

1835

1841 - William Harrison elected 9th President of the US and dies in office and is succeeded by John Tyler, the 10th President of the US.

1844 - James Knox Polk elected 11th President of the US.

1848 - Gold is discovered in California. Zachary Taylor is elected 12th President of the US.

1859 - Franklin Pierce elected the 14th President of the US. Uncle Tom's Cabin. Harriet Beecher Stowe's anti-slavery novel is cited as a cause of the American Civil War.

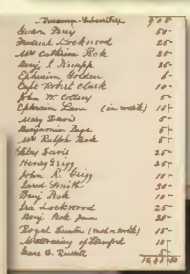
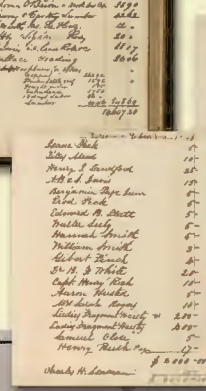
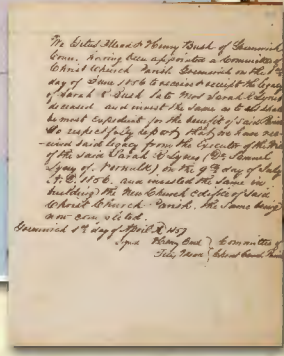
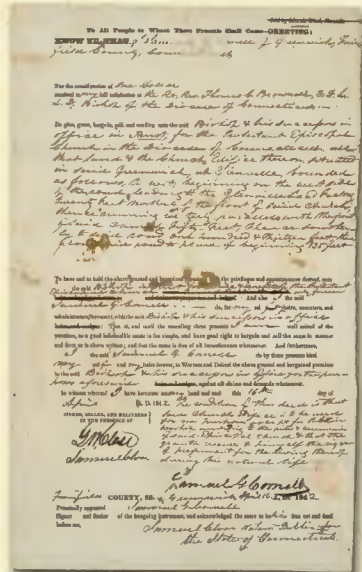
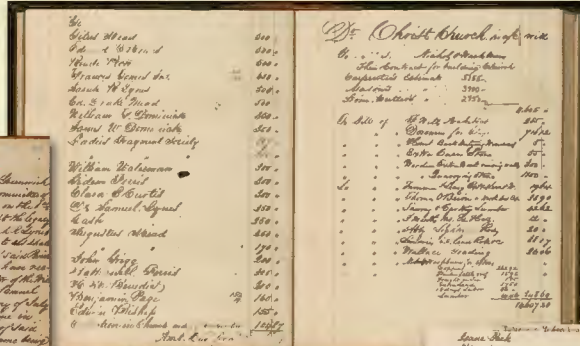
1860



1835 - 1838 - At the annual Parish meeting, Justus Luke Bush, Drake Mead and nine additional vestrymen are elected Wardens and form the governing body of the church. Each spring they vote on membership applications submitted by male heads of households. They also set the pew rents and rent pews to the parishioners for the coming year. Pew rents are the "income" of the church, augmented by Sunday plate collections, and fund all church business. The Vestry calls the Rev. Joseph H. Nichols to fill the pulpit.

1830 - 1850 - Musical composers that are composing and performing: Chopin, Berlioz, Donizetti, Mendelssohn, Schumann, Rossini, Wagner, Verdi, Liszt, Johann Strauss.

1839 - 1840 - The Rev. Benjamin Mowatt Yarrington is called and accepts the position of Rector at a yearly salary of \$350. He is Rector of the Parish until his retirement in 1895. Henry Bush is appointed Treasurer, a position he holds until 1873. Warden Drake Mead purchases three acres adjacent to the church from Abner Mead for \$1,200 to establish the church's cemetery.



1842 - On February 25, the cemetery is officially incorporated and registered at Town Hall. Lots (18 by 25 feet) are sold to parishioners for \$40. Nelson Bush is elected Warden and serves until 1875. The Glenville chapel (served on various Sunday afternoons by Rev. Yarrington and originally purchased by Samuel G. Connell) is deeded over to the Diocese of Connecticut.

1843 - 1844 - The Vestry raises \$2,000 by subscription from parishioners. Mr. Dixon is contracted and builds a parsonage, per plans approved by the Vestry.

1845 - The Parish celebrates the first anniversary of its Sunday school which is located in the new parsonage.

1848 - New York-New Haven Railroad runs first train through Greenwich on a single track.

1851 - Parishioners purchase land across the street from the church on the north side of Post Road from Solomon Mead Esquire. Thirty horse sheds are built at a cost of \$23 each. The parishioners who purchased the land have free use of one of the sheds for 15 years. Others pay \$2 per year for use of a shed.

Rev. John Williams D. D., President of Trinity College is consecrated as Assistant Bishop. He serves at church functions in place of Bishop Thomas Church Brownell, whose health is slowly failing. Titus Mead is elected to serve as a Vestryman, a position he holds until his death in 1869.

1853 - Mr. James W. Dominick and Mr. William Francis Dominick join the Parish. They pay \$25 pew rent, the highest rate at the time. (Drake Mead is the third parishioner who pays \$25 for his pew rent.)

1854 - Greenwich Avenue is widened. Borough of Greenwich established by state law. The first commercial building is built on Greenwich Avenue by John Dayton.

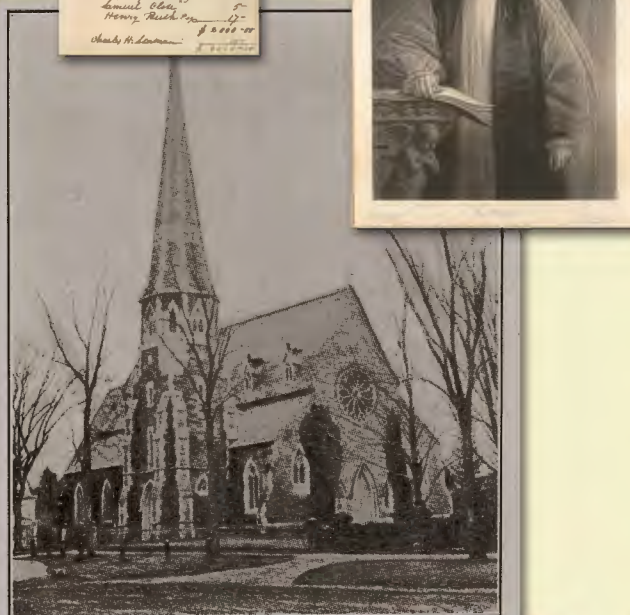
1854 - Mr. Frances Tomes, Jr. joins the Parish.

1856 - 1857 - The Parish votes to build a new church in lieu of repairing and adding to the 1832 church. Architect Frank Wills' design is selected and building begins once the subscription for \$15,000 is raised from the parishioners. The old church is torn down; the congregation rents space for \$88 at the Methodist church to hold services. The completed church is consecrated on January 14, 1857, by the Assistant Bishop Rev. John Williams. The final cost of the new church is \$14,607.20. Isaac Emmons is elected Warden and he serves until 1881. Rev. Yarrington's salary is raised to \$800 per year.

1859 - Town statistics: 997 houses; property valued at \$2.8 million; three-fourths of land in farms. Calvary Church is organized at Round Hill as a Protestant Episcopal religious society.

Charles Darwin's book On the Origin of Species by Natural Selection is published.

1860 - Parishioner, Benjamin Paige, takes office as one of Greenwich's Townsmen (Selectmen) who are responsible for recruiting volunteers and raising funds to meet Federal appropriations to support the military draft during the Civil War.



RECTORY BUILT 1844 USED AS PARISH HOUSE 1902-1910



INTERIOR OF 3rd CHURCH

1836 - Martin Van Buren elected 8th President of the US.

1843 - Samuel F. B. Morse builds first telegraph from Washington D.C. to Baltimore.

1846-1848 - Mexican War, US wins and gains Texas, New Mexico, California, Utah, Nevada, Arizona, Colorado

1850 - President Taylor dies in office and is succeeded by Millard Fillmore who becomes the 13th President of the US.

1856 - James Buchanan elected 15th President of the US.

1860 - Abraham Lincoln elected the 16th President of the US.

1868 - Jayesses S. Grant elected the 17th President of the US.

1876 - Alexander Graham Bell invents the telephone. Mark Twain publishes *The Adventures of Tom Sawyer*.

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ABRAHAM LINCOLN

1861-1865 - Six Parishioners served in the Union Army during the Civil War. Two died during the conflict.

Captain David Olyphant Benson of the 17th Regiment, Connecticut Volunteer Infantry (also known as the Fairfield County Regiment), dies at the age of 23 while on active service in Baltimore and is buried in Christ Church cemetery on November 14, 1862.

William R. Booth enlisted on August 6, 1862, in the 17th Regiment, Connecticut Volunteer Infantry, which participated in the Battles of Chancellorsville and Gettysburg. He was honorably discharged as disabled on December 10, 1862.

Sergeant Charles S. Glover served in the 37th Regiment, New York Infantry National Guard, which saw action at Sporting Hill. He died in 1907.

Captain Nathaniel N. Hubbard served in the 21st Regiment, Connecticut Infantry, which fought in the Battle of Fredericksburg as well as other engagements. He died in 1888.

Martin J. Keating served in the 5th Regiment, New York Heavy Artillery, which fought in the Battle of New Markets and other operations. He died in 1887.

James G. McCombs served in the 33rd Regiment, New Jersey Infantry, which took part in the siege of Atlanta. He was killed on July 10, 1864, at the age of 41.

1862 - Mr. Frances Tomes, Jr. becomes a Vestryman and serves until 1868, his pew rent is \$25.

1863 - The Calvert Vaux designed home of Mr. Francis Tomes, Jr. is erected on the property adjacent to Christ Church on the west boundary.

1864 - Negro spirituals emerge in the US as blacks took up the singing traditions of Colonial America but mixed with it a rhythmic work song style.

1865 - Bishop Thomas Church Brownell dies and is succeeded by Rev. John Williams as Bishop of Connecticut.

1866 - The mounting Greenwich population of close to 7,000 is made up almost entirely of farmers. The New York commuters number 20 and are not considered favorably by the natives.

1867 - Johann Strauss II composed "The Blue Danube" waltz.

1869 - J.W. Atwood and L. Lockwood begin residential development later called Riverside.

1869-1870 - The Vestry increases Mr. Yarrington's salary to \$1500 per year. The Vestry increases the pew rents; the highest pew rent is \$75 paid by Mr. Francis Tomes, Jr.

The Vestry employs an engineer to re-survey and re-stake the cemetery. A new plot map is drawn up showing 122 lots. It is placed in the Vestry room and registered at Town Hall. Mr. William R. Tweed ("Boss Tweed"), a parishioner who owns the estate on the south side of the church grounds, donates \$100 to finish the stone wall on the south boundary of the cemetery. A carriage path with a concealed drainage ditch in the center is constructed in the middle of the cemetery at a cost of \$800, which is paid for by contributions from parishioners. Mrs. Titus Mead is President of the Ladies Sewing Society, which donates \$342 for the music program.

TOMES HOUSE GREENWICH, CT CALVERT VAUX ARCHITECT



1872 - The New York and New Haven Railroad becomes consolidated, forming the New York, New Haven and Hartford Railroad. A second railroad station is built in Sound Beach (Old Greenwich).

1872 - 1873 - The Vestry approves the installation of a hot water heating apparatus; a job completed by Messrs. Smith & Co. for \$1500. Mark Banks is elected Treasurer and serves until 1896. Dr. James H. Brush is elected Clerk and serves to 1893.

1874 - The Ladies Sewing Society donates \$200 to re-roof the Rectory and \$500 to re-upholster the church pews.

1874 - Verdi's "Requiem" is first performed.

1875 - Warden Nelson Bush dies. The Vestry Record documents a moving tribute to his services to the Parish. The Ladies Sewing Society pays for the painting and repairs to the Rectory.

St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Riverside is founded. The Greenwich Gaslight Company is incorporated.

1876 - The Ladies Sewing Society underwrites the cost of re-flagging the walkways in front of the church.

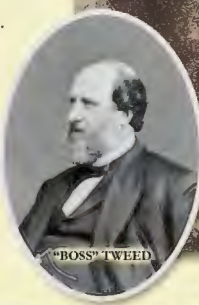
1878 - Mr. Andrew Foster Higgins purchases the Tomes property adjacent to the church property.

First free library on Greenwich Avenue opens. Greenwich Observer, the first regular weekly published. First telephone exchange established in Boswell's Drugstore, Greenwich Avenue.

1879 - Mr. A. Foster Higgins joins the Parish and is elected as a Vestryman and a delegate to the yearly Diocesan Convention. He and Treasurer Mark Banks pay the highest pew rents of \$75. The Vestry declines the request of the Archdeacon of Fairfield County, Rev. William Tatlock, to make the Episcopalian chapels at Glenville, Round Hill and Riverside missions of Christ Church.



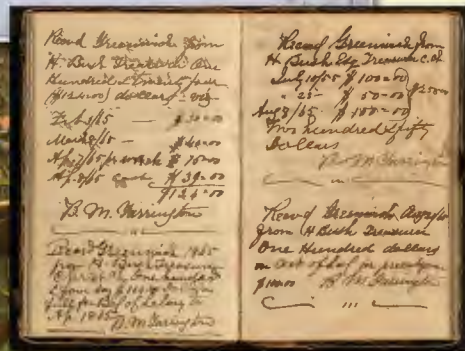
MR. A. FOSTER HIGGINS



"BOSS" TWEED



5061 View on Putnam Ave., Greenwich, Conn.



1862

1861-1865 - American Civil War ends when the Confederacy surrenders to the Union. President Lincoln is shot on Good Friday, April 14, 1865 and is succeeded by Andrew Johnson, the 17th President of the US.

1876 - Rutherford B. Hayes is elected 18th President of the US.

1880

1990 - The Rev. Sandra Stayner joins the clergy as Assistant to the Rector. Mr. Chuck Morrell is appointed Head Sexton, replacing Mr. John Ennis who had died.

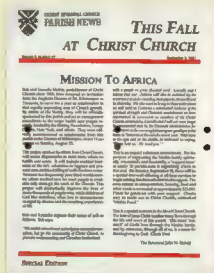
Christ Church establishes a relationship with the Diocese of Mount Kilimanjaro in Tanzania, which continues still. Over the years, the church sponsors missionaries, including Bob and Laurelle Mathis and Peter and Cheryl Kyle. It also supports such projects as the installation of eight twenty-thousand-liter tanks for harvesting rain water, a nursery school, student scholarships, funding for a clinic and funding for Bishop Makundi's discretionary fund.

Funding is authorized to repair the Parish Hall's foundation and roof.

Greenwich celebrates 350 years of existence. On July 15, residents, including descendants of original settlers, reenact the founding of the town at Greenwich Point.



THE ROBERT T. MATHIS FAMILY



TO THE GLORY OF GOD AND IN REMEMBRANCE FOR THE LIVES OF ROBERTO WALKER BUSH July 1, 1981 - November 20, 1981



1991 - The maintenance of church properties reaches a critical point. In June, the Vestry acknowledges that it has been under-funding property maintenance and approves a loan from the Endowment Fund to cover a projected shortfall.

Former President Jimmy Carter speaks at the Evensong Service on September 29. His subject is the "Ministry of Lay Christian Work."

The Grand List of assessed property valuation tops \$10 billion.



1992 - In April, the Rector, Dr. Bishop, announces plans to retire in November. Interim Rector Rev. Terry Elsberry oversees funerals for Mrs. Dorothy Walker Bush, mother of President George H. W. Bush, and for Bishop Brad Hastings, which included seven bishops, including the former and present Presiding Bishops.

1993 - Rev. Chuck Huffman accepts the appointment as Interim Rector as of April 8.

Laurelle Mathis is appointed Chair of the Property Steering Committee. She later reports to the Vestry that it would cost \$875,000 to restore the rectory to a single-family residence.

Rev. Clarence Nicholas Coleridge is elected the thirteenth Bishop of Connecticut.

On September 19, Rev. Jeffrey Hartwell Walker is elected the eighth Rector of Christ Church.

James A. Baker III, former Secretary of State under President George H. W. Bush, speaks to the congregation; his subject is "Faith, Friendship and Collective Responsibility."

The Bruce Museum completes a 16,000 square foot new wing to double its size, designed by Shope Reno Wharton.

1994 - The Vestry recommends and parishioners approve the rehabilitation of the Tomes-Higgins House with space for Church functions and staff apartments and the construction of a new Rectory on the apex of the Triangle.

Mr. Gregg E. Gregory and Mrs. Loren Hill Gregory are appointed Directors of Children's Ministries.

1995 - Frank R. Parker III (Rusty) is appointed Chairman of the Building Committee for the new rectory. Marnie Dawson and John W. Watling III are Co-Chairs for the Special Gifts Drive for Properties. Mrs. John Baity (Pat) is appointed Chair of the Sub-Committee on Construction.

The Vestry approves a contract to build a 4200 square foot house with a cost ceiling of \$1.2 million, inclusive of all design fees, construction and related costs on the Triangle Property. In November 1996, construction begins at an estimated cost of \$834,000.

Rev. Hugh Tudor-Foley joins the clergy as a new assistant to the Rector.

1997 - The new rectory is completed with a \$100,000 cost savings, which is transferred to the account for the Tomes-Higgins Rehabilitation.

The Vestry approves the site plans for the Tomes-Higgins Property, as well as the plans for the use of the Carriage House. The Tomes-Higgins Property Project ultimately costs \$2.3 million—more than twice its original budget.

1998 - The Archbishop of Canterbury, the Most Reverend George L. Carey, participates in the August 30, 10:00 a.m. service at Christ Church. The Presiding Bishop of the Episcopal Church, Frank Griswold and The Bishop of Connecticut, the Rt. Rev. Clarence Coleridge, participate in the service. During his four-day visit, he thanks Christ Church for its support of The Anglican Investment Agency and the Anglican Worldwide Communion Fund and encourages parishioners to continue their support.

1999 - In October, the Tomes-Higgins Designer Show House with 23 designers participating raises \$303,557 for Christ Church.

Rev. Andrew Donnan Smith is elected the fourteenth Bishop of Connecticut, upon the retirement of Bishop Coleridge.

Rev. Sandy Stayner and Rev. Lee Walker receive calls to new ministries in New Haven and California, respectively. The Rev. Pamela Owen Strobel and Rev. Anthony Dinoto join the clergy staff.



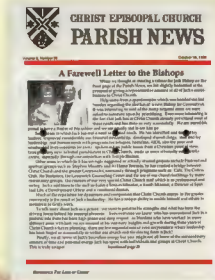
REV. ANDREW DONNAN SMITH

The total dollar volume of single-family home sales in Greenwich reaches an historic high, topping the \$1 billion mark.

Greenwich Hospital's new \$129.7 million facility, the 160-bed Leona and Harry B. Helmsley Medical Building, officially opens for business.

2000 - The Vestry allocates 15 percent of the Annual Appeal pledge income for Outreach programs and causes.

Junior Warden and Property Liaison Rusty Parker advises the Vestry that the 1910 buildings are in need of extensive restoration and renovation due to water penetration. Additionally, the interiors of the church and the stained glass windows need to be restored. These projects will cost several million dollars.



REV. JEFFREY HARTWELL WALKER



REV. CLARENCE NICHOLAS COLERIDGE



PAT BAITY



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