

CHRIST CHURCH CHANCEL AND CHOIR IN 1890. THE REV. DR. ORRICK IN THE CHANCEL

PART VI

Wardens and Vestrymen

JOHN WESLEY declared in the preface of his Prayer Book, designed for the use of his followers of this Country, that the Church of England was the best constituted National Church in the world, and the Episcopal Church, as her legitimate daughter, inherits her traditions as well as her doctrines and principles. In the Episcopal Church the congregation elects the vestry. The Rector and vestry select the Wardens and Delegates. The vestry have the duty of selecting a Rector, subject to the approval of the Bishop. A Rector once elected and installed is chosen for life, subject of course to good behavior. The Church carefully guards and insures the education and training of her ministry and then expects them to be well received and well treated. The true ideal of a Pastor and the people is intended to be a permanent one. While the ministry is of vital importance, it is not effective unless it is supported and sustained by the intelligent cooperation of the wardens and vestrymen. When both function efficiently there is always satisfaction and progress.

Christ Church can boast of a long line of faithful Churchmen who have been both loyal and generous. We have known a considerable number of them personally: William McIlvain, Dr. Murray Weidman, were among the number of staunch citizens and Churchmen who filled the office, with conscience and ability in Bishop Howe's day. In later times Louis Richards, Esq., and Isaac Hiester, Esq., were notable for their interest in preserving the record and traditions of the parish. Among many others we would fail to preserve an important record if we did not record the labors of the late treasurer of the Parish, Mr. Edwin L. Mayer, who served so long and faithfully.

1760

1st Petition

WILLIAM BIRD and others,

JOHN PATTON

F. PRICE

JAMES WHITEHEAD

1763

JAMES SEELY

MARK BIRD

PETER WITHINGTON

GEORGE HINTON

Sidesmen

JAMES SCULL

JOHN SCULL

JASPER SCULL

JAMES REES, *Sexton**1st Vestry* (?) June 12th, 1765EDWARD BIDDLE } *Wardens*

JAMES DIEMER }

JAMES READ

JOHN PATTON

JOHN PRICE

JAMES WHITEHEAD

1767

JOHN PRICE } *Wardens*

JAMES SEELY }

JAMES SCULL

JASPER SCULL

JOHN SCULL

WILLIAM SCULL

JAMES SANDS

1765

*2d Petition*JAMES DIMES (probably
Diemer)

EDWARD BIDDLE

Vestrymen of Christ Episcopal
Church, Reading, Pa.

1763 to 1926



INTERIOR OF CHRIST CHURCH

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| WELLINGTON M. BERTOLET
(1921-—) | GLANCY J. JONES (1865) |
| MARK JOHN BIRD (1763) | PRINGLE J. JONES (1865) |
| HIESTER CLYMER (1865) | RICHMOND L. JONES
(1875-1923) |
| CYRUS G. DERR (1924- —) | DEBENNEVILLE KEIM (1879) |
| ISAAC ECKERT (1865) | HENRY M. KEIM (1875) |
| GEORGE B. ECKERT (1888-99) | JACOB KNABB (1875-89) |
| HUNTER ECKERT (1906) | EDWIN L. MAYER, <i>Treasurer</i>
(1898-1924) |
| HENRY S. ECKERT (1875-94) | WILLIAM McILVAIN (1865) |
| WILLIAM K. ECKERT
(1924- —) | WILLIAM R. McILVAIN
(1875-1914) |
| HENRY EPPHIMER
(1875-80) <i>resigned</i> | WILLIAM McILVAIN
(1919- —) |
| J. LAWRENCE GETZ
(1875-77) <i>resigned</i> | DAVID McKNIGHT (1865) |
| H. B. HAGY, <i>Clerk</i> (1909- —) | A. H. MERRITT (1903-09) |
| ASA M. HART (1865) | THOMAS P. MERRITT
(1888-1916) |
| ISAAC HIESTER (1875-1921) | HENRY MILHOLLAND
(1919-23) |
| GEORGE HINTON (1763) | CHARLES A. MILLS (1922-—) |
| AUGUSTUS W. HOFF
(1906-26) | |

WHARTON MORRIS (1875-77) <i>resigned</i>	JASPER SCULL, <i>Sidesman</i> (1763)
FRED W. NICOLLS, <i>Clerk</i> (1875-1911)	JAMES SEELY (1763)
GUSTAVUS A. NICOLLS (1865)	WILLIAM SEYFERT (1907- —)
JOHN PATTON (1765)	EDWARD D. SMITH (1865-1902)
GEORGE S. POMEROY (1886-88) <i>resigned</i>	HEBER L. SMITH (1911-26) <i>resigned</i>
HOWARD POTTS (1911-27)	LEVI B. SMITH, <i>Clerk</i> (1875-76)
JOHN PRICE (1765)	RANDOLPH STAUFFER (1917-)
HARRISON E. QUEREAU, <i>Treas.</i> (1925- —)	A. K. STAUFFER (1904-06)
JAMES READ (1765)	PRINCE R. STETSON (1876-1921)
JOHN L. RHOADS, <i>Clerk</i> (1888-1903)	JOSEPH L. STICHTER (1865-84)
WILLIAM A. RICHARDS (1865)	THOMAS D. STICHTER (1877-92)
WILLIAM H. ROBINSON (1875)	DR. W. MURRAY WEIDMAN (1867-1902)
HORACE ROLAND (1902-17)	HENRY WEIGEL (1877-88)
JAMES SCULL, <i>Sidesman</i> (1763)	JAMES WHITEHEAD (1765)
JOHN SCULL, <i>Sidesman</i> (1763)	PETER WITHINGTON (1763)



CHRIST CHURCH CHOIR, A. D. 1926
 Miss M. Evelyn Essick, Organist and Chorister.
 Rev. Frederick A. MacMillen, Rector.

Charter Applicants—Vestry Jan. 8, 1824

THOMAS DUNDAS	FREDERICK KELLOGG
MARKS JOHN BIDDLE	CHARLES BAUM
HENRY STYLES	GEORGE GETZ
GEORGE DEBENNEVILLE KEIM	NATHANIEL P. HOBART
DEBENNEVILLE KEIM	DAVID N. CAMP
DANIEL HARTLEY	WILLIAM P. ORRICK

MARKS BIDDLE
 GEORGE DEBENNEVILLE KEIM } *Wardens*

Other Charter Applicants

J. PRINGLE JONES	G. A. NICOLLS
J. L. STICHTER	D. E. STOUT
E. D. SMITH	J. GLANCY JONES
W. A. RICHARDS	DAVID MCKNIGHT
GEO. W. MORGAN	RICHMOND L. JONES
BEVERLEY R. KEIM	ASA M. HART
J. KNABB	HENRY M. KEIM
J. LAWRENCE GETZ	JNO. W. CHRISTMAN
B. F. OWEN	

1842

JOHN S. RICHARDS, elected
 Clerk of Vestry
 HENRY RHOADS
 JOS. L. STICHTER
 JOHN S. RICHARDS
 Elected Delegates to the
 Convention.

*Vestry of January 16, 1865*DAVID E. STOUT, *Senior Warden*BILLIE TODD, *Junior Warden*

J. PRINGLE JONES
 ISAAC ECKERT
 JOSEPH L. STICHTER
 EDWARD D. SMITH
 WILLIAM A. RICHARDS
 GUSTAVUS A. NICOLLS

DAVID MCKNIGHT
 J. GLANCY JONES
 ASA M. HART
 HIESTER CLYMER
 WILLIAM McILVAIN

*Vestry—April 12, 1909-1911*W. R. McILVAIN, *Senior Warden*ISAAC HIESTER, *Junior Warden*EDWIN L. MAYER, *Treasurer*

RICHMOND L. JONES
 THOMAS P. MERRITT
 WILLIAM D. SMITH
 P. R. STETSON
 WILLIAM SEYFERT

HORACE ROLAND
 HUNTER ECKERT
 AUG. W. HOFF
 FRED W. NICOLLS, *Clerk*
 A. HOWARD MERRITT

*Wardens and Vestrymen—1919-1925*HUNTER ECKERT, *Senior Warden**ISAAC HIESTER, *Junior Warden*

(March 14th, 1921)

H. B. HAGY, *Secretary**EDWIN L. MAYER, *Treasurer and Junior Warden*

(Sept. 21st, 1924)

HARRISON L. QUEREAU, *Treasurer**(September 24, 1924)**RICHMOND L. JONES
(July 2d, 1923)*PRINCE R. STETSON
(May 6th, 1921)WILLIAM SEYFERT
 AUGUSTUS W. HOFF

HEBER L. SMITH

*HOWARD J. POTTS
 WILLIAM McILVAIN

RANDOLPH STAUFFER (1917)

*HENRY MILHOLLAND (1918)
(Nov. 14th, 1923)*HORACE ROLAND
(Nov. 12th, 1917)WELLINGTON M. BERTOLET
(1921)CHARLES A. MILLS (1923)
 CYRUS G. DERR (1925)

*Died

*Present Vestry—1926*HUNTER ECKERT, *Senior Warden*AUGUSTUS HOFF, *Junior Warden*HARRISON E. QUEREAU, *Treasurer*HENRY B. HAGY, *Secretary*

WILLIAM SEYFERT

WELLINGTON M. BERTOLET

HOWARD J. POTTS

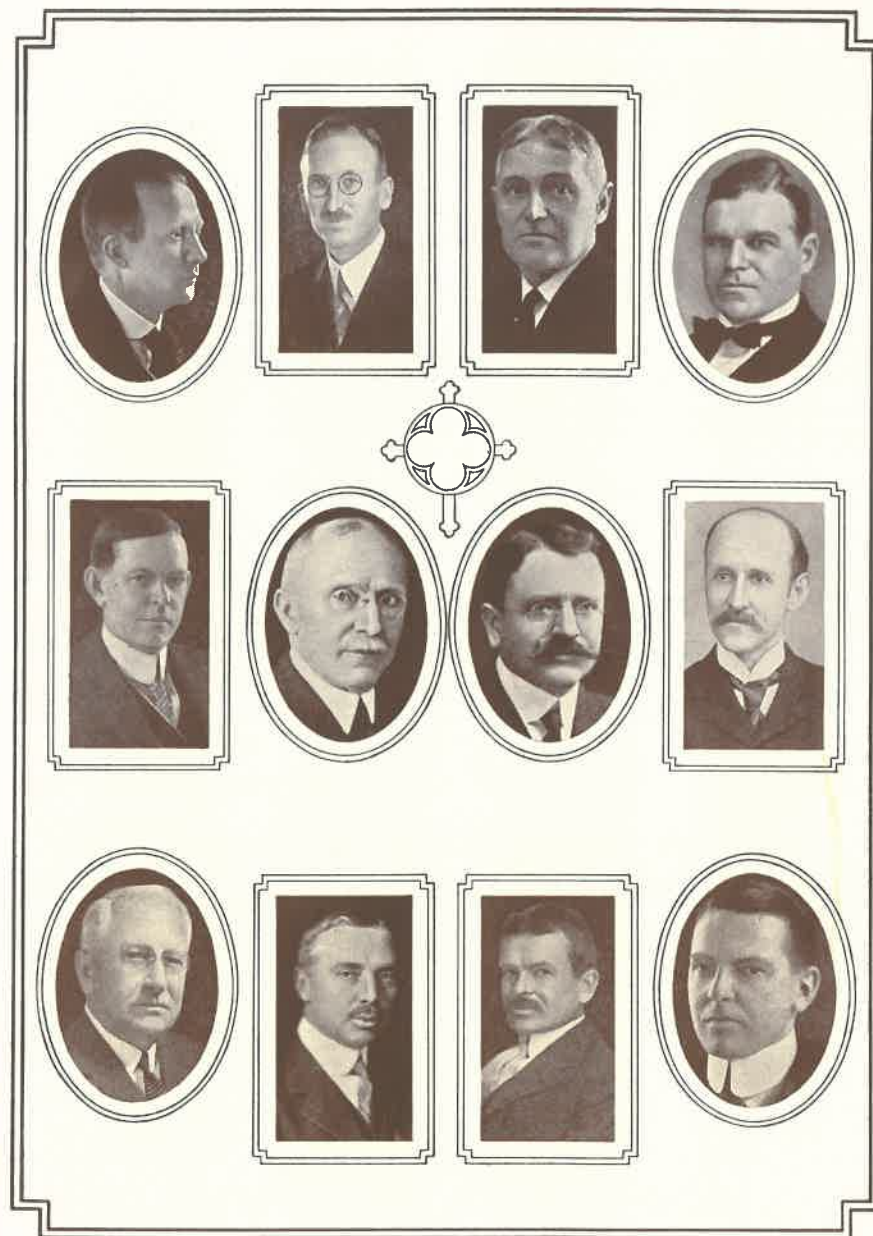
CHARLES A. MILLS

RANDOLPH STAUFFER

WILLIAM K. ECKERT

WILLIAM McILVAIN

CYRUS G. DERR



THE VESTRY OF 1926

Charles S. Mills, Harrison E. Quereau, William Seyfert, Wellington M. Bertolet,
William McIlvain, Cyrus G. Derr, Henry B. Hagy, Augustus W. Hoff,
Howard J. Potts, William K. Eckert, Hunter Eckert, Randolph Stauffer.

In Memoriam

Howard J. Potts

The Vestry of Christ Church adopted the following minute upon the death of Howard J. Potts:

Mr. Potts was elected a member of the Vestry on September 25, 1911, and served as such until his death on February 14, 1927.

He was a loyal Churchman.

By valuable counsel as a member of the Finance Committee, by enthusiastic and skillful direction of the Music Committee, and by faithful attendance upon all the duties of his office, he performed a very considerable service for the Vestry and for the Church.

We mourn his death as a grievous loss to the Church, to the Vestry and to all of us personally.

H. B. HAGY,

Clerk of the Vestry.
