

Parish Register Volume 1, St. Paul's Episcopal Church 1880 to 1921, Modesto, California

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PREFACE.

THE following work grew out of the additions and alterations found necessary in using the ordinary form of Parish Register. It is published at the request of sundry clergymen, by whose suggestions the plan has been much improved. But it is based in great part, as every similar work must be, upon the admirable form of Register published long ago by Messrs. STANFORD & SWORDS; to the author of which the Church is indebted for the first and hitherto the only attempt to provide for the proper collection and preservation of Parochial Records. It is hoped that the improvements made upon that basis, and especially the additional forms contained in this Register, will be considered a sufficient apology for its publication.

The chief objection likely to be made to the plan is the difficulty in large parishes, of always obtaining and recording properly the details for which forms are provided. To this may be answered:

1. Few will doubt that the full registration here provided for is desirable *when* practicable.
2. Such full record will seldom be made, as all experience shows, without the use of tabular forms.
3. A blank space or column, where all the details cannot be obtained, is better than *no* provision for them, where they can and should be recorded.
4. The cases are, after all, rare, where a *little care* on the clergyman's part will not obviate all such difficulty. In the case of persons applying for the baptism of children, a blank form to be filled up by the applicants, or by the clergyman from their answers, will almost always effect the object. In a large parish, such blanks might be printed for Families, Communicants, Marriages, Burials, &c., and accurate details obtained with very little trouble either to rector or people.

In truth, the success and usefulness of this form, or indeed of any form of Parish Register, will depend mainly upon one thing—the willingness of clergymen to bestow as much care upon their Records, and to make their entries with as much fullness, neatness, and accuracy, as is *required* in the accounts of every business, however small and unimportant.

C. W. H.

NEW HARTFORD, W. N. Y., March 19th, 1859.

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ADVENT, 1859.

Saint Pauls Church, Modesto,
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November 30th 1885

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Early St. Paul's Church
History, 1880 to 1920

Nov 13th 1880.

Mission started and Church & Rectory but not finished by the Rev. D. O. Keecey, in 1879. In 1880 - The Rev. William L. Mott took charge, as Missionary, in November, 1880. and remained in charge till his sudden death in 1883. - During this time the Church & parsonage were built and occupied.

The Rev Henry Scott Jefferys assistant minister of Trinity Church San was appointed missionary by the Bishop Sept 1st 1884 and served for one year, resigning Sept 1st 1885 to be the Assistant Minister of St Pauls Ch Los Angeles. During his pastorate St. Matthias Mission Oakdale was established Feb 24 1885. St. James Ch Sonora was visited by him June 11th on St. Barnabas Day and the Yosemite Chapel June 24 - the nativity of St. John the Baptist. St. James Sonora was visited on St. James Day July 25th by the former pastor Rev W H Dyer and again in August and September. The Bishop & Board of Missions appointed and voted supplies to Rev W H Dyer to manage the Modesto mission pro tempore on the resignation of Mr Jefferys 1885.

St. Pauls Mission Modesto Report April 20/85
 Families 31. Individuals 101. Adults 57. Children 44
 Average attendance 32. Communicants 21. Admitted -
 Received 4. Remond 6. Present number 21. Increase 6.
 Married 1. Buried 2. Public Common Prayer 49. Sundays 46.
 Other days 7. Holy Communion 3. Sunday School teachers 2
 Scholars 21 Parochial visits 269 Visitation of sick 10.
 Bible Class 15. Public Catechism 7. Town Lot 2. Building
 Church & Parsonage - unfinished. Title held in trust by the
 Rev W. L. Mott upon which A J Hart holds a mortgage
 to secure a debt of \$800. Offering - Paid Pledge to the
 Board of Missions \$180. Taxes \$28³⁵ Current Exp. \$464⁵⁰

Communion Alms \$570 Sunday School Offering \$24⁵⁰. Income - from
 Subscription \$188⁵⁰ Donation \$167. to finish parsonage. In Bank \$35.
 Mr Sumner to finish room \$15.00 Ladies Aid Society \$12⁵⁰ Offering \$110⁰⁰.

Reburement Diocesan Fund \$5. Conventure Fund 45⁰⁰ Disabled
 Clergy \$3.65 Missionary Fund \$2²⁵ For the Jews \$3²⁵ For the
 Sunday School \$13. Paid on Ch Property and Improvment \$194³⁵.
 Lot valued at \$500. Ch Building \$2700. Rectory \$1500. Debt on
 property secured by mortgage \$800.

H. S. Jefferys Missionary
 the
 Orlanum Parker

Rev. W. H. Dyer took charge Sep 1, 1885, and remained
 until 1887

The Rev W P Case took charge 1888 (Nov) and started till
 July 1889.

In 1890 Feb 7th the Rev R M Edwards took charge of
 Stanislaus & Tuolumne Counties giving the 1st & 5th Sundays
 to Modesto. The mortgage on the Rectory amounted to
 \$630, including unpaid interest. This mortgage was
 cancelled by Sept 1890. Mr Edwards last service was
 held March 29, 1891 he having been unanimously
 elected first assistant of Trinity Church San Francisco
 He staid by St Pauls Modesto until April and Mrs
 Edwards remained to take charge of the entertainment
 April 8th & 9th for funds toward painting Church & Rectory

The Rev. Parker took charge of Modesto, Oakdale & Sonora June 5th 1891
 gave up Sonora Sept 1st 1892 on account of expense. He found the
 Modesto property in a very dilapidated condition and
 during his pastorate spent over \$1000 on improvement. When he
 gave up Sonora he took charge in its place of Merced & Madras in
 both of which places he was very successful but failed in the
 spiritual work at Modesto. He built a Church at Madras and
 improved the one at Merced and built the Church of opportunity
 in both the last his named places.

From 1895 to 1898, no regular services were held.
 In the Spring and Summer of 1898 the Rev. Mr. Higgs lived
 in the Parsonage and held services in the Church.

In 1898, Mr. Tracy R. Kelley, Vice Principal of the High
 School, began holding services as licensed lay reader - and at the re-
 quest of the Dean of Convocation, the Rev. D. O. Kelley, of San Francisco, re-
 vited the mission from time to time to celebrate Holy Communion and give supervision to
 other ministrations as priest. Under this arrangement much interest was

Church was
 consecrated
 by Bishop Nichols
 Sept. 11, 1900

Nov. 1897, Rev. D. O. Kelley was duly appointed Missionary in charge.

May 1st 1904 the Rev. W. E. Cooper was appointed resident
 missionary in charge and at once began regular

A. L. Walters

services continuing until May 1, 1907. He was succeeded
 by lay reader until succeeded by Ven. Archdeacon Scoville
 who left March 9, 1908. Rev. C. S. Linsley took charge March 15th

continuing until Nov. 12th 1908. Mission vacant till Feb. 7, 1909,

when Rev. Charles E. Mairmann, appointed by Bishop Nichols, to take charge
 of Modesto, Merced & Oakdale, came into residence & began
 work; Mr. Mairmann remained till May 23, 1909,
 when he removed to New Brunswick, Canada.

Dec. 1909 Rev. W. H. Hawken was duly appointed
 resident missionary and at once took charge and began regular
 services, continuing until June 10, 1910 when the

Parish was
 organized June
 10, 1911.

Mission was regularly organized and incorporated as
 St. Paul's Parish with the following Rev. W. H. Hawken
 as its first rector, and the following persons as
 wardens and vestry men. Viz. V. E. Bangs & Warden
 C. H. Williams Jr. Warden. F. A. Cressy, H. S. French,
 J. R. Droughton, W. H. Hatten, L. P. Player. Rev. W. H. Hawken
 continued as rector until April 1st 1911, but continued
 his services until May the first, 1911.

May 1st 1911 - Rev. W. H. Hawken began his rectorship of St. Paul's Parish.

April 1st 1912 Rev. W. H. Hawken resigned the rectorship of St. Paul's Modesto
 to accept the rectorship of the Church of the Advent, East Oakland.

May 1st 1912. Rev. John R. Atwood assumed charge of the parish as
 locum tenens for six months. During this period the Guild Hall
 was built at a cost \$2300.00 He resigned as locum tenens
 on Nov. 25 - 1912

Families.

April 19th 1913. Rev. W. P. Williams from the Diocese of Iowa, began his
 rectorship of St. Paul's Parish, Modesto, District of San Joaquin, Calif. Returned to
 Diocese of Connecticut, May 19th 1915.

Rev Charles Hitchcock July 1915 - May 20 1916

Rev. W. L. H. Benton March - April - 1917

Rev. Oliver Kingman

Rev. A. L. Walters, locum tenens from July 1917. Rector Aug 1st -
 Resigned May 1920

W. S. Brewster Nov. 1920 -

Minutes For Membership &
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 ADVENT, 1859

That the objects of Incorporation, and carried And carried that the Incorp-
 for the purpose of promoting religious worship according to the usages and cer-
 monies of the Protestant Episcopal Church, and one
 to hold and own property necessary for that purpose, especially to hold and own
 title to the property on which the Church and Parsonage now stands, 9th Moved, seconded, and carried
 at the place of business be Modeste,
 Stanislaw 601 Cal.

5th Moved
 Decided and carried that the Board
 Directors, consist of 3 Members, to continue
 in office for the first year, and until their
 successors are duly elected and qualified.
 6th Moved, seconded and carried, that
 we elect our Directors by Ballot.

7th Moved
 The following named persons were nomi-
 nated and elected (by Ballot) to be Directors
 for the first year, and until their successors
 are duly elected and qualified, to wit
 Geo. W. Schell, A. M. Hill, Harry French, 8th Moved

9th Moved, seconded, and carried
 at the place of business be Modeste,
 Stanislaw 601 Cal.
 No further business,
 Meeting closed.
 Harry French, Secy

Modesto, Cal

no further business appearing, the
January 11/86 Board adjourned,

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At a meeting of the Board of Trustees
 of Saint Paul's Mission duly incorporated
 under the laws of the State of California
 Articles of Incorporation dated December
 10th 1885, the following Officers were app
 ointed to serve for the first year, viz for
 President Geo W Schell, for Secretary, A
 Hill, for Treasurer Harry Truch,

Mission now being in a position (according
 to Law) to hold the title to the Church
 property, our Attorneys at Law "Schell
 and Bond" are hereby authorized to bring
 Suit in the Superior Court of this State
 County against Mrs Mott Administratrix
 of the Estate of W L Mott deceased, and
 her Minor heirs, for the purpose of obtaining
 the title to the Church property,

Modesto, Cal May 8th 1886

Board of Trustees of Saint Paul's Mission
 met at Judge Schell's office, full Board
 present including Rev W H Dyer, Mission
 Minutes of last
 meeting read and approved,
 Judge, Schell
 informed the Board that Suit had been
 brought against Mrs Mott, et al's administratrix
 of the Estate of W L Mott deceased, and her
 Minor heirs, for the purpose of obtaining
 the title to the Church property,
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Judgment in favor of the Plaintiff (St. Paul's Mission) was rendered as prayed for, and the Clerk of the Court appointed a Commissioner to execute to the Plaintiff a deed of conveyance of the Church property in accordance with said decree of the Court, all of which will appear by reference to the papers now on file in the Clerk's Office.

The question was discussed of the obtaining of \$1000 from the 'American Church Building Fund' of New York, to be secured by Mortgage on the property, for the purpose of paying off the Mtg of \$100, now held by Dr. Hart, and to complete the Church. It was thought best to call a Meeting of the Members to be held at the Church on Wednesday Evening at 7:30 P.M., to lay the matter before them, and obtain their views of the subject, after which the Board could take the necessary steps in the matter. No further business

appearing, Board adjourned.

The following is taken from the 'Daily Evening News' (a newspaper printed and published in Modesto) of May 6th 1886

The Episcopal Church the Owners.
 In the case of Saint Paul's Mission vs. M. C. Mott, et al., on trial on the Superior Court last Tuesday, the court ordered a decree entered that the plaintiff was the owner of the property upon which the Episcopal Church and parsonage is situate, and that W. L. Mott, deceased, held the same in trust for said plaintiff, that the property was liable for the amount due A. J. Hart, upon the mortgage executed by said deceased, and that the Clerk of the Superior Court be appointed a Commissioner to execute to the plaintiff a deed of conveyance of said property in accordance with said decree.
 This makes a final settlement as to who is the owners of the property on which the Episcopal Church is built, and relieves the anxiety of those interested in this Mission. The membership has struggled on with this unsettled title before them like a ghost, and consequently feel relieved by this desired decree which quiets them.
 The Episcopal Mission here is doing a good work, and now receiving this new encouragement, will go on with the good work with encouraged energy.

Modesto, Cal
May 12th 1884

Meeting of the Members of St Pauls Miss
of the Episcopal Church Modesto, after due
Notice given of May 7th.
On Motion duly
Carried Rev W H Dyer was elected Chair
man and J A Worthington Secretary of this
meeting,

The order of business as stated
by the Chairman was first, the Election of
delegates to the Diocesan Convention,
H. French, G H Schell, A M Hill, J A
Worthington and James Kinnear were
duly nominated and elected,

A discussion
of the financial affairs of the Church
followed.

On Motion of Judge Schell, it
was Resolved, that the Trustees are

authorized to borrow the sum of
\$1000 to be used in liquidating the
Mortgage held by Dr Hart, and the
residue to be expended in the completion
of the Church buildings and other
indeltedues. After discussion the resolution
was adopted unanimously,
Harry French
was placed, and unanimously elected,
Warden for the coming year.
No further
business, the meeting adjourned.

J A Worthington

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Modesto, July 6-1886.

Board of Trustees of St. Pauls Mission met at the Office of Judge Schell to Consider the Loaning of \$10000 of the Amer. Ch. Building Fund Commission. Judge Schell & Mr. M.A. Hill were present, also Mr. Byer.

By advice of Messrs Hill & French & by concurrence of Judge Schell it was deemed best to write a statement of our case to the Bishop & to the Treasurer of the Diocese accompanied by an appeal for the Diocese to help the Mission out of its financial embarrassments, & to want to over

Modesto Cal,
Aug 1886

Meeting of Board of Trustees of St Pauls Mission, Modesto, Full

Board present,

After considerable discussion, in relation to the Mortgage of Dr Hart for \$800 with interest at 1% per month, which he holds, and will become due, both principal and interest, on November 1886, it was found that we could not get the money from the American Church building fund of New York, in time to pay off paid mtg. That Dr Hart had expressed his willingness, to the making of a new mortgage from the Trustees of this Mission at a reduced rate of

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proceeding to effect the
above mentioned loan.
Mr Harry French was
appointed to draft a letter
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After which the
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Modesto Cal,
Aug 1884

Meeting of Board of Trustees of
St Pauls Mission, Modesto,
Full

Board present,

After considerable
discussion, in relation to the Mortgage
of Dr Hart for \$800 with interest at
1% per month, which he holds, and
will become due, both principal and
interest, on November 1886, it
was found that we could not get
the money from the American Church
building fund of New York, in time to
pay off paid mtg.

That Dr Hart had
expressed his willingness, to the making
of a new mortgage from the Trustees of
this Mission at a reduced rate of

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interest namely 10% per Annum, it was
 deemed best to accept Dr Hark's proposition
 but in order to do so, it would be necessary
 to get permission from the Superior Court of
 this County to Mortgage Church property,

It was moved seconded and carried, that our
 Attorneys at law Schell and Bond, be, and
 they hereby are, instructed and requested to
 make application according to law to
 the Superior Court of Stanislaus County. California
 for permission to mortgage said Church property
 for the amount, and the rate of interest hereby
 mentioned,

No further business appearing
 meeting adjourned,

A M Hill Secy

Modesto, Cal
 November 6th 1886

Meeting of the Board of Directors
 of Saint Pauls Mission, Present
 Geo W Schell, A M Hill, and A
 French,

Minutes of last meeting
 read and approved, Judge Schell
 informed the board that he had
 in connection with Judge Bond,
 presented a Petition to the Court for
 permission to Mortgage a portion of
 the Church property, that said Court
 made an order as prayed for, therefore

it is Resolved, that the Secretary
 of this Board, execute and deliver
 to A J Hart in the name of this
 Corporation, a Note and Mortgage

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upon the property described in said petition of the Directors to the Superior Court of Stanislaus County, referred to in the order of said Court made 23rd 1886, and recorded in the Recorder's Office of said County November 1st 1886. Vol 5 Miscellaneous Records page 193. for the sum of \$800, US Gold Coin with interest at the rate of 10% per Annum payable to said A J Hart on order one year after date, Interest payable every three months, Whereupon said Mortgage and Note was duly executed and signed by A M Hill Secretary of this Corporation, as above, in conformity to said order of the Court, And said A M Hill Secretary was instructed to deliver to said A J Hart said Mortgage and Note, upon said A J Hart, acknowledging full satisfaction

the Mortgage now held by him on said property, as made and executed by the late Mr Mott, and of record in the Recorder's Office of this County of Stanislaus, Also that this Board do pay for the recording of said Mortgage, No further business appearing, meeting adjourned

A M Hill Secretary
 Signed by H Truck for said A M Hill, and in his presence, and at his request,

Mission By-laws

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adopted Dec. 23, 1899

1. The Missionary in charge of this Mission, or if there be no Missionary in charge then the Warden of the Mission, shall appoint the hour and place of the Annual Meeting required by Section 348 of the Canons of the Diocese by public notice at the next preceding Sunday services. And if ~~from~~ any cause such meeting or the elections thereat be not held, a meeting shall be called for the purpose as soon thereafter as practicable by the Missionary or by the Warden if there be no Missionary in charge.

2. The Board of officers shall hold regular meetings whenever called together for that purpose

by the Missionary in charge,
or by the Warden and one
other officer. Notices being
only served on all the mem-
bers of the Board, or public-
ly given at the next preced-
ing Sunday Service. Three
members of the Board of Offi-
cers shall constitute a
quorum thereof.

3. The Board of Officers
shall provide for the main-
tenance of the Mission by
collecting a sufficient
revenue therefor; shall
see that the amount to be
paid weekly to the Board
of Missions is regularly
and promptly sent to the
Treasurer of the Diocese - or
to the Archdeacon: shall
regulate the current and
other expenses of the

Mission: and shall see that other obligations under the Canons of the Diocese are fulfilled.

4. The Minimum amount of contribution to the funds of the Mission to constitute a member of the congregation (other than communicants) entitled to vote at meetings of this Mission, under Sections 274 and 348 of the Canons of the Diocese, shall be twenty five cents per month. And the warden and treasurer shall have a register kept of persons so entitled.

5. All offerings at the public services in the Mission and all pledges and contributions not designated

by the givers for a specific purpose, shall be deemed the revenue and funds of the Mission, excepting only the offerings at one celebration of the Holy Communion in each month; and provided that Canonical collections and contributions shall be regularly made and applied to the purposes for which they are made.

b. The Treasurer shall pay out no money from the funds of the Mission except by order or special authority from the Board of Officers.