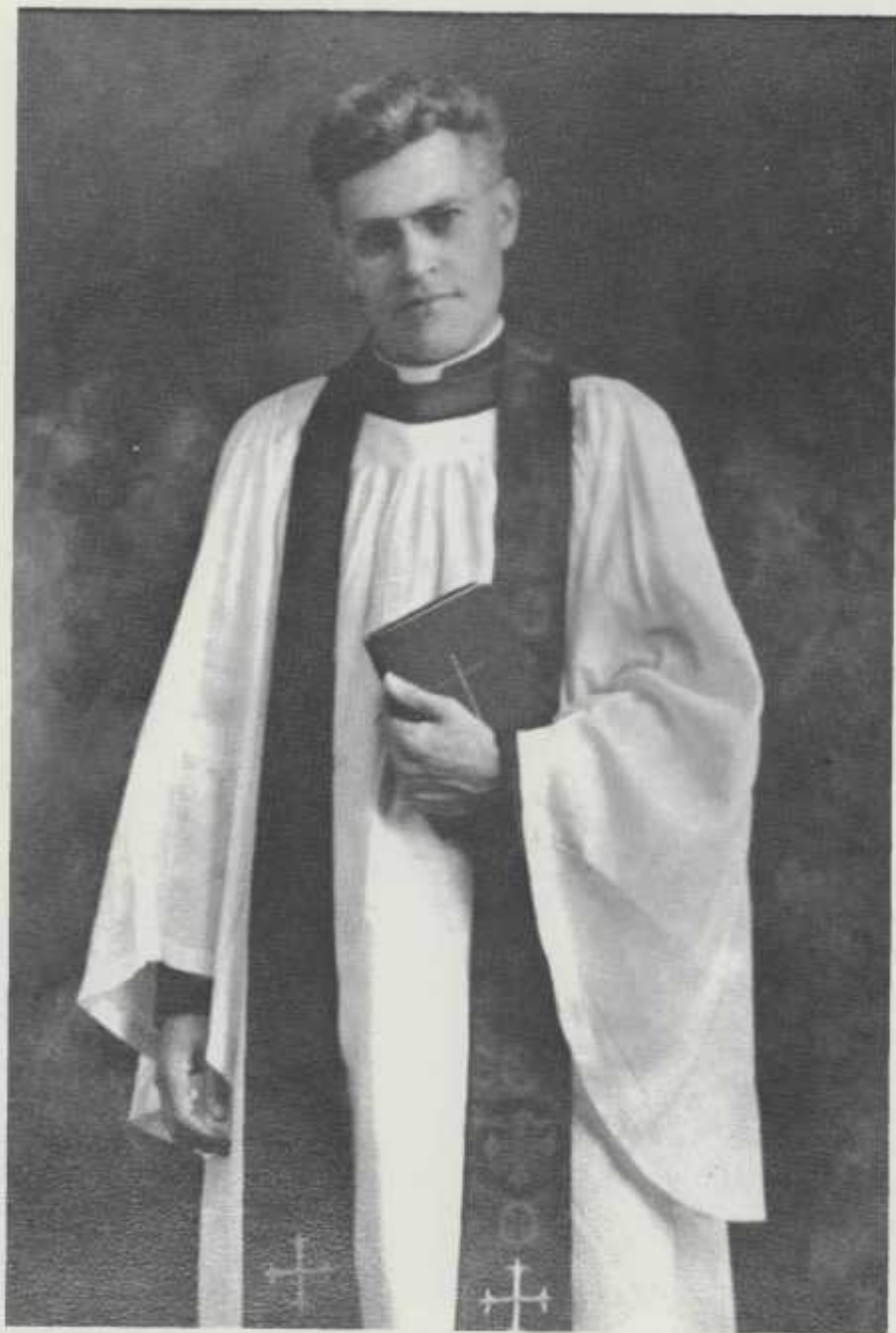
The Reverend Thomas left in January 1964 to work for the National Church in New York and the Reverend Arthur Bridges acted as temporary rector for several months.

On April 1, 1964 a native Orlandoan accepted a call to Holy Cross; the Reverend Leroy D. Soper, Jr., the present rector, Sanford, from St. Mary of the Angels, Pinecastle.

In January 1970, Holy Cross Parish became a part of the newly formed Diocese of Central Florida. Its present bishop, the Rt. Reverend William Folwell, was consecrated in February 1970.

Two young men from Holy Cross graduated recently from Virginia Theological Seminary. The Reverend Roy Green, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Green, was ordained on June 29, 1971 and is presently at St. Michael's Church, Orlando. The Reverend Randall Chase, son of Mrs. Randall Chase and the late Mr. Chase, was ordained June 1, 1972 and is now assisting at St. David's Church, Lakeland.





Rev. Mark T. Carpenter  
1945 - 1948

## BISHOPS

### Florida

Rutledge, Francis H. . . . .	1851 - 1866
Young, John F. . . . .	1867 - 1885
Weed, Edwin G. . . . .	1886 - 1892

### South Florida

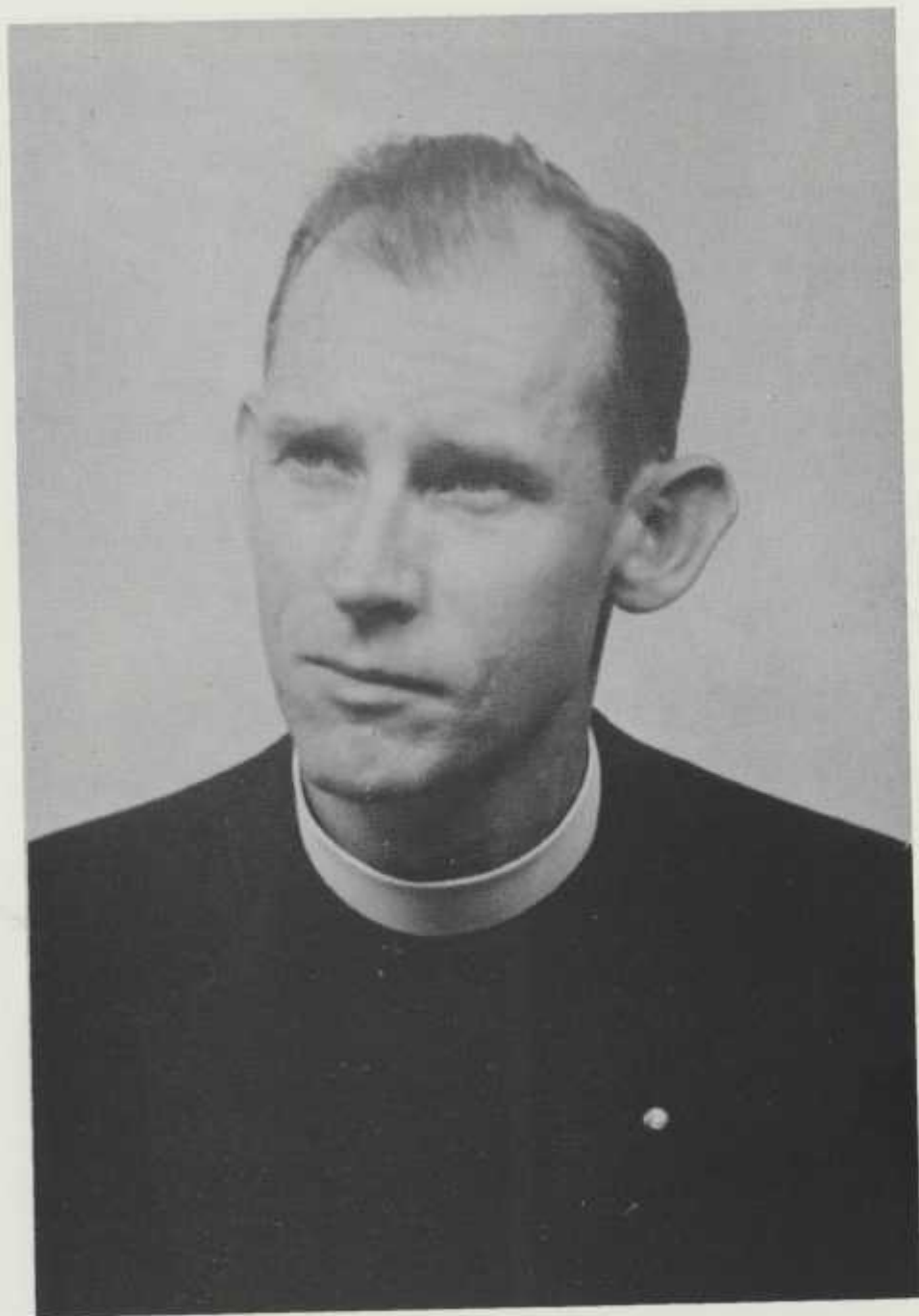
Gray, William Crane . . . . .	1892 - 1913
Mann, Cameron . . . . .	1913 - 1932
Wing, John Durham . . . . .	1932 - 1950
Louitt, Henry Irving . . . . .	1951 - 1969
Coadjustor - 1948 - 1950	
Suffragan - 1945 - 1948	

### Central Florida

Folwell, William Hopkins . . . . .	1970 -
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## SUFFRAGANS

Duncan, James Loughlin . . . . .	1961 - 1969
Hargrave, William Loftin . . . . .	1961 - 1969
Moses, William F. . . . .	1956 - 1961
Bram, Martin Julius . . . . .	1951 - 1956
Louitt, Henry I. . . . .	1945 - 1948



Rev. H. Lyttleton Zimmerman  
1948 - 1956



**Rev. John Thomas**  
1956 - 1964

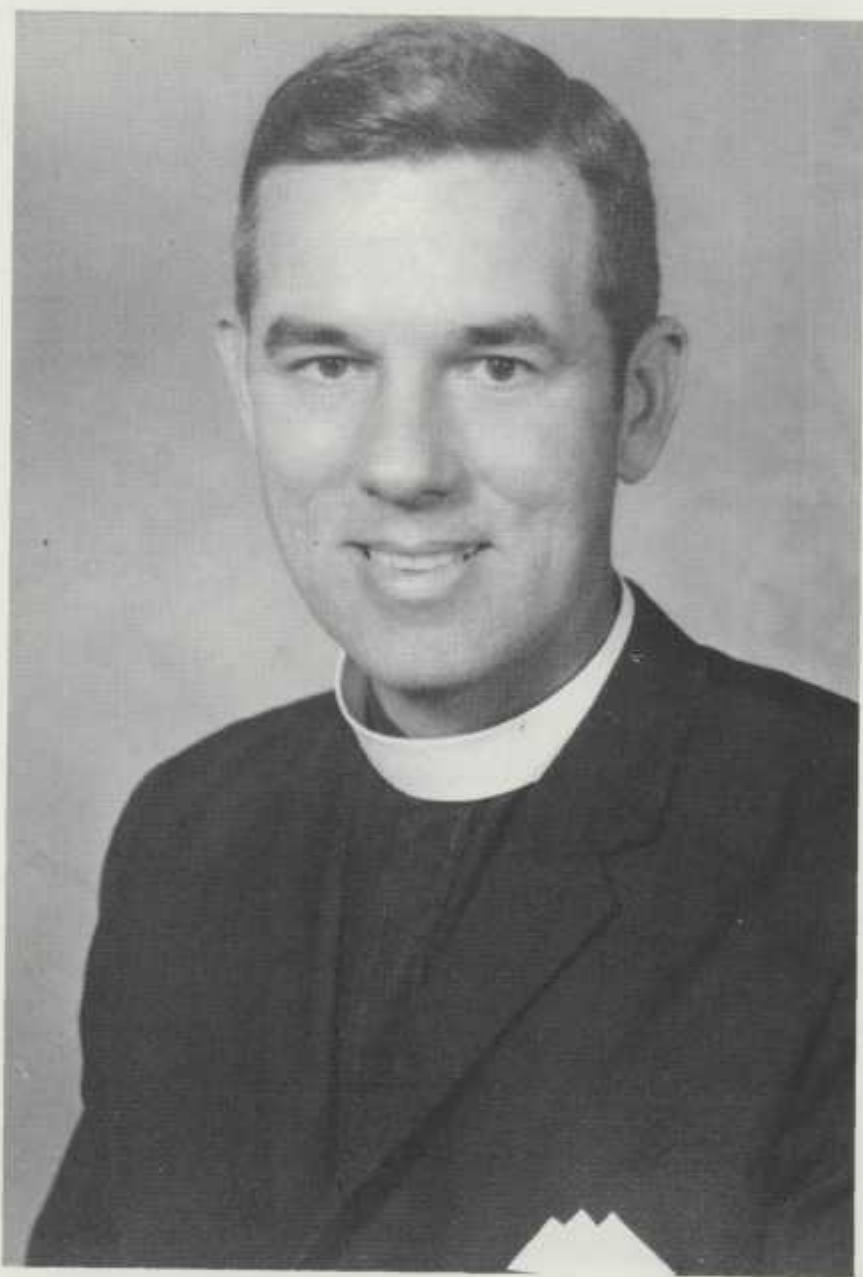


Rev. John R. Griffith  
1960 - 1963



Mr. Benjamin Whitner, Jr.





Rev. Leroy D. Soper, Jr.  
1964 -



Rev. Carl T. Cannon  
Curate  
1973 —

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR CHARTER

Notice is hereby given that we, the undersigned, intend to apply to the Judge of the Circuit Court of the Seventh Judicial Circuit of the State of Florida, at Sanford, Florida, at Ten o'clock A.M., on the 3rd day of March, A.D. 1924, for a charter incorporating Holy Cross Church, the character, object and general nature of the corporation to be formed is the support of the public worship of Almighty God according to the faith and discipline of The Episcopal Church in the United States of America and the Protestant Episcopal Church in the Diocese of South Florida.

WITNESS our hands this 31st day of January, A.D. 1924.

Arthur Searing Peck	J.R. Stewart	E.D. Mobley
B.F. Whitner Sr.	T.L. Dumas	Geo. A. Speer
B.F. Whitner Jr.	A.R. Key	G.F. Smith
C.J. Rumph	Luke Thompson	Randall Chase

Geo. A. DeCottes,

Attorney for Incorporators.

State of Florida

County of Seminole

I, E.A. Douglass, Clerk Circuit Court in and for the said County and State aforesaid, do hereby certify that the foregoing instrument was filed for record on the 13th day of March A.D. 1924 at 11:40 A.M. and was duly recorded on this the 27th day of March A.D. 1924.

Witness my hand and official seal this the 27th day of March, A.D. 1924.

E.A. Douglass, Clerk

(Clerk's Seal)

By /s/ A.M. Weeks, D.C.

State of Florida

County of Seminole

On this day personally appeared before me R.H. Berg to me well know, who, being by me first duly sworn, deposes and says that he is the Secretary and Treasurer of The Sanford Herald, a newspaper published in the City of Sanford, County of Seminole, and State of Florida, and that the attached advertisement was published in said newspaper once each week for a period of 5 weeks, to-wit: In the issues of said newspaper published on the Feb. 1 - 8 - 15 - 22 - 29 A.D. 1924.

R.H. Berg

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 7th day of March A.D. 1924.

Anne Wiercinski

Notary Public, State of Florida at Large  
My Commission expires April 11, 1925.

(Notary Seal)

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E.A. Douglass, Clerk

(Clerk's seal)

By /s/ A.M. Weeks, D.C.

We, the undersigned, do hereby associate ourselves together for the purpose of forming a corporation not for profit under the general laws of the State of Florida, for the incorporation of religious societies, and to that end do adopt and propose the following:

### C H A R T E R

1. The name of the corporation shall be Holy Cross Church, and it is to be located at Sanford, Seminole County, Florida.

2. The general nature of the object of the corporation is the support of the public worship of Almighty God according to the faith and discipline of The Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States of America and of The Protestant Episcopal Church in the Diocese of South Florida. It acknowledges itself to be a member of and to belong to the said Church in the United States of America, and to the said Church in the Diocese of South Florida. As such, it accedes to, recognizes and adopts the constitution, canons, doctrine, discipline and worship of The Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States of America and the constitution and canons of The Protestant Episcopal Church in the Diocese of South Florida.

3. The members of the corporation who shall be qualified to vote at any election for members of the Vestry and upon all questions which may properly come before any meeting of the congregation shall be all adult lay baptized persons who are annual contributors to the support of this Church and regular attendants upon its services.

No person who shall disclaim or refuse conformity with and obedience to the constitution, canons, doctrine, discipline or worship of The Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States of America, or of The Protestant Episcopal Church in the Diocese of South Florida, shall be a member of this Church or corporation, nor shall any such person be eligible for membership therein, nor shall any such person vote for Vestrymen or be elected a member of the Vestry, or exercise any function in, concerning or connected with this Church or corporation.

4. The term for which the corporation is to exist shall be perpetual.

5. The names and residences of the subscribers are,

Arthur Spearing Peck,	Sanford, Florida
B.F. Whitner, Sr.	Sanford, Florida
B.F. Whitner, Jr.	Sanford, Florida
C.J. Rumph	Sanford, Florida
J.R. Stewart	Sanford, Florida
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A.R. Key	Sanford, Florida
Luke Thompson	Sanford, Florida
E.D. Mobley	Sanford, Florida
G.A. Speer	Sanford, Florida
G.F. Smith	Sanford, Florida
Randall Chase	Sanford, Florida.

6. The officers by whom all the affairs of the corporation are to be managed are:

(1) A. Rector, who shall be elected by the Vestry, subject to the approval of the Bishop of the Diocese of South Florida, and who shall continue in office until a vacancy shall be created by resignation, or death or removal, according to the canons aforesaid. He shall, when present, preside, with the right to vote at all Parish and Vestry meetings, except when the Bishop by the canons shall have the right to preside at a vestry meeting. The Rector's other duties and privileges are those prescribed by the said canons.



(2) A Vestry of not less than five lay baptized male members of this corporation who are qualified voters thereof. They shall be chosen by ballot at an annual meeting of the members of the corporation to be held on the second Monday in December. They shall have power to fill all vacancies which may occur in their body during the year, and in such elections a plurality of votes shall decide the choice. Of the persons chosen as Vestry-men, one shall annually be appointed Senior Warden, by the Rector, and one shall annually be elected by the Vestry as Junior Warden. The Vestry shall also elect annually a Secretary and a Treasurer. The offices of Secretary and Treasurer may be held by the same person.

Meetings of the Vestry shall be held annually on the second Monday in December to receive reports of officers and committees, pass on the same, and turn over the affairs of the corporation to the newly elected Vestry. Other meetings may be provided for at regular times or be called by the Rector, or, in his absence by the Senior Warden, or at the request of two Vestry-men, and the Bishop of the Diocese may at his discretion call a meeting of the Vestry and preside at such meeting.

No grant shall be made, nor shall any charge be imposed upon any consecrated church or chapel, or any church or chapel which has been used solely for divine service belonging to the Parish, except by the consent of a majority, of the whole Vestry at any regular or special meeting, nor without the consent of the Bishop acting with the advice and consent of the Standing Committee of the Diocese. All conveyances shall be signed in the corporate name by the Rector if there be one, and by the Wardens under the common seal of the corporation.

The other privileges and duties of the Vestry, the Wardens, the Secretary and the Treasurer shall be as provided in the Canons of the said Church in the United States of America and in the Diocese of South Florida.

7. The names of the officers who are to manage all the affairs of the corporation until the first election under the charter, are:

Arthur Searing Peck, Rector,  
B.F. Whitner, Sr.  
B.F. Whitner, Jr.  
C.J. Rumph  
J.R. Stewart  
T.L. Dumas  
A.R. Key  
Luke Thompson  
E.D. Mobley  
G.A. Speer  
G.F. Smith  
Randall Chase,

Vestrymen

8. The by-laws of the corporation (which must not be inconsistent with the Canons aforesaid nor with this charter) are to be made, altered or rescinded by the Vestry.

9. The highest amount of indebtedness or liability to which the corporation may at any time subject itself shall never be greater than two-thirds of the value of the property of the corporation.

10. The amount in value of the real estate which the corporation may hold shall be Two Hundred Thousand (\$200,000.00) Dollars.

11. In case of the dissolution of the corporation, all of its property on the winding up of its affairs shall vest in the corporation known as The Trustees of the Diocese of South Florida, in trust, to hold and convey the same to and for some existing or future congregation in the said City of Sanford, Florida, of members of The Protestant Episcopal Church in the Diocese of South Florida, and to and for no other purpose.



12. This charter may be amended at a meeting of the lay members of the corporation, and if approved by a majority of the members present and voting, the amendment shall be submitted to the Bishop and to the Standing Committee of the Diocese, and shall be by them reported to the next Convention of the Diocese, and if it be approved by the convention, it shall be and form part of the charter upon the subsequent confirmation thereof by the court having jurisdiction and its recording according to law.

WITNESS our hands this \_\_\_\_ day of January A.D. 1924.

Arthur Searing Peck  
B.F. Whitner Sr.  
B.F. Whitner Jr.  
C.J. Rumph

J.R. Stewart  
T.L. Dumas  
A.R. Key  
Luke Thompson

E.D. Mobley  
Geo. A. Speer  
G.F. Smith  
Randall Chase

State of Florida :  
: ss.  
County of Seminole :

Be it Remembered That on this 28th day of January, A.D. 1924, before me the subscriber, a Notary Public of the State of Florida, personally appeared Arthur Searing Peck, to me well known as one of the individuals described in and who executed the foregoing proposed charter, and acknowledged the same as and for his own act and as the act of the other subscribers.

WITNESS my hand and official seal the day and year aforesaid.

A.L. Betts  
Notary Public  
My Commission expires Sept. 15th, 1925

(Notary Seal)

State of Florida :  
: ss.  
County of Seminole :

Arthur Searing Peck being duly sworn according to law, deposes and says that he is one of the subscribers to the foregoing proposed charter, and that it is intended in good faith to carry out the purposes and objects set forth therein.

Arthur Searing Peck

Sworn to and subscribed before  
me this 28th day of January  
A.D. 1924.

A.L. Betts  
Notary Public  
My Commission expires Sept. 15th, 1925.

(Notary Seal)

In the Circuit Court of the Seventh Judicial  
Circuit of the State of Florida. In and For  
Seminole County.

In RE: Incorporation of Holy Cross :  
Church :

ORDER

This matter coming on this day to be heard, and the proposed Charter of the Holy Cross Church, with proof of publication of notice of intention to apply to this Court for a Charter Incorporating the Holy Cross Church as a corporation not for profit, having been duly pre-

sented to this Court, and upon inspection of the same the Court finding the said proposed Charter of the Holy Cross Church to be in proper legal form and for an object authorized by the Laws of the State of Florida, and it further appearing that notice of intention to apply to this Court for a Charter incorporating the Holy Cross Church has been duly published as required by law in the Sanford Herald, a newspaper published in Sanford, Florida, on February 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd, and 29th, 1924, and the Court being otherwise fully informed in the premises,

Thereupon, upon consideration thereof, it is hereby ordered and adjudged that the said proposed Charter of Holy Cross Church be and the same is hereby approved, and that from and after the recording of the foregoing Charter with all endorsements thereon, including this order, the Holy Cross Church shall be entitled to exercise and perform all the powers and privileges set forth and contained in Paragraph Two of the foregoing Charter, and otherwise incidental to a corporation not for profit organized and existing under the Laws of the State of Florida.

Done and Ordered at Sanford, Florida, on this the 3rd day of March, A.D. 1924.

J.J. Dickinson  
Judge of the Seventh Judicial Circuit  
of the State of Florida, in and for  
Seminole County.

State of Florida  
County of Seminole

I, E.A. Douglass, Clerk Circuit Court in and for the said County and State aforesaid do hereby certify that the foregoing instrument was filed for record on the 13th day of March, A.D. 1924, at 11:40 A.M. and was duly recorded on this the 27th day of March, A.D. 1924.

Witness my hand and official seal this the 27th day of March A.D. 1924.

E.A. Douglass, Clerk

(Clerk's Seal)

By /s/ A.M. Weeks, D.C.

YEAR	SENIOR WARDEN	JUNIOR WARDEN
1973	Dr. Harlan Rhoades	
1972	Gordon L. Bradley	
1971	Braxton L. Perkins, Jr.	
1970	Braxton L. Perkins, Jr.	
1969	Bruce J. Bauder	
1968	Dr. Harlan Rhoades	
1967	Gordon L. Bradley	
1966	John C. Horner	
1965	John C. Horner	
1964	M.V. Parry	
1963	Alfred W.H. Stanley	
1962	Alfred W.H. Stanley	
1961	Gordon L. Bradley	
1960	Gordon L. Bradley	
1959	Gordon L. Bradley	
1958	M.L. Raborn, Jr.	
1957	Gordon L. Bradley	
1956	Gordon L. Bradley	
1955	Lee Hawkins Connelly	
1954	B.L. Perkins, Jr.	
1953	B.L. Perkins, Jr.	
1952	Geo. A. Speer, Jr.	
1951	Dr. Rudolph W. Ruprecht	
1950	Dr. Rudolph W. Ruprecht	
1949	Rolland Dean	
1948	Homer H. Coleman	Geo. A. Speer, Jr.
1947		
1946		
1945		
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1942		
1941	James L. Ingley	H.H. Coleman
1940	Sidney G. Gray	Charles S. Steenwerth
1939	Sidney G. Gray	Charles S. Steenwerth
1938	J. St. Clair White	A.L. Betts
1937	J. St. Clair White	A.L. Betts
1936	William Leffler	L. Hawkins Connelly
1935	Hewyard Walker	G.A. Speer
1934	Hewyard Walker	F. MacMahon
1933	Hewyard Walker	G.A. Speer
1932	Hewyard Walker	G.A. Speer
1931	B.F. Whitner	Geo. Frederick Smith
1930	B.F. Whitner	Geo. Frederick Smith
1929	B.F. Whitner	Geo. Frederick Smith
1928	B.F. Whitner	Geo. Frederick Smith
1927	Geo. Frederick Smith	B.F. Whitner
1926	B.F. Whitner	Geo. Frederick Smith
1925	B.F. Whitner	Geo. Frederick Smith
1924	B.F. Whitner	Geo. Frederick Smith
1923	B.F. Whitner	Geo. Frederick Smith
1922	B.F. Whitner	C.J. Rumph
1921	B.F. Whitner	

Note: Please notify church office if you have any names or other information as to missing wardens.

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