The Episcopal Church began its work in South Dakota with the establishment of the Indian Commission in 1871. In 1873, the Church established the Jurisdiction of Niobrara and named William Hobart Hare as its bishop. The Archives of the Episcopal Church in South Dakota includes the following collections:

**Bishops**

William Hobart Hare. Papers, 1864-1909. Correspondence, letterpress copybooks, subject files, sermons, speeches, Japan and China files, official journals, ledgers, diaries, personal journals, personal account books, scrapbooks, photographs.


Daniel S. Tuttle, Papers 1912, cashbook


Harold S. Jones. Papers, 1942-1995. Daily planners/diaries, church service books, Mrs. Harold Jones papers. Harold Jones was the first native of South Dakota to be elected bishop and the first American Indian bishop in the Episcopal Church.


**Archdeacons**

Edward Ashley. Papers, 1883-1931. Office files, reports, manuscripts, course lessons, photographs.

**Officers**


Connie Limpo. Papers, 1950-1969. Office files, Bishop Hare Mission Home files, Crow Creek/Lower Brule Mission files, St. Elizabeth’s School files, St. Mary’s School files, Santee Mission files, general accounts, payroll accounts, miscellaneous accounts, parochial reports, Niobrara Convocation reports, journals of financial secretary.


Historiographer. Files, 1876-1979. Places, individuals, topics, convocation minutes.

Clergy


Joseph Cook. Papers, 1868. Priest and missionary’s correspondence, journals.


Herman Dyer. Papers, 1878. Correspondence of chairman, National Episcopal Church Indian Mission.


Samuel Hinman. Papers, 1869-1870. Missionary’s correspondence, reports, journals.


Laity


Elizabeth Bradely. Papers, 1903-1922. Correspondence, notes, manuscripts, photographs, scrapbooks of the 1903 and 1910 Niobrara Convocation.


Mary Graves. Manuscript, 1897. Missionary teacher’s account of experiences on the Ponca, Santee, Cheyenne, Yankton, and Rosebud Agencies.


Bernice Jones. Papers, 1934-1942. Scrapbooks of St. Mary’s School principal.


Gertrude Young. Papers, c. 1963. Pamphlet, manuscripts on Archdeacon Ashley’s correspondence and on the Continuation Committee.

**Governing Bodies**


Committee on Ministry (COM), Papers.

Episcopal Diocese Jubilee Ministry, Documents, 1986-1999, correspondence concerning the Jubilee Ministry


Episcopal Council of Indian Ministries (ECIM), Documents, 1988-1994, correspondence, newsletters, and other miscellaneous items pertaining to the Episcopal Council of Indian Ministries
The Investment Committee - Chapter of Calvary Cathedral, Documents, 1969-1993, correspondence and minutes

National Committee on Indian Work, Documents, 1984-1987, correspondence, newsletters, and other miscellaneous information pertaining to the National Committee on Indian Work for the years


United Ministries in Higher Education (UMHE), Documents, 1984-1991,

**Committees, Departments, Institutions**

All Saints School. Records, 1890-1964. Office files, student files, student grades and reports, reports of work covered, financial records, and etchings.


All Saints School Endowment/Building Fund. Files, 1919-1920.


Bishop Hare Industrial School/Bishop Hare School/Bishop Hare Mission Home and Treasurer’s Files. Records, 1927-1976. Office files, student and employee files, accounts resident files, photographs, financial files of Indian school and boarding home.


Calvary Cathedral Church School. Records, 1967. Job applications and supplemental correspondence and notes


Episcopal Church Women Collection. Reports and minutes of meetings, projects and conventions/retreats.


Niobrara Summer Seminary, Documents, 1985-1993, correspondence, lists of participants, grade records, course information


St. Mary’s School. Records 1884-1885. Receipts and disbursements of mission school.


Trinity Guild. Records, 1898-1900, 1912-1918. Trinity Church, Watertown, minutes.

Women’s Auxiliary/South Dakota Episcopal Church Women. Records, 1919-1981. President’s files.


Women’s Guild. Collection. Minutes of meetings, members addresses, letters, and articles


The archives also contain some church and mission registers, records of church services, photographs, scrapbooks, blueprints, building specifications, and printed materials.

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