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Subject: Vestry Records 1867 - 1932, Books 1 & 2  
St. Luke's Episcopal Church, Powhatan, Virginia

As a start on the archival research recommended by Jody Lahendro, I have searched the two vestry books at the Virginia Historical Society for references to the church building. These books are a part of a collection of documents and records given in 1990 to the Society for safe keeping and research. We should be thankful for the foresight of Mr. Mason and the Vestry for these books are fragile and could have continued to deteriorate if not stored in a proper environment.

I transcribed only those entries which directly referenced the church building, the church building site and churchyard. Though tempted, I refrained from transcribing the on-going attempts of the Vestry to tap the funds of the Ladies Aid Society. During the period covered in the referenced records, the business of the Vestry dealt primarily with finding and obtaining subscriptions for his salary and in maintaining the Rectory. The Rectory at that time was located about 2.5 miles east of the church on the north side of Huguenot Trail (Route 711) across from Johnsonway. A photograph of the house, since razed, is in the church archives.

There were many proposals for improvements and repair to the church building and in some instances "closure" recorded when a specific job had been completed. Many times, however, it was uncertain if or when there was action on proposals. I would guess that things were simply taken care of when a need was seen and completing the work considered more important than recording it. There were references to reports being "spread upon the minutes" and these reports may possibly be found in other records.

I have often wondered why a concrete wall was chosen for the "new" wall enclosing the enlarged churchyard. The frequent need to repair the brick wall may have influenced the decision but there is evidence around the community for a real love of concrete in the period it was constructed.

It was particularly interesting to recognize the names I knew so well and to read the beautiful script. The language, not stilted, but courteous and unhurried is a pleasure to read and it became easy to be transported to the time and imagine going to services by horseback or carriage and finally removing gloves as the stove and congregation warmed the building. Meetings were referred to as "quarterly" but the dates do not reflect strict adherence. Sometimes in bad weather the meeting would be held in Mr. Henley's store or at the home of one of the vestrymen.

The first mention of a request to the whole congregation to gather to clean up the church yard was on Easter Monday, April 13, 1914. We can rejoice that this grand tradition has continued even if the date has changed.

Excerpts from the minutes and a summary are attached.

Attachments

St. Luke's Episcopal Church, Powhatan, Virginia

Summary of repair, maintenance and modifications to the church building and grounds from the Vestry Records, 1867 - 1932

Church Yard: Brick walks were constructed in 1886, plans outlined for laying out burial sections, and rules for the use of the cemetery written. A sketch of the churchyard was completed in 1908. The concrete wall, given by Mrs. Pickrell in memory of her husband, was completed in 1911. A tablet, recording this gift, is imbedded in the wall. In 1923, the Rev J. G. Scott purchased and donated the triangular piece of land adjoining the church (2 2/100 acres).

Roof: A slate roof was installed on the church in 1887. A leak was repaired and the tin painted in the vestry room roof in 1921.

Windows: Reference is made to replacing broken panes in the windows in 1889. In 1916 a committee was authorized to have stained glass windows put in but no further reference was found. In 1922, Mrs. E. L. Tompkins was thanked for memorial windows on the east side of the chancel and Mrs. Martin Johnson for memorial windows on the west side of the chancel.

Building: The church was pointed up in 1906. In 1916 a committee was appointed to complete the work on the vestry rooms.

Damage: In 1911, records note the repair necessitated by a fire in the building but details of the damage are not included. Reference is also made to disagreements about insurance coverage but the name of the company is not recorded. I hope to find additional information on the extent of the damage in the financial records. Repairs because of storm damage was recorded in 1924.

Heating: A new stove was purchased in 1887. The vestry asked the Ladies Aid Society to purchase a new stove in 1910. Two small stoves were installed in the vestry rooms in 1917. In 1921 a cellar was dug and a furnace installed under the church. The vestry room chimneys were removed in 1921.

Virginia Historical Society  
St. Luke's Vestry Records  
Vestry Book 1 1867-1904  
Ledger 2 1904-1932  
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*Note from transcriber, Betty Handy:*

*Records were read and only those references to modifications, repair and maintenance of the church building and grounds were transcribed.*

*Dates, if recorded, and any names which appear as part of the text are included.*

*Symbols: ---indicates that words or sentences were "lifted" from a sentence or paragraph. { } indicates illegible word or words.*

May 7<sup>th</sup>, 1870

Your committee respectfully report that it is inexpedient at this time to do anything with reference to the church grounds. They recommend that in the fall, when the busy season of seeding wheat is over, and when the sap and foliage of the trees are declining, the members of the congregation be requested to send each, some one or two hands to report on a given day to your committee under whose supervision, the work can speedily and with economy be accomplished.

John F. Lay for the committee

April 22<sup>nd</sup> 78

Resolved that the secretary be directed to return the thanks of the Vestry and through them of the congregation to their Northern friends for their generous contribution to this Church - viz. the Library for the Sunday School and the cushions for the Church.

On motion, it was decided that Jno Gilliam Esq. should be reimbursed for certain expenses defrayed from his private purse incurred in repairs of the churchyard, dilapidated tombs etc.---

At a meeting of the Vestry of St. Luke's Church on the first Saturday in April, 1881,----the following motions were then made and carried, namely; the churchyard to be laid off in sections and the sections sold either in whole or half sections as might best suit purchasers; \$10 fixed as the price for a section. The money to be paid to the treasurer, and no internments permitted without { } receipt. Not less than one or more than { } lots to be reserved for free internments. A committee to be organized consisting of four ladies and the clergyman of the parish to take charge of the business matters in the above connection entitled the "Committee on Cemetery and Internment." The following ladies were then nominated for this committee, viz Mrs. { } Finney, Mrs. Stevenson, Mrs. Wilkinson and Miss Wesson. Authority was also voted to employ a hand to remove earth and debris that might collect in the course of laying off, leveling, { } the sections in the cemetery. The Vestry contracted with Mr. L. H. Finney to furnish enough half inch heart white oak plank to repair or renew if necessary the platform from the churchyard gate to the church door. ----- it was also resolved to request the sexton to dust the seats, and close the churchyard gate after the service on Sundays.

July 13, 1886

The register having reported progress in making collections for repairs to the churchyard enclosure { } on Motion Resolved that the rector, Rev Martin Johnson and Mr. Geo H. Youngman of the Vestry, be and they are hereby made, a committee to take full and entire charge of the contemplated repairs to the churchyard wall and grounds.

- (2) That they be authorized to remove from the enclosure such trees as they may think proper.
- (3) That they be instructed to convert any trees so removed into firewood for church use, & to present bill for charges for same to the Treasurer for payment.
- (4) That they have power to construct such walks within the enclosure as to them may seem desirable, and, in short, that they have unlimited authority to do any and everything they may consider necessary to carry out the desired improvement in the best and at the same time most economical manner; provided that in no case shall the cost there exceed the sum of forty dollars (\$40).

Sept 28, 1886

----that a substantial brick walk or platform had been constructed from the church to the entrance gate and { } extending the whole width of the church front; a walk, with brick edging, made to run from this platform on one side, around the church to the other; brick drain or gutters run on the east & west sides of the church, on the surface of the ground; the wall of the churchyard thoroughly repaired, a small quantity of grass sown (with more to be sown); and a considerable amount of rubbish removed from the grounds – the whole at a cost of \$48.80; being \$8.80 over the amt the committee were authorized to expend; which excess the Rector requested permission to pay as his personal contribution to the work; --- on motion this report was accepted & approved, except as to the proposition of the chairman to pay \$8.80---

July 13, 1886

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#### Laying out the Church Yard in Sections

The questions of the best plan of laying out the yard into burial sections and of selling the same, in order to provide a permanent fund for the maintenance of the inclosure & for such work therein as may from time to time be necessary, was, at this point(p.67) in the proceedings brought up for consideration; and after being duly weighted & discussed, it was, on Motion, Resolved:

- (1) That the whole church yard be laid off by the Cemetery Committee, consisting of the Rector & Mr. Geo H. Youngman, into convenient sections (of a uniform size, as far as practicable) sufficient and no more than sufficient, for four graves for adults.
- (2) That these sections shall be marked out in as plain and permanent manner as possible, & be numbered consecutively from 1 upward.
- (3) That a plat of these sections, showing the number, location, & owner of each shall be prepared, hung up & preserved in the Vestry room of the church.

- (4) That this division into sections shall not interfere with lines now and heretofore existing, by which is meant that any existing grave or graves falling within any one or more than one section now to be laid off shall entitle the family of the deceased person or persons as fully as such Sections or Sections (and without any payment whatever) as the purchase (p.68) of a Section, in future, shall entitle the purchaser to the same.
- (5) That these Sections, now to be laid off, (except such as are referred to in the preceding paragraph) can be obtained henceforth only by purchase; the price of each being fixed at Eight dollars, the same to be paid to the Treasurer of the Vestry, at the time of purchase.
- (6) That one and not more than two Sections be set apart, by the Committee, for strangers; and that the charge for each grave therein shall be (\$2.00) Two dollars; to be paid before the wardens allow the grave to be dug.
- (7) That applications for burial in the Section or Sections set apart for strangers shall be made to the Wardens jointly; and that they have the power to grant or reject the application, as they may elect, while the exact locality, within the strangers' plot, of any grave allowed will be fixed by the Cemetery Committee.
- (8) That families or parties whose dead are already interred in the Church yard who may desire to purchase a Section, or as many as two Sections immediately adjoining their present (p.69) Sections (as determined by the Division now to be made) shall have the first right to do so; provided the purchase be made at once.
- (9) That sales of Sections shall be made only by the Wardens acting jointly: and that all moneys received therefrom (the wardens giving a receipt to the purchaser therefore) shall be paid into the Treasurer & shall constitute a permanent fund to be invested; and the interest on income therefrom devoted exclusively to maintaining the outer wall to the cemetery & to such interior work as may from time to time be absolutely necessary; provided the latter expenditure shall not endanger the main purpose, viz the preservation of the inclosure. The ---come from the fund here considered shall be subject to the order of the Church wardens, but not the fund itself.
- (10) That no "inside fence" or other inclosure shall be allowed within the church yard wall.
- (11) That the present action of the Vestry with regard to the churchyard as permanent maintenance with in income derived from funds from the sale of Sections(transcription note-the preceding sentence contained inserts and word order was not clear) is intended (p.70) to supersede that of the Vestry of April 1881 relating to the same subject.

This question disposed of, on Motion of W. W. Campbell Esq. it was Resolved. That the thanks of the Vestry are due & are hereby tendered to Mrs. -C. Williams for the beautiful hymnal given to St. Luke's Church & for her liberal contribution to the Churchyard inclosure fund.

Resolved. The highly appreciating the gift, the Vestry of St. Luke's Church tenders it warmest thanks to Miss Sadie Finney for the beautiful book marks she has kindly & thoughtfully presented to the Church.

Examination being made, it was found that the church stove greatly needed repairs, and thereupon it was Resolved. That the Junior Warden be constituted a Committee to ascertain in Richmond what would be the cost of said repair; & that it should be found to exceed 3---, the policy would be to purchase a new stove.

Wm W Finney, Register

(transcription note: recorded at the meeting of Sept 28 1886)

January 1, 1887

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---the Committees on the Churchyard fund, W.W.Finney reported that although he had made renewed effort he had not been able to collect any additional sum for the object. The report was received & the committee continued. The cemetery Committee reported through it Chairman, Rev.Martin Johnson, that the work of marking out the Sections, as required, had been hindered by bad weather; but that logs had been hauled to mill to saw the needed stakes & that the work would be done as soon as practicable.

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---On motion, Resolved, That ---much of Resolution (9) of the September meeting as reads "The income from the fund here considered shall be subject to the order of the Church wardens but not the funds itself be stricken out & the following substituted " The Treasurer of the Church shall deposit all moneys derived from the sale of Sections & graves in some Savings institution in Richmond (paying interest ) subject to his order; but that he shall not withdraw the principal unless to reinvest it. These deposits are to be made as collected."

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---The Junior Warden reported that in accordance with authority given him he had purchased a stove for the church for \$10.50 having obtained a discount of \$3.50 from the original price of \$14.00 That in addition to the price of stove He paid: 9 feet pipe (.90), 2 elbows (.40), 1 p—line (1.50), 1 Line Board 1.25). Amt recd for the old stove \$2.50.

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March 15, 1887

On motion, the Junior Warden was instructed to have the church organ repaired & to hand bill to the Treasurer for payment.

April 11, 1887

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On motion. Rev. Martin Johnson & Messrs. Campbell & Finney L.H. were made a committee to ascertain the cost of putting on a slate roof to St. Lukes; to solicit subscriptions there from, and (if successful in raising the amount of money required) to proceed to have the work done, without awaiting further action on the part of the vestry.

Oct 8, 1887.

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---Junior warden reported that he had had the organ repaired as directed & the committee was discharged. The same, being a committee to solicit subscriptions for the cemetery

Permanent fund reported that he had met with no success & on his own motion was discharged & Mr. R. R. Lee elected to supply the vacancy.

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The Committee consisting of Rev. M. Johnson & Messrs Campbell & Finney L.H. reported that they had carried out instructions with reference to putting on a slate roof to St. Luke's & that there was a small balance over and above the cost now in hand. On motion the committee was discharged with the thanks of the Vestry for the prompt & satisfactory manner in which the work was done.

August 5, 1889

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On Motion Resolved:

1. That the Cemetery Com be instructed to proceed as speedily as possible to construct a shed at St. Luke's Church for protecting vehicles and animals against weather during divine service.
2. That the Vestry accepts with thanks the kind offer of the Senior Warden, Mr. Wm. U Kennon to furnish standing trees for clap boards with which to cover the intended shed.

Sept 30, 1889

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---reported that as yet they had not been able to construct the shed as instructed at the August meeting but that they hoped to begin & finish the work in a short time.

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---the attention of the Vestry to the fact that no entry appeared in the books of Mr. Gray's predecessor, Treasurer W. W. Campbell of the disposition made of Cemetery permanent Fund: and accordingly he was directed to write to Mr. Campbell in regard to the matter.

The cemetery Committee were, on motion, instructed to replace the broken panes of glass in the church windows.

April 8, 1890

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---again consider the question of erecting a shed for horses and vehicles; and entered into a written agreement among themselves that the already delayed work on the same should be begun not later than Nov 1<sup>st</sup> & be prosecuted until completed.

Transcription note: at the bottom of page 115, the following was recorded "For reasons satisfactory to itself, the Vestry ordered the minutes of several of its meeting to be expunged, and accordingly, four leaves have been cut, here, from the register."

September 4, 1901

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---it was ordered that the amount of Cemetery fund deposited in The Metropolitan Bank in Richmond be drawn out by the Church Wardens, and turned over to the Church Treasurer---

Ledger 2  
July 20, 1904  
Vestry Book 1904-1932

---moved and seconded that the church be painted some time this fall --

September 17, 1904

----that \$40.00 which had been given the church by the will of Mrs. S. H. Lawson be used to paint the church and it was decided to begin work as soon as possible----

Nov 23/04

---the \$40.00 left the church by the will of Mrs. Lawson should not be used to paint the church as was decided at the last meeting of the Vestry but as a fund to keep the cemetery wall in repair.

---that \$4.75 which now stands in treasurers' book to the credit of -----in India be used to paint the church also \$25.00 which had been given to Mr. Kennon to use as he saw fit---- Messrs Lee and Tompkins were appointed a committee to interview Isacc Jefferson and find out what he will undertake to do the work for; by the job and by the day and it was decided that the matter be left in the hands of the painting committee to make the best arrangement possible.

Aug 7/05

At the quarterly Meeting of the Vestry held at the church today-----It was the sense of the Vestry that enlarging the church yard along the lines suggested by the Rector would greatly beautify the church property. Mrss Jervey & Pickrell were appointed a committee to look into the matter and ascertain the cost etc.

Aug 17/05

There was a called meeting of the vestry held at the church today. ----- Mrss W. U. Kennon and Pickrell were appointed a committee to go to the Court House and ascertain who the trustees of the church property are, how much land it comprises etc. etc. It was the sense of the Vestry that the Church be insured. The Secy. was instructed to find out if the policy gotten out some years ago had run out and if so to insure same for \$2000.00 and draw on the Treasurer for the necessary money from the general collection to pay for the policy. Mrss. Jervey and C. R. Kennon Jr. were appointed a committee to look after having the church wall repaired, having the church (transcription note, pointed or painted) up where necessary, and placing a new platform in front of the gate. The wardens were reminded that they constitute a cemetery committee and it was decided that they be consulted before any graves are dug also in regard to placing grave stones. It was moved and seconded that Mrss Pickrell, Tompkins & Jervey be appointed a committee whose duties it should be to cooperate with Mrss Kennon and Lee as a cemetery committee. In case anyone wishes to use the cemetery during Mrss Kennon and Lee's absence the majority of this committee sould act for them\_\_ their duties will



also consist in having trees cut out of the church yard which are now dead and are apt to do damage to the church or grave stones, also to look after having the church yard kept in order. -----

It was moved and seconded that Mrss Jervey and C. R. Kennon be appointed a committee to see Mrs. Turpin and find out how much she would charge to play the organ every Sunday. The Vestry was in favor of having a Sunday School and it was decided to begin next Sunday.

Oct 3/05

At a called meeting of the Vestry held at the Church today----Upon motion the committee upon trustees of the church property was continued until the next meeting. The committee on Insuring the Church reported that a policy for \$1500 for 3 years had been procured. The cost of same was \$23.00. They were instructed to turn the policy over to the the secretary. The report was received and the committee discharged.

The committee on changing the church wall was continued until the next meeting\_\_ also the cemetery committee.

It was moved and seconded that the committee on repairing the church building be instructed to ascertain the cost of having it pointed up where necessary and if in their opinion the charge is not excessive they be empowered to have it done. The committee on church music reported that Mrs. Turpin would not consent to play the organ every Sunday.

Dec 18 1905

The committee on repairing the church reported that in their opinion the charges of { } were too high.

Feb 8 1906

The committee on repairing church wall was continued.

Mr Pickrell read the report of the committee on Church Title which (report) was voted to be spread upon the minutes in { } of the original. The Rector and remaining trustee nominated Messrs Tompkins and Pickrell Trustees of the Church property { } Messrs. Gilliam and Fisher deceased.

Mr Pickrell was appointed chairman of the cemetery committee.

Upon motion of Mr. Johnson the Secy. was instructed to furnish Mr. Kennon a copy of the canon which states that the church wardens are custodians of the communion set and that on every fourth Sunday hereafter, he the Senior Warden bring them to church so we may have communion on that day. Mess W. U. Kennon, Tompkins and Jervey were appointed a committee to look into the advisability of erecting a parish hall and if in their opinion it is feasible to report the cost, location and size of the building to the next meeting of the vestry.-----It was moved and seconded that the amount received from Mr. Woodward for the sale of a section in the cemetery be credited to the cemetery fund.

March 8 1906

The report of Mr. Pickrell upon enlarging the church yard was read and upon motion the committee was continued. The report of the committee on building a parish hall was accepted and the committee discharged. It was not the sense of the Vestry that a parish hall would be of great benefit to the church.

It was moved and seconded that the committee of repairing the church yard be continued and empowered to have it be work done as soon a possible.

April 2 1906

The committee on repairing the church reported that Mr. Mayo had promised to do all of the pointing necessary for \$5.00. It was decided to have the work done as soon as possible. Committee was continued. The committee on enlarging the church yard was continued\_\_ they were instructed to make a new estimate taking into consideration the fact that the members of the vestry do all of the hauling necessary and report at the next regular meeting.-----Upon motion Messrs Jervey and C. R. Kennon were appointed a committee on repairing the rectory. They were instructed to make and estimate of the cost etc and report at the next regular meeting.

Aug 24 1906

There was a called meeting of the vestry to confer with the Ladies Aid Society held at the church today. Upon motion the cemetery committee was empowered to have the church yard wall repaired upon its present lines. Mess Lee and Tompkins were appointed a committee to ascertain the cost of an iron fence around the church yard in place of the present wall \_\_\_ the sale of the bricks to partly pay for same.

Oct 9/06

The committee on repairing the church building reported that the work had been accepted and Mr. Mayo paid.----The committee on repairing the church yard wall had no report.---The committee on substituting an iron fence for the present church wall (Messrs Lee and Tompkins) made no report. The Rector stated that he had priced iron fence and same cost \$2.50 per { } foot which put the idea of an iron fence out of the question. The committee was discharged.

It was moved and seconded that Dr. Tompkins be appointed a committee to ascertain from Mr. Bernard Mayo who are the heirs to the triangular piece of land in the rear of the church \_\_ also the price for which it could be gotten. It was moved and seconded that Messrs Jervey and C R Kennon be appointed a committee to have the church yard wall repaired upon its present lines and pay for same when completed. It was moved and seconded that \$5.00 be taken from the amount given the vestry by the Ladies Aid Society which with the interest of the cemetery fund viz \$10.50 would be sufficient to have the work done. It was moved and seconded that each member of the vestry send up to the church a load of manure to be used in enriching the soil of the church yard.

Dec 6 1906

The committee on repairing the church yard wall reported that same had been done at a cost of \$4.50 \_\_The treasurer was instructed to pay for same and the committee discharged.

Dr. Tompkins who was appointed a committee to see Mr. Bernard Mayo in regard to buying the triangle of land in the rear of the church reported that he had seen Mr. Mayo who told him it would be impossible for him to give the church any kind of a title to the property \_\_the report was accepted and the committee discharged. The cemetery committee made no report. Mr. Pickrell reported that the sketch of the church yard was complete \_\_he is now working on the record book and hopes to complete same shortly. The report was received and the committee continued.

Sept 5 1907

It was moved and seconded that cemetery committee have the dead trees cut out of the church yard at once so some steps could taken this fall to put the yard in grass. Reviewing a resolution passed some time ago the vestry decided that no running vines or shrubbery should be planted in the church yard without the consent of the cemetery committee. It was also decided that all graves in the church yard be put in order by this committee in a uniform fashion. Expense of digging up the ground and planting the grass seed be paid out of the general collection fund. It was moved and seconded that the committee meet at once and decide upon who should be here to direct the men sent to clean up the church yard.

Dec 17/08

The report of the committee appointed to cut out the trees and prepare the church yard for seeding in grass was read by the Rector \_ upon motion the report was accepted as a report of progress \_ the committee was continued with a request that steps be taken to complete the work between now and the next meeting of the vestry.

It was moved and seconded that on account of the crowded condition of the church yard that the limited space remaining should be preserved for the familys of the congregation of St. Luke's Church. Upon motion Dr. Tompkins and Mr. Jervey were appointed a committee to review the records in reference to the cemetery and post same on the church door so that in future there will be no confusion whenever anyone wished to use the cemetery.

Messrs Jervey and C R Kennon were appointed a committee to procure 100 locust posts to be used in dividing the sections of the church yard.

April 9 1908

The Rector reported that the committee appointed to seed grass in the church yard had completed same \_\_the report was accepted and treasurer was instructed to reimburse the rector for the hire of two men necessary to do the work.

The Treasurer reported that \$13.00 had been paid to him by Messrs Jno and James Pickrell as their share of the expense incurred in seeding the church yard in grass.

The report of the committee appointed to draw up resolutions in regard to use of the cemetery (same to be posted on church door) was read by Dr. Tompkins. The report was not accepted \_\_ committee discharged. Messrs W.U. Kennon and Pickerell were appointed a committee to draw up resolutions in regard to use of cemetery . (same to be posted on church door).

The committee appointed to price canvas suitable to use to protect the grass when the graves are dug reported that the cost of a piece large enough would be \$9.75. The committee was instructed to buy same and the Treasurer was instructed to pay for same out of the General Collections.

It was the sense of the vestry that it would be wise for the church to own more land and Dr. Tompkins was appointed a committee to see Mr. Bernard Mayo find out what he would sell ten acres contiguous to the church \_ he was also instructed to ascertain if in case the church should purchase the land a good title could be gotten to same. Dr. Tompkins moved that a shed be built for the protection of horses during bad weather. Messrs Jervey & C R Kennon were appointed a committee to ascertain cost size etc and report to next meeting.

April 20/08

The Ladies Aid Society requested that the vestry have the organ tuned. Mrs Tompkins was requested to have this done when the tuner came up to tune her piano.

The committee appointed to formulate a set of rules to be posted on the church door for the guidance of those wishing to use cemetery reported the following. 1<sup>st</sup> Only persons owning sections may bury or be buried within the enclosure. 2<sup>nd</sup> Sections containing space for four graves may be secured by members of the congregation upon application to the senior warden and upon payment of price of same (\$8.00). 3<sup>rd</sup> Notice of purpose to use the cemetery must be given one of the wardens. 4<sup>th</sup> Uniform cost of digging a grave and removing dirt from the enclosure is \$5.00. 5<sup>th</sup> Fee for digging grave must be paid to the wardens when application for permit is made and he upon receipt of same shall notify sexton. 6<sup>th</sup> Person making application shall designate to the warden where in their section the grave desired shall be located. 7<sup>th</sup> All arrangements at the cemetery shall be directly under the charge of the wardens at all { }. 8<sup>th</sup> No internment on Sunday except for urgent necessity. 9<sup>th</sup> No shrubs or plants of any sort to be put in any section except by consent of the wardens and then, if the grass is found to be injured must upon notice be removed by those responsible for their being there. 10<sup>th</sup> An annual fee of \$1.00 may be paid to the treasurer for the proper care of the cemetery and the graves therein. 11<sup>th</sup> Date and plans of funeral must not be fixed until after consultation with Rector. 12<sup>th</sup> In order that accurate records may be secured persons making application for graves are requested at the same time to furnish the warden with full name of deceased also age, time and place of death and cause of same. The rules were adopted and the committee was instructed to have same printed and framed and put on the church door.

The committee appointed to get stakes to use in dividing sections reported that same had been gotten. Dr. Tompkins reported that he had seen Mr. Mayo in regard to buying 10 acres in rear of the church but that he did not think he could give a good title to same \_\_ report accepted committee instructed to ascertain if Mr. Mayo will agree to give such title as he can to the property for a fixed sum.

September 10 1908

It was moved and seconded that the Rector purchase grass seed and fertilizer to be used on the church yard and send bill for same to the Treasurer. The committee appointed to draw up a set of rules governing the use of the cemetery reported that same had been typewritten and would be framed immediately. The committee appointed to get stakes to be used in dividing the sections were instructed to put same in position as soon as possible. There was no report from the committee appointed to procure date in regard to a horse shed \_\_\_\_ committee continued. The committee appointed to purchase canvas to be used when graves are dug was instructed to procure same at once.

Feb 4, 1909

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---The committee appointed to have the rules governing the use of the cemetery framed responded that same had been done.--- The committee appointed to make an estimate as to cost of a { } horse shed reported that same would cost \$189.00. It was moved and seconded that the report be laid on the table.---Committee appointed to purchase canvas to be used when graves are dug reported that same had been gotten and placed in the vestry room of the church.

September 8, 1909

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--The chairman of the cemetery committee reported that no sections had been sold - one grave had been dug (Mrs Henley).

Dec 14, 1909

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---The cemetery committee reported that one grave had been dug since last meeting (Mr. Jas. M. Pickrell). It was moved and seconded that as there were no funds available for repairing the wall to the cemetery the committee was instructed to write to those owning sections stating the condition of the wall and asking for subscriptions to repair same.

March 23, 1910

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---The following special { } were asked by Mrs Pickrell Viz: That she be allowed to enclose the McCaw and Watkins Sections with a chain, dig up both sections and seed in grass and, plant violets around the base of her husbands monument. The cemetery committee did not feel that they had a right to grant the privilege as to the Watkins section except with the understanding that should the Watkins desire the use of the section standing in their name the enclosure on due notice shall be promptly removed. The was moved and seconded that the privileges granted Mrs Pickrell by the cemetery committee be approved but this action does not establish a precedent. The cemetery committee reported one grave dug ( Col W W Finney )---The committee also reported that Mr Mayo had offered to take down the wall from the square post to the East of the

Church to the gate and rebuild same with cement for \$22.00 \_\_\_ the vestry to furnish water and sand. They also reported six feet of the wall of the other side of the gate needing repairs and a concrete sill for the gate. It was moved and seconded that the vestry are of the opinion that the price charged for the work is reasonable and the cemetery committee was empowered to have same done also the six feet to the west of the gate provided it can be done at the same price per foot also the sill to the gate if Mr Mayo will do it at a reasonable cost. It is further understood that before this work is done the committee shall have a contract in which it is clearly specified the cost of each item, the time limit for its completion, and forfeiture for failure to comply with contract also by whom the work is to be received and upon being received promptly paid for.

Sept 1<sup>st</sup> 1910  
(p. 55)

Upon motion Dr. Tompkins & Mr C R Kennon were appointed a committee to have the newly appointed Trustees of the church property (Mrss Jervey and Tompkins) confirmed by the court.

November 17 1910  
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---It was moved and seconded that Mr C R Kennon see the President of the Ladies Aid Socy. in regard to the purchase of a new stove for use in the church.

Feb 13 1911  
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--a letter from Mrs James M Pickrell enclosing a check of \$1181.00 to construct a concrete wall around the church also an estimate from Mr Darrell Jervey stating that he would put the wall up for that amount. This estimate was based on extending the wall so as to take in ten feet on each side and seventy feet in front. The only provision made by Mrs Pickrell was that the position of her section be unchanged That is in the corner. Dr. Tompkins & the Secy were appointed a committee to write Mrs Pickrell expressing the appreciation of the vestry for the generous gift. In the opinion of the vestry a thicker wall than nine inches would be more in keeping with the architecture of the church. It was moved and seconded that a wall nine inches thick to the { } and twelve inches thick the balance of the way would be suitable therefore it was moved & seconded that Mr Jervey submit a bid of the additional cost of same also a detailed specification in regard to the coping. It was moved and seconded that the action of Mrss Jervey and C R Kennon as to the repairs on the church incident to the burning of same be approved and be spread on the records of the vestry. ---Mr Jervey was appointed a committee to see Mrs Pickrell and explain to her the reasons for the additional thickness of the church wall's

March 8 1911  
(p.59)

---It was brought to the attention of the Vestry the fact of the Insurance Company's having refused to pay for the damage to the rug and stove pipe. The following resolution was passed. In view of the fact of the Insurance Company declining to pay the small sum of \$8.07 damage to the rug and stove pipe said damage being caused by a direct effort to save the church building which would have resulted in a large loss to the Insurance Company, there be it Resolved \_\_ That at the Expiration of the present term of insurance with this company that the secretary is hereby instructed to place the insurance on the church with another company. It was moved & seconded that \$8.07 the cost of a new rug and stove pipe be paid by the treasurer out of the general collections same to be reimbursed should the Insurance Company reconsider their action and pay for the same. The rector read a letter from Mrs James M Pickrell in which she stated that she had not been apprised of what disposition the vestry had made of her offer to subscribe \$1181.00 to build a concrete wall around the church. The Secy explained that owing to his having left home three days after the last vestry meeting he had not sent the letter of thanks from the committee appointed for that purpose until after his return home \_\_ he had written to Mrs Pickrell apologizing for same. The Rector read another letter from Mrs Pickrell stating that a wall twelve inches thick on the same lines as Mr. Jervey had estimated on could be built for the amount of her check. It was moved and seconded that as Mr Jervey's estimate was the only one we had it would be advisable for the vestry to advertise for bids for the work.

April 7 1911  
(p. 62)

The secy. read a letter he had received from Mr Augustine Royall in reply to one he had written in regard to a resolution of the vestry as to the refusal of the Insurance Co to pay the damage done rug and stove pipe when the church caught on fire. The Secy, also read another letter which he had written Mr Royall and was requested to send same as it explained the position of the vestry. The Secy. was requested to keep a copy of all correspondence

---The committee appointed to solicit bids on the construction of a church wall reported that he had been unable to get but one bid and same was so high that it was not considered. The report was received and committee discharged. The Rector was appointed a committee to see Mrs Pickrell and explain the status of the church wall and Mr. Jervey was requested to furnish a bid for a 12 inch wall.

May 9 1911  
(p.64)

---The Rector stated that he had seen Mrs Pickrell and read to her his report which he had made at the last meeting of the vestry and had explained to her his inability to procure any bid on a concrete wall twelve inches thick which would come within the amount subscribed by her. It was moved and seconded that Dr E. { } Tompkins, the Rector and C R Kennon be appointed a committee to solicit bids for a concrete church wall 12 inches thick and procure all data possible.

Nov 10 1911  
(p. 66)

--The vestry examine the wall around the church and receive or refuse same. It was moved and seconded that the vestry examine the wall which was done. Dr. Tompkins, Chairman of the committee on construction of wall responded that pillars at corners and caps on pillars at gate had been built at an additional expense of \$18.25\_\_ the action of the committee in authorizing these extras was approved. The total cost of wall is \$1175.25 instead of the contract price of \$1155.00. The wall was found in accordance with specifications and details in contract and was accepted. Upon motion of Mr Lee duly seconded the balance due Mr Woodward for the construction of the wall (same having been hereby { }) be paid and Treasurer was instructed to pay same out of funds in his hand for the purpose. Upon motion of Mr Lee the cost of the tablet imbedded in the wall should be paid from the General collection cost of same was \$37.28. Upon motion of Dr. Tompkins the Secy. was instructed to write to Mrs Pickrell stated that the wall had been completed and received by the vestry and reiterating the thanks of the vestry for her most generous gift and returning the balance of \$7.75 amount left of the original donation after paying for the wall.

May 9 1912  
(p. 77)

---The committee appointed to have additional walks put in church yard made the following report \_\_\_ make a walk 3 feet wide and 4 inches deep and fill same with broken stone and lay brick on sides will take 7 ½ yards of broken stone & 2000 brick. The committee was instructed to take measurements, make accurate drawings & solicit bids for same.

Aug 22 1912  
(p. 78)

Upon motion Mr. Johnson was given the stone coping from the old gate posts. Mr Jervey reported for the committee appointed to lay out the walks in the church yard that he had been unable to get any bids for the work. Upon motion the Secy was instructed to write Mr Woodward in regard to the removal & the erection of the small building requesting that he either reerect same or remove from the church grounds. It was moved & seconded that someone be employed to clean up around the church wall. It was the opinion of the vestry that it is expedient to sow the grass seen in the church yard until after the walks are finished.

Dec 5 1913  
(p. 79)

--It was moved & seconded that Secy write to Mr. H N Woodward reminding him that in his contract for the construction of the church wall he was required to clean up all debris



& that same had not been done also stating that he had offered to move the { } house & reconstruct in another place at a cost of \$10.00. Please to let us know when this could be done \_\_\_ also to let us know what he would take for the stone left over & if same is not for sale to remove it.

Feb 12<sup>th</sup> 1914  
(p. 88)

---Message from Ladies Aid Socy recd. asking the vestrys views as to a new mode of heating church by a furnace in the opinion of the vestry it was thought advisable first to find out its practicability and it cost and that before doing anything else that we had better finish the repairs on the Rectory & the Rectory stable as we only have enough funds on hand to finish same.

March 12 1914  
(p. 89)

Upon motion, all members of the church were requested to come & clean up the church yard on Easter Monday – April 13 1914.

June 25 1914  
(p.92)

---Cemetery Committee reported that one grave had been dug since last meeting (Walter Brown) Upon motion the cemetery committee was instructed to notify Mrs Brown that cost of a section was \$8.00 and they were instructed to collect same.

Upon motion of Mr. Lee all rules governing the use of the cemetery passed at the vestry meeting of April 20, 1908 be rescinded Upon motion Dr. Tompkins & C R Kennon were appointed a committee to go through the minutes book of the vestry & whenever anything is found which is a dead letter & { } the minutes book to report same at next meeting.

The Treasurer was instructed to pay Mr. Woodward for the cement house.

The Treasurer was instructed to ascertain from the Ladies Aid Society the size etc of the out building required & lumber needed & cost of same & to have same built & pay for it.

Dec 1 1914  
(p. 94)

----Dec 17 1908 governing the use of the cemetery which were framed & placed on the church door Upon motion it was ordered that same be stricken from the records. Upon motion Mr. Jervy was appointed a committee to see { } & call his attention to the fact that the roof to the outbuilding constructed by him would have to be properly braced The Treasurer was instructed to pay { } when assured that this had been done.

Apr 5 1915  
(p.97)

---The Treasurer reported having paid { } for building the outhouse.

July 20, 1916  
(p. 106)

---Upon motion Mrssrs Jervey & Johnson were appointed a committee to complete the work on the vestry room --have stained glass windows put in & concrete steps.

Oct 12 1916  
(p. 109)

---It was moved & seconded that the Treasurer buy two small wood stoves for use in the vestry rooms.

February 15 1917  
(p. 110)

The Treasurer reported having gotten the wood heaters for the vestry rooms.

July 15 1917  
(p.114)

Upon motion the question of painting the inside of the church was deferred for the present. Upon motion Mrs Tompkins, Miss Matilda Pickrell & Miss Pendleton were appointed a committee to have the floor stained.

Nov 20 1920  
(p. 129)

---The subject of heating the church by means of a pipeless furnace was discussed but no action taken.

---Upon motion Messrs Johnson & Jervey were appointed a committee to cut off the limbs to the white oak which is at present endangering the church building & also to cut down & cut up into stove wood the dead oak to the east of the church yard.

--Dr Tompkins was instructed to ascertain if the church can purchase the remainder of the triangular piece of land upon which the church building sits.

Dec 19 1920  
(p. 131)

--It was moved & seconded that we procure a large wood heater for the church.

Jan 16 1921  
(p. 134)

Mr Kennon reported that the Monitor Stove Co of Cincinnati Ohio Manufacturers of the Caloric pipeless furnace had taken out a furnace in his house & put in a larger size & offered the smaller furnace to the church for \$120. The Secy was instructed to write the Monitor Stove Co enclosing the floor plan of the church & find out if this size will be amply large to heat the church satisfactorily. Upon receipt of their reply he is instructed to call a meeting of the vestry to decide whether or not we shall install a pipeless furnace in the church.

Transcription note: The company name not clear.

Jan 30 1921  
(p. 135)

--The Secy read a letter from the Monitor Stove Co stating that if a #48 Caloric pipeless furnace was put in the church they would guarantee it to heat the building satisfactorily. Upon motion the Treasurer was instructed to send the Monitor Stove Co Cincinnati Ohio check for \$120 & that we would proceed as soon as possible to have cellar dug & same installed.

March 6 1921  
(p. 136)

--Upon motion Miss Serena Finney was appointed Chairman of a committee to raise a fund for the perpetual & proper care of the church yard with the right to appoint her own assistants. It was further moved that she draw on the Treasurer for necessary funds to carry on the work. The feasibility of digging a cellar under the church large enough

Aug 21 1921  
(p. 138)

---It was moved & seconded that as we are trying to raise a fund sufficient for the perpetual care of the church yard that the amount received for graves & sections is too small therefore it was decided that in future space for graves will be sold for \$10.00 & a section for \$40.00.

Sep 18 1921  
(p. 139)

--It was moved & seconded that Mr. Johnson be added to the committee already comprising Messrs Jervey & Kennon appointed to have cellar under the church dug for

installing the furnace. It was moved & seconded that the privilege to buy graves in the church yard be confined to the congregation of St Lukes Church It was moved & seconded that the action of the vestry of Aug 21 be rescinded & that in the future the cost of space for a grave be \$15.00 & a section \$50.00

Nov 27 1921  
(p. 140)

It was moved & seconded that Mr Kennon be appointed a cvoommittee to see Mr Richardson & have him repair the leak in the vestry room roof paint to the tin roofs of the vestry rooms & remove the chimneys from same.

It was moved & seconded that Mr. Kennon be also appointed committee to have a ton of coal delivered into the cellar of the church. Mr Johnson reported having gotten paint necessary for the roofs of the vestry rooms & Treasurer was instructed to reimburse him for same.

April 22 1922  
(p.143)

---Upon motion, permission was given Mrs Tompkins to put in Memorial windows in memory of her husband Dr. E. L. Tompkins on the East side of the chancel & to Mrs Martin Johnson permission to put in memorial windows in memory of her husband Rev Martin Johnson to the West of the chancel. Mr. Jervey reported that the land on the East of the church had been surveyed & found to contain two & two one hundredths ( $2 \frac{2}{100}$ ) acres & that Mr Mayo would accept seventy five dollars (\$75.00) for same.

June 18 1922  
(p 144)

It was moved & seconded that Mrs Tompkins & Mrs Johnson be given the thanks of the vestry for the memorial windows which add greatly to the beauty of the church.

July 2 1922  
(p. 145)

---reported that the cornice & woodwork on the outside of the church needed painting & upon motion Mr Jervey was appointed a committee to have it done.

---The Secretary was instructed to write to the Executive Committee of the Diocese stating our plans & purposes & asking for financial assistance in Construction of a Parish House.

Jan 4 1923  
(p. 149)

---a note of thanks of the vestry & the congregation was extended to Rev John G Scott for his generosity in giving to the church the triangular piece of land adjoining the church property which he purchased from Mr B. H. Mayo.

March 24 1923  
(p. 151)

The Treasurer read a letter from the Rev J. G. Scott in which Mr Scott donated \$850.00 for different objects in connection with the church. Upon motion the Treas was instructed to turn over to Mr. B F Johnson committee appointed to purchase a prayer desk stole & hymn board which Mrs. Tompkins had given as a memorial to the late Dr. E. L. Tompkins.

Sep 7 1924  
(p.154)

---reported that all bills for repairs to the church on account of the storm had been paid. In the opinion of the vestry the large white oak to the south & east of the church is dangerous & it was decided to remove same.

Dec 14 1924  
(p. 155)

---the vestry have the outside woodwork on the church painted ---also appointed a committee to have some wood cut for heating the church

April 16 1932  
(p162)

---estimates on the cost of a parish house -- after a great deal of discussion it was the sense of the vestry that a building costing approximately \$1200.00 would serve our purposes & it was moved & seconded that we ascertain just what amount can be procured for that purpose. The treasure reported \$750.00 which was { } for a memorial to Dr Tompkins & the balance to be used for a parish house.

***Additional minutes from this meeting constitute the last entry in the Ledger. Pages 164-198 are blank.***