



Trinity Tidbits

Each week a “tidbit” will be showcased in Sunday’s bulletin and in Trinity’s E-News Weekly.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 3

JOHN W. HEWSON

John Hewson (1834-1926) was a wealthy banker and philanthropist from New York and a winter resident in St. Augustine. He married in 1856, the daughter of an Anglican Bishop of the state of Ohio. After her death in 1904, he married the widow of Major General John Schofield in 1910. Mr. Hewson was a deeply religious man with a social conscious. His charities included the Society of St. Johnland in King’s Park, New York, a refuge home for “friendless” children and destitute elderly men. In 1905 he donated the signed Tiffany window “*Cornelius and the Angel*” and in 1906 twenty-five pews at \$25 each and the communion rail.

(Sources: “Lincoln’s Bold Lion: The Life and Times of Brig. Gen. Martin Davis Hardin” by James Huffstodt; Trinity Church Memorials; The Churchmen)

SUNDAY, JANUARY 10

ROSALIE MEEKER JAMES

Rosalie Meeker James (1845-1905) was the wife of Josiah James, Vice-President of the First National Bank of St. Augustine. In 1906, the choir stalls made of quartered oak were donated in her memory by her husband as well as a handsome bronze tablet on the wall of the church and a memorial pew. Mrs. James, a member of the Daughters of the American Revolution was one of three local women in 1900 that set up a table at the City Gates and served tea in mourning regalia in protest to keep the leaders of St. Augustine from tearing down the historic structure because the trees lining the wall had overgrown and cracked the wall. Their tactics were successful. She was the President of the “Whatsoever Circle” in 1892 whose goal was caring for the community of St. Augustine. It was represented with two women from each of the five Christian churches. The Circle later became the Rosalie James Circle as part of

the International Order of the Kings Daughters and Sons before evolving into what is now, The Women's Exchange.

(Sources: "Daring Daughters" by Karen Harvey; Margo Pope, The Women's Exchange Historian)

SUNDAY, JANUARY 17

RAHNER

Joseph D. Rahner (1866-1940) was born at Augusta, GA and entered the railway service in 1886 with the Jacksonville, St. Augustine & Halifax Railroad, ultimately becoming General Passenger Agent for FEC Railroad in 1895. His youngest daughter, Edith, was Queen of the Ponce de Leon Festival and died in 1930 at the age of 24. There is a memorial pew in her honor. Joseph Rahner's great nephew, F. Victor Rahner, Jr. served on the Vestry and married Margie Eberhart, who has been a loyal member of Trinity Episcopal Parish since a child. Her children and grandchildren were baptized at Trinity. Her grandfather, Alexius A. Jackson was affiliated with FEC Railroad as Assistant to the Trustees and later CEO, served on the Vestry, was Senior Warden and was on the Bishop's Committee. Her mother, Elizabeth Eberhart attended the first Camp Weed summer program in 1924 at Surfside (Vilano Beach area) and served on the Altar Guild for more than 80 years.

(Sources: Find a Grave; legacy.com; newspapers.com; Ancestry.com; Margie Rahner)

SUNDAY, JANUARY 24

SMETHURST

Mary Gibbs Smethurst's (1844-1904) father was Kingsley Beatty Gibbs whose uncle was Zephaniah Kingsley of Kingsley Plantation in Amelia Island. Mary was married to William Smethurst and she had two daughters:

Elizabeth Smethurst Anderson (1864-1912): known as "Bessie", who married Dr. Andrew Anderson, Jr. at Trinity Church in 1895 and Laura Malcolm Smethurst (1874-1898).

There is a bronze plaque on a wall of the church in memory of these three women and a memorial pew for Mary Smethurst. In 1910, the brass pulpit desk was gifted to the church and the altar service book was donated in memory of Laura Smethurst.

(Sources: Trinity Church Memorials; Find a Grave; Markland by Jean Parker Waterbury)

SUNDAY, JANUARY 31

GEORGE BURT

George Burt (1817-1893) left Rutland, Vermont in 1840, went to New York and arrived in St. Augustine around 1845 and was engaged in business with Burroughs

Carr. He married Lucy Peck in 1849, a daughter of Dr. Seth Peck whose home is the Pena-Peck House on St. George Street. Burt became a highly respectable businessman in dry goods and real estate ventures. In 1856, he was a founding member of the Florida Historical Society. He was Mayor of St. Augustine after the Civil War. When Union ships arrived in St. Augustine, to avoid the city from being shelled, along with other dignitaries, he flew the Flag of Surrender from the Castillo. He was a Warden and Vestryman with Trinity Church for many years and donated a stained-glass window *"The Good Shepherd"* in the church edifice in memory of his son, Charles. George Burt handled the sale of the Smith home on Aviles Street for General Edmund Kirby Smith, as the General's mother nor any other family members returned to the house after the War. Burt's eldest daughter, Anna Gardner Burt was a teacher for the western Plains Indian children at the Fort and willed the family home to the City of St. Augustine to be used by the women of the community. It is currently maintained and managed as an attraction by The Women's Exchange. There is a memorial pew in memory of George Burt.

(Sources: "The Treasurers House" by Jean Parker Waterbury; "Early Days in New England: Life and Times of Henry Burt of Springfield and Some of His Descendants" by Henry Martyn Burt and Silas Wright Burt; "The River Flows North-A History of Putnam County" by Brian Michaels; Find a Grave)

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 7

DISMUKES

John Thompson Dismukes (1847-1925) was a Confederate Veteran from Quincy, Florida coming to St. Augustine in 1885. He married Elizabeth Gibbs, daughter of Col. George Couper Gibbs, also a Confederate Veteran and son of George Gibbs, first Warden of Trinity Church. Dismukes established the First National Bank of St. Augustine and President of the St. Augustine Board of Trade. In 1898, Elizabeth Dismukes was a charter member of both the Maria Jefferson Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution and the Florida Society of the National Society of Colonial Dames of America. She was one of three women protesting in 1900 to keep the leaders of St. Augustine from tearing down the old City Gates by setting up a table at the Gates and serving tea in mourning attire. The cedar trees lining the wall had overgrown and crack the wall. Obviously, their tactics worked! The lectern and prayer book were donated in 1904 in memory of George Dismukes, a brother, and the litany service book was gifted in 1931 in memory of John Dismukes by his daughter, Julia. A memorial pew is in memory of Elizabeth Dismukes and a stained-glass window *"The Eucharist"* in the church was installed in John and Elizabeth's memory.

(Sources: Find a Grave; "Daring Daughters" by Karen Harvey; Maria Jefferson Chapter, NSDAR; Florida Society - NSCDA; Trinity Church Memorials)

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 14

ABRAHAM DUPONT/REV. RAYMOND HENDERSON

Abraham Dupont (1783-1857) was born at Beaufort, SC and came to St. Augustine in 1828. He owned properties that extended to the south from what is now the Flagler County line to the north end of Hammock and from the ocean to the Matanzas River. He owned acreage on the other side of the Matanzas River bordered by Pellicer Creek. He also owned a house in St. Augustine that was near where Price's Barber Shop is today. He was on the building committee for Trinity Church in 1830 and went on to be the Mayor of St. Augustine from 1842 to 1843. His daughter, Amanda Ann, married Rev. Raymond Henderson in 1838 who came from Pennsylvania in 1829. He was instrumental in overseeing the construction of the church building and services began in the building on June 5, 1831. He was succeeded by Rev. David Brown in 1833 but resumed the pastorate in 1837 following missionary work in Pennsylvania until his death in 1839. A marble tablet in his memory was erected by the congregation in the Baptistry recognizing his hard work in the erection of the church.

(Sources: James F. Dupont, St. Augustine Record; June 26, 2015; History of Florida: Past and Present, Historical & Biographical, Vol. 1 by Harry Gardner Cutler)

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 21

JUDGE JOSEPH LEE SMITH

Joseph Lee Smith (1776-1846) was born at New Britain, Connecticut. He attended Yale then Tapping Reeve Law School in Litchfield and practiced law. It was there he married Frances Kirby, the eldest daughter of Col. Ephraim Kirby. He served in the Army during the War of 1812. After the War, he remained in the Army, rising to the position of Colonel. Shortly thereafter, he returned to his Connecticut practice and later resigned from the Army in 1821 and moved to Florida where he served as a Judge of the Superior Court in the Territory of Florida, living in St. Augustine. He later was in private practice. He purchased the Segui House at Aviles Street and Artillery Lane where the St. Augustine Historical Society Research Library is currently located and served as Mayor of St. Augustine in 1832. Judge Smith was part of the building committee for Trinity Church in 1830 and his son was Confederate General Edmund Kirby Smith who was born at St. Augustine.

(Sources: Wikipedia; Find a Grave; "The Kirbys of New England," 1898, by M.E. Dwight; Historic City News, Dec. 7, 2010)

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 28

Until rectors became salaried, pew rentals were a reliable source of income for the parish. Congregants of social standing usually paid quarterly for assurance of a place in church during services. In 1846 the typical payment for a pew rental was \$1.50.

(Sources: Trinity Archives)

SUNDAY, MARCH 7

GIBBS

George Gibbs (1765-1848) was the Customs House collector in the new Territory and the first Warden of Trinity Church. There is a stained-glass window "*Ascension*," dedicated to the memory of him and his wife, Isabella Kingsley. Their son, **Kingsley Beatty Gibbs**, was the nephew of Zephaniah Kingsley who purchased Kingsley Plantation at Fort George Island from his uncle to ensure property rights. Kingsley Gibbs later came to St. Augustine and was Deputy Clerk of the Superior Court. He donated the Bishop's chair in 1856. Another son, **George Couper Gibbs** served as a Colonel in the Confederate Army and was the father of Elizabeth Dismukes. There is a memorial pew dedicated in his memory. **Clarissa Anderson Gibbs**, the daughter of Dr. Andrew Anderson, Jr. and Elizabeth Smethurst, married **Tucker Carrington Gibbs**, the grandson of George Couper Gibbs who had a brother **George W. Gibbs** who married into the Ingraham family.

(Sources: Find a Grave; "Daring Daughters" by Karen Harvey; Trinity Church Memorials)

SUNDAY, MARCH 14

INGRAHAM

James E. Ingraham (1850-1924) was a railroad engineer who came to Florida in 1874. He led an exploratory expedition across the Everglades with the backing of Henry Plant. Because of the favorable conditions he found of the east coast, he was hired by Henry Flagler and became Vice-President of FEC Railroad as well as President of the Model Land Company. He was Mayor of St. Augustine from 1915-1920. His father, Rev. John Thurston Ingraham served in the Episcopal faith for 55 years and his mother was Cornelia Fanning Root, the daughter of Rev. Eleazer Root, Rector of Trinity Church. His daughter, Kathleen Ingraham was married to George W. Gibbs thus connecting the two families. Ingraham donated the window frame reredos and paneling for the stained-glass windows "*Christ Blessing the Children*" above the altar that had been donated in 1890 by St. Monica's Guild in memory of Rev. Root, as well as two doors, north and south of the sanctuary. A stained-glass window "*Nativity*" was donated in the Ingraham's memory.

(Sources: Find a Grave; UF Digital Records)

SUNDAY, MARCH 21

ANDERSON

Clarissa Anderson (1895-1990) was the daughter of Dr. Andrew Anderson, Jr., philanthropist and friend of Henry Flagler and Elizabeth Smethurst. Dr. Anderson and Miss Smethurst were married at Trinity Church in 1895. Clarissa grew up at Markland and continued the Anderson legacy of being a benefactor to St. Augustine, Flagler College and Flagler Hospital. Her second husband was Tucker Carrington Gibbs

whose Great Grandfather was George Gibbs, first Warden of Trinity Church. Clarissa donated cushions for the Bishop's chair and clergy stalls in 1920 and brass alms basin in 1937. Many years later, she donated the Celtic Cross in the Memorial Garden in memory of Elizabeth "Bessie" White.

(Sources: Find a Grave; Trinity Church Memorials; Markland by Jean Parker Waterbury; Margie Rahner)

SUNDAY, MARCH 28

WILLIAM DEWHURST

William W. Dewhurst (1850-1927) was a native of New Hampshire and studied civil engineering at Harvard but left before completing his education in that field. He took a position with the engineering corps of the Wisconsin Central Railroad but with little work in that field, he came to Florida becoming postmaster in St. Augustine in 1878. In his second year as postmaster he started studying law and was admitted to the Bar in 1880. He fast became one of the leading attorneys in the State with much success in corporate cases, estates and land disputes concerning Spanish land grants. He was local counsel to Henry Flagler and authored a book in 1881 entitled "The History of St. Augustine." He was mayor of St. Augustine and assistant to the Attorney General of the United States. His daughter, Mary was a member of the Little Sisters of the Cross of which their recitals and socials helped to purchase the stand for the baptismal font.

(Sources: History of Florida: Past & Present, Historical & Biographical, Vol. 2 by Harry Gardner Cutler; By Faith with Thanksgiving by G. Michael Strock)

SUNDAY, APRIL 4

CRAIG

A.H. Craig, Sr. (1884-1943) came from North Carolina in 1911 as a carpenter for FEC Railroad. In 1914 he was a Captain with the police force and in 1918 became a partner with L.H. Sanchez Funeral Home located on St. George Street. In 1934 he owned the business and moved it to Granada Street, thus becoming Craig Funeral Home. His son, A.H. "Gus" Craig, Jr. (1920-2008) was born in St. Augustine and graduated from Ketterlinus High School, the University of Florida, and the Cincinnati School of Mortuary Science. He served in the Navy as a Naval Aviation Cadet on the Murmansk Run to Russia in 1943. In addition to running the funeral home, Craig was involved in civic, charitable, and political activities. He served 18 years in the Florida House of Representatives and Speaker Pro Tempore at one time. He served on the Airport Authority and was active with the 400th anniversary of the City in 1965. Years later, as an ex-lawmaker, he went to Tallahassee to get much needed funds for the then, limping along Official State Play "Cross and Sword" and the amphitheater and got the money. He and his first wife, Catherine along with their two children were

long time parishioners of Trinity Parish. Their son, A.H. "Gus" Craig, III and grandson, Justin Craig continue the Craig Funeral Home tradition in St. Augustine.

(Sources: Legacy.com; Craig Funeral Home website)

SUNDAY, APRIL 11

HELEN HINDRY STEPHENS

Helen Hindry Stephens (1905-2002) was the daughter of Rev. Fitz-James Hindry, Rector from 1904-1936 who was the longest serving Rector in the history of Trinity Parish. In 1921, celebrating the first one hundred years, Rev. Hindry gave a "Centennial Historical Sermon, Covering the History of Trinity Parish, St. Augustine, Florida, 1821-1921." Upon Rev. Hindry's retirement in 1936, he shared that over the years he had baptized 351 people, two by immersion (one in Moultrie Creek); prepared for confirmation 496 people; married 285 couples and read the burial service over 361 people. Carillon dedicated in his memory in 1971. Mrs. Stephens was a musician and played the piano for church services and sang in the choir for many years. She donated the first carillon in 1971 for the 150th anniversary in memory of her parents. In 1996, for the 175th anniversary, she gave another new carillon. In 2003, her children donated a new state-of-the-art carillon in her memory. The carillon has 28 libraries compared to the previous one's four and can be heard daily. Mrs. Stephens' son, Malcom Stephens, Jr. (1927-2016) was a St. Augustine attorney and lifelong member of Trinity Church. He served twice as Senior Warden and for many years as a licensed lay reader. Mr. Stephens was President of the Bicentennial Committee of St. Augustine in conjunction with the National Bicentennial in 1976 and travelled to Washington, D.C. and throughout the State to promote St. Augustine's important role in the National celebration.

(Sources: Legacy.com; Waymarking.com; By Faith with Thanksgiving by G. Michael Strock)

SUNDAY, APRIL 18

WILLIAM A. MACWILLIAMS

William Arthur MacWilliams (1863-1941) was born in Camden, New Jersey and came to Florida in 1885 from Baltimore. He married Gertrude DeMedicis of St. Augustine in 1886 and practiced law. MacWilliams was County Attorney and President of the Board of Trade and served in the Florida Legislature serving in both the House and the Senate for twenty-five years. He was President of the Senate in 1921 and 1922. He was retired from the Florida National Guard as Brigadier General and while Adjutant General of Florida, he was in military control of the City of Jacksonville during the aftermath of the disastrous fire of 1901. He was a communicant of Trinity Church and served on the Vestry. There are three memorial pews: one for his infant son, one for his mother and one for his wife. There is also a bronze plaque in the church in

memory of his wife who died in 1937. MacWilliams is the Great Grandfather of Nancy Birchall and Sheila Greenleaf.

(Sources: Sheila Greenleaf, descendant)

SUNDAY, APRIL 25

FOSTER

J. Clifford Foster (1873-1928) was born at Savannah, GA but came to St. Augustine as a boy with his mother after his father died. His maternal grandfather was Jose Simeon Sanchez, a U.S. marshal during the Territorial and early Statehood period and as a member of the first Florida legislature. Foster served as Adjutant General of Florida from 1901-1917 and Brig. General from 1923 until his death in 1928. He was married to Winifred "Winnie" Young, a St. Augustine native whose sister, Florence was married to Anthony Monson, founder of the Monson House Hotel. A stained-glass window, "Charity" was donated by the Fosters in memory of Florence Monson as well as another stained-glass window, "Thy Will be Done" in memory of Florence's young daughter, Winifred Monson. There is a memorial pew and a marble tablet in the church dedicated to General Foster and the diamond in the centennial chalice was bequeathed by his wife, Winnie after her death in 1937.

(Sources: Sacred Ground: The Military Cemetery at St. Augustine by Gregory A. Moore; Trinity Memorials)

SUNDAY, MAY 2

In 1909, the Women's Guild recommended placing an arch over the gate facing King Street directing people to the Parish House, which was completed in 1910.

(Sources: By Faith with Thanksgiving by G. Michael Strock)

SUNDAY, MAY 9

BRADFORD

Elizabeth Canby Bradford (1827-1914) and her husband, Honorable Edward Bradford were winter residents from Delaware. Her husband was a member of the Delaware House of Representatives, served as Deputy State Attorney General and U.S. Attorney for the District of Delaware until his death in 1884. The west vestibule and the painted memorial above the doors of the west vestibule were donated in Mrs. Bradford's memory by her daughter, Mrs. Alexis Dupont. The west porch and bronze tablet were donated in memory of Mrs. Dupont's sister, Alice Southworth Bradford.

(Sources: Find a Grave; Trinity Memorial Gifts)

SUNDAY, MAY 16

FAIRBANKS

George Fairbanks (1820-1906), an attorney from New York came to St. Augustine in 1842. His wife, Sarah Wright was the sister of Rev. Benjamin Wright who died in 1852. There is a stained-glass window, "*Ascension*" in his memory. Fairbanks purchased a large tract of land in 1844 along the San Sebastian River north of town and built a home. He was a Warden and Vestryman for more than fifteen years and took a leading role in church affairs and a leading layman of the Diocese. He was a founding member of the Florida Historical Society in 1856 and mayor of St. Augustine in 1857. His wife died in 1858 and a stained-glass window "*Woman with Chalice*" is in memory of her. He was active in both public and private ventures and later lived in Fernandina.

(Sources: By Faith with Thanksgiving by G. Michael Strock; Centennial of Trinity Parish booklet, commentary by Rev. Fitz-James Hindry, 1921)

SUNDAY, MAY 23

Peter C. Zylstra, Postmaster and Mayor of St. Augustine in 1852 died while in office of lockjaw from a cut on his foot. In 1850, he was one of the vestrymen when the congregation met and reorganized under the corporate name of "the Vestry of Trinity Church of St. Augustine," and adopted by-laws and articles of association, which were duly recorded in the county clerk's office.

(Sources: Trinity Archives; Centennial of Trinity Parish: 1821-1921, speech by Rev. Louis Fitz-James Hindry)

SUNDAY, MAY 30

SHINE

Dr. William F. Shine (1835-1910) was born in Tallahassee and educated at University of the South. During the Civil War, he became a surgeon for the Confederate Army and came to St. Augustine in 1867 and practiced medicine. He was married to Maria Jefferson Eppes, who was a Great Granddaughter to Thomas Jefferson. Mrs. Shine was the organizer for the Daughters of American Revolution chapter here in St. Augustine but died before they were chartered. The local chapter is named after her. Dr. Shine took an active role in the church and his wife organized St. Monica's Guild which gave as a memorial to Rev. Root, the stained-glass window "*Christ Blessing the Children*" in the chancel.

(Sources: Find a Grave; Maria Jefferson Chapter, NSDAR; Centennial of Trinity Parish booklet, commentary by Reginald White, Senior Warden (1921).

SUNDAY, JUNE 6

MARTIN JOHNSON HEADE

Martin Johnson Heade (1819-1904), a landscape artist from Pennsylvania came to St. Augustine in 1883. Attracted by Florida's sub-tropical wetlands, he typically painted marsh scenes and Southern flowers especially magnolias. In 1899, he painted a portrait of Dr. Andrew Anderson and W.H. Pell. Heade remarked that it had been forty years since he last painted a portrait. His studio was at the Ponce de Leon Hotel and he lived here until his death in 1904.

(Sources: National Gallery of Art; The Life and Work of Martin Johnson Heade: A Critical Analysis and Catalogue by Theodore E. Stebbins and Janet L. Comey)

SUNDAY, JUNE 13

In the stained-glass window dedicated to George Gibbs and his wife, Isabella Kingsley Gibbs: "In one of the compartments of the window is a rich cluster of purple grapes, symbolizing, on the one hand, the blessed communion of the blood of her crucified Lord, and recalling on the other, the interesting fact that the now well-known Isabella grape owed its origin and its name to this faithful daughter of the church, by whom it was first propagated and brought to notice."

(Sources: Centennial of Trinity Parish: 1821-1921, speech by Rev. Louis Fitz-James Hindry)

SUNDAY, JUNE 20

SISTER ESTHER CARLOTTA BURRUSS

Sister Esther Carlotta Burruss (1864-1944) was born in Virginia but removed to Florida for her health. She belonged to an order of the Episcopal Church called Sisters of the Resurrection and was associated as a teacher and administrator with Resthaven, a spiritual retreat and rest house in St. Augustine on Oneida Street maintained by the church for women and Trinity Home for Girls (House of the Nazarene), a preventive work located on Rohde Avenue. Sister Carlotta was the daughter of Major John Burruss, a Confederate surgeon who in the last year of the War donated to the Confederate government his remaining funds amounting to \$20,000 in gold. She was a member of the local Anna Dummett Chapter of the United Daughters of the Confederacy and served as the 7th President of the Florida Division, UDC. She was the driving force in the erection of the monument to General William Loring and placement of his remains at Post Office Square (west Government House grounds) in July 1920.

(Sources: Find a Grave; Living Church Quarterly - 1897; The St. Augustine Evening Record, December 30, 1920)

SUNDAY, JUNE 27

Around 1970, nine organ pipes were stolen from Trinity! The theft occurred only a few years after its installation. The thieves (young boys) were caught by local police and the judge ordered the families to pay \$480 for their reinstallation.

(Sources: Trinity Archives - undated newspaper clipping)

SUNDAY, JULY 4

HARKNESS

Charles W. Harkness (1860-1916) was a wealthy winter resident from New York City and a director of Standard Oil. He was the son of Stephen Harkness who was a half-brother to Henry Flagler whose mother was the former Elizabeth Harkness.

Interesting enough, Flagler's first wife was Mary Harkness who was a cousin to Flagler's half-brother. Charles Harkness was married to Mary Warden, daughter of William Warden who was an early partner at Standard Oil. The Wardens winter home was Castle Warden (now Ripley's Believe it or Not) and Mary's sister was Elizabeth Ketterlinus who donated the land for St. Augustine High School (now Ketterlinus Elementary) on Orange Street which opened in 1924. There is a 1917 bronze tablet just outside the lobby doors to Seymour Garden in memory of Charles and Mary Harkness commemorating the erection of an earlier three-story Parish House adjacent to the church. This gift was presented by Mrs. Samuel Morris, sister of Mary Harkness and was called Harkness Hall. The building was torn down for the construction of Hindry Hall which was dedicated in 1954.

(Sources: Find A Grave; Evening Public Ledger, Philadelphia PA, 09 Nov 1917; Trinity Memorials; Ketterlinus Elementary School website)

SUNDAY, JULY 11

FELIX DECRANO

Felix DeCrano (1842-1908), an impressionist artist came to St. Augustine from Philadelphia in 1893 with his wife Mary to become part of Henry Flagler's artist colony at the Hotel Ponce de Leon. He had studied art in London, Paris and Rome. He is known for his lush garden views and bright realistic flower paintings and scenes around St. Augustine were sold to tourists. He returned to Pennsylvania around 1902 when the artist colony was discontinued when Mr. Flagler relocated to Palm Beach. There is a memorial pew in DeCrano's memory.

(Sources: Wikipedia; Trinity Memorials & Gifts)

SUNDAY, JULY 18

EDWARD I. LEIGHTON

Edward Leighton (1850-1916) was born at Birmingham, England immigrating to Cleveland, Ohio with his parents when he was six years old. He was the founder of a machinery company, Van Dorn & Dutton. He and his family were winter residents and he was a director of the choir for twenty years. He died suddenly of pneumonia in St. Augustine. A stained-glass window "*The Good Shepherd*" is dedicated in his memory.

(Sources: Electric Railway Journal, Vol. 47 (1916); Centennial of Trinity Parish booklet (1921) by Reginald White, Senior Warden)

SUNDAY, JULY 25

ALMIRA CLARK BROCK

MATILDA DUNHAM TAYLOR

Elmira Brock (1832-1917) was born in Upper Canada and immigrated to the United States in 1880 as a widow with her daughter and son-in-law, Ella and Alexander Terwilligar. After some time in Jacksonville, Elmira and her family came to St. Augustine around 1899 residing on Water Street. Alexander Terwilligar was an orange grower owning groves in the Titusville area and had a 78-foot boat "*Matanzas*" that he used for hauling oranges. Ella was State President of the Kings Daughters in 1926 and Helen Hindry Stephens was her Goddaughter.

Matilda Taylor (1842-1918) was born at St. Augustine and was the daughter of David R. Dunham, Clerk of Court. She was the widow of James Taylor who died in 1869 in New York. She returned to St. Augustine with her daughter, Florence and resided at the south end of Charlotte Street near the Maria Sanchez Lake.

The Gothic door leading to the parish lobby is in memory of these two women and was presented by the Women's Guild.

Sources: Ancestry.com; Find a Grave; Trinity Gifts & Memorials; Miami Morning News-Record, 02 Dec 1909; Tallahassee Democrat, May 10, 1926)

SUNDAY, AUGUST 1

DORRIE FRANCES DUKE KELLER

Dorrie Keller (1946-2009) was born at Jacksonville and was a Christian Education teacher at St. Mark's Episcopal Day School and as a librarian and Christian Education teacher at St. Andrew's Episcopal School at Boca Raton, Florida. She and her husband, Brian settled in St. Augustine and were members of Trinity Church for ten years prior to Dorrie's passing. The bronze statue of "*Sitting Jesus with Children*" was erected in her memory and formally dedicated in November 2015.

(Source: Legacy.com; The St. Augustine Record, December 24, 2015)

SUNDAY, AUGUST 8

DOROTHY KLEINE BAYA

DOROTHY EVELYN HOOD

Dorothy K. Baya (1894-1998) was born in New York where she married Benjamin Baya of St. Augustine in 1920. Their daughter, Dorothy Evelyn was born in 1924 and the Bayas came to St. Augustine living on Water Street where Benjamin took over his father's Palm business as a nurseryman. His business, The Florida Palm Company, grew Sabal palms on family-owned land in three Florida counties. They supplied cabbage palm fronds for the making of palm crosses for church use in South Florida and along the East Coast to 300-400 churches, including Trinity Church for Palm Sunday. Dorothy Baya's mother-in-law, Mrs. Joseph F. Baya and Mrs. Frances M. Powell provided a new roof on the Parish House and Church in 1936.

Dorothy E. Hood (1924-1988) was a 1949 graduate of Brenau College and was a concert pianist. She married George Hood, Jr., founder and President of the Better Business Bureau of Northeast Florida. A plaque in the church is dedicated to the memory of Dorothy Baya Hood by her mother, Dorothy Baya who outlived her daughter to the ripe age of 103.

(Sources: Find a Grave; Ancestry.com; The Miami Herald, 06 April 1971; The Miami Herald, 12 April 1981; Gifts and Memorials)

SUNDAY, AUGUST 15

WILLIAM FORWARD DYSON

William Dyson (1900-1918) died of pneumonia at the Army Training Corps located at John B. Stetson University. His mother, Mary Forward Dyson was the daughter of Annie Reid of Palatka and William F. Forward, Clerk of Circuit Court and the granddaughter of Judge William A. Forward who represented St. Johns County in the Territorial Legislature in 1844. There is a bronze tablet in the church to Dyson's memory who was interred at the St. Augustine National Cemetery and a memorial pew in memory of his grandfather, William F. Forward.

(Sources: Find a Grave; Wikipedia; Trinity Memorial Gifts)

SUNDAY, AUGUST 22

Harkness Parish House: "In 1917, as if the parish had come to a stop on account of the inadequate facilities of the old parish hall which was the only room they had to use for all the parish organizations, on the very day that the parish met to consider what could be done, so as not to retard its progress, a telegram came from Mrs. Samuel Morris stating that she would give a parish house in memory of her sister Mary Warden and brother-in-law, Charles Harkness. This was joyful news and upon its announcement, the meeting immediately arose and sung the doxology. The new

three-story parish house was constructed at a cost of \$12,000 and dedicated by the Bishop on New Year's Day, 1918."

(Sources: Centennial of Trinity Parish: 1821-1921, speech by Rev. Louis Fitz-James Hindry)

SUNDAY, AUGUST 29

REGINALD AND BESSIE WHITE

Reginald White (1862-1930) was born in England and came to the United States when he was twenty-one with an English lumber syndicate that owned a large tract of land in St. Johns County. Around 1892, he became affiliated with the First National Bank of St. Augustine and worked his way upward becoming a prominent financier with civic and social connections as well as those of business and financial character. He was Treasurer of the Board of Trade from 1920-1921. He was Senior Warden of Trinity Church. White married Elizabeth "Bessie" Frazer whose father was manager of the Valencia Hotel. In addition to her civic involvement, she was a founding member of the Altar Guild, an advisor and confidant for many rectors at Trinity as well as several Bishops.

Bessie White was a good friend of the Seymours and gave Kathleen Seymour her wedding ring. When Mrs. Seymour died, the ring was passed on to her daughter-in-law, Mary, who wore it for years. Three generations later, the ring now belongs to Dr. and Mrs. Seymour's daughter, Kate. The Celtic Cross in the Memorial Garden was erected in memory of Bessie by Clarissa Anderson.

(Sources: History of Florida: Past & Present, Historical and Biographical, Vol. 2 by Harry Gardner Cutler; By Faith with Thanksgiving by G. Michael Strock; Dr. Goodwin Seymour; Margie Rahner)

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 5

At the beginning of the Civil War, Rev. Lewis Staudenmayer from Charleston, South Carolina was Rector. In 1862 when St. Augustine was under Union control, Rev. Staudenmayer could not be persuaded to substitute in his church ritual, "the President of the United States," for the "Confederate States." The Federal guards followed him by day and watched him by night suspecting him of plotting treason. Voices were heard upstairs in his study in different languages, German, French and English, as though engaged in heated conversation. As it was, he was playing with a pet cat and chasing it around the room and at the same time exercising his linguistic abilities. Ultimately, one morning he was called to his door and told to leave without delay and would not be allowed to take any personal belongings. He asked if he could take "Miss Bessie" with him. As it was known that his wife had previously left for Charleston whose given name was Elizabeth, an inquiry was made as to who "Miss Bessie" was. It was found that she was the pony which he used to ride, and the pony was brought from the stable and Mr. Staudenmayer was told to get on, leave and

never return. A guard accompanied him to the City Gates and that was the last that was heard of him.

(Sources: Centennial of Trinity Parish: 1821-1921, speech by Rev. Louis Fitz-James Hindry)

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 12

ART FISHER

Art Fisher (1920-2015) is remembered by many long-time parishioners on Sundays helping with Sunday services. Art was the first licensed lay reader for the Diocese and was a perpetual acolyte. Serving his Country in the U.S. Navy, he was a ship's Captain during World War II. He and his wife, Pat were active in the many ministries within the church and Art not only served on the Vestry but was on the Bishop's Committee. As a successful insurance agent for Thompson-Bailey Insurance Company, he handled all insurance matters for the Parish, inspecting the buildings yearly. A marker plate at the altar recognizes his service and a Ciborium was donated to Trinity in his memory by his wife.

(Sources: Dr. Goodwin Seymour; Thompson-Baker Insurance Company website; Marie Rahner)

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 19

In 1910, the Women's Guild donated to St. Peter's Chapel a tessellated tile pavement. The flooring is currently obscure under carpeting.



(Photo courtesy of Kay Puckett)

(Sources: Gifts and Memorials - Trinity Archives)

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 26

On May 7, 1850, the congregation met and reorganized under the corporate name of "The Vestry of Trinity Church of St. Augustine" and adopted By-Laws and Articles of Association, which were recorded in the County Clerk's office.

(Sources: Centennial of Trinity Parish: 1821-1921, speech by Rev. Louis Fitz-James Hindry)

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 3

Isabella Kingsley Gibbs was the Grand Aunt of James Whistler, the painter. Whistler's mother was Anna Matilda Whistler.

(Sources: The Correspondence of James McNeill Whistler, University of Glasgow, UK)

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 10

In 1875, Plains Indians at the Fort Sill reservation in current day Oklahoma sent 74 prisoners, mostly male warriors, to St. Augustine for confinement at Fort Marion. Many were survivors of the Sand Creek Massacre of 1864. They comprised of five different tribes: 33 Cheyenne, 27 Kiowa, 11 Comanche, 2 Arapaho and 1 Caddo. Included among the prisoners were 10 Mexicans who had assimilated into these tribes. Living conditions were bleak and unsanitary. The prisoners wore chains and shackles and confined to the casemates (rooms) and courtyard. After six months of confinement, Lieutenant Richard Pratt was given command of the prisoners and conditions drastically changed for the better. Chains and shackles were removed and they were given wood to build housing accommodations on the gun deck - a large structure with rough board bunks. He organized a guard unit made up of the prisoners themselves and furnished them uniforms and weapons. They carried out daily drills, went camping on Anastasia Island, learned how to sail and fish and agricultural skills. Pratt organized or approved many special events at the fort, such as a dance, the production of stage performances for profit, a buffalo chase in downtown St. Augustine and a circus inside the fort. While there, the young men received a western education; casemates were turned into classrooms and local women volunteered their time as teachers. Some of these women included Sarah Mather, Anna Pratt, Rebecca Perrit, Anna Burt, Julia and Laura Gibbs and Amy Caruthers. Several of these ladies were parishioners of Trinity Church. Parish records show three Cheyenne warriors who died between 1875-1877 were buried at the Post Cemetery (St. Augustine National Cemetery) with Rev. Eleazer Roote officiating. Those Native Americans were Big Moccasin, Lean Wolf and Spotted Elk. In 1878 after being released to the Indian Bureau, many made their way back west, but some stayed in the east to continue their education.

(Sources: National Park Service; Parish Register: 1821-1904)

(Note: this article about the Plains Indians was amended on 10/01/20)

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 17

CRAIG THORN

Craig Thorn (1930-2010) and his wife, Audrey were long time communicants and generous benefactors to Trinity. Craig attended local schools and graduated from the University of Florida School of Architecture. He served in the U.S. Air Force earning the Good Conduct Medal and the National Defense Medal. During lean times, the Thorns were known to help financially just to keep the doors open and lights on. A successful and well-sought architect, Craig designed and renovated many buildings that grace our downtown area: Wiley, Kenan and Ponce de Leon Halls, Lewis Auditorium and gymnasium for Flagler College, several buildings at the Florida School for the Deaf and Blind and our own, Trinity Square (formerly the Ponce de Leon Shopping Center). Civically, he served on the FSD&B Foundation which raises money for things the State does not pay. Living at St. Augustine Beach, he served on the St. Augustine Beach City Commission 1975-1982, was Vice-Mayor and Mayor. Having no children, upon the Thorns deaths a bulk of their estate went to the Diocese with portions going to Trinity Church and Camp Weed.

(Sources: Legacy.com; St. Augustine.com, flaglertgiving.org; Dr. Goodwin Seymour; Margie Rahner)

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 24

The bell in our steeple was a gift from the Ladies of the church in in 1843. Stamped on the bell is "cast by G.H. Holbrook at Medway, Mass. 1842". George Handel Holbrook took over the bell foundry from his father in 1820 and carried it on until shortly before his death in 1875. It weighs 401 pounds, 21" high and 27" in diameter at the lip. The cost of the bell, including hanging it, a communion service of silver, one pitcher, one plate for receiving alms and two cups, also a pair of silver-plated candlesticks, cost the Ladies \$380.75.



(Photograph courtesy of Chris Bodor)

(Sources: By Faith with Thanksgiving by G. Michael Strock; Online research by Chris Bodor)

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 31

In 1893, Henry Flagler wanted to buy Trinity Church to move the post office to get a clear view for the Ponce de Leon Hotel. He offered big inducements but was refused.

(Sources: Centennial of Trinity Parish: 1821-1921, speech by Reginald White, Senior Warden)

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 7

CLAYTON W. KIRTLAND

Clayton W. Kirtland (1896-1971) was born in Alabama but came to St. Augustine as a child. He was educated at local schools and attended the U.S. Naval Academy. He was a Navy veteran of WWI and a General Freight Agent for FEC Railroad. His memorial service was held at Trinity and a plaque inside the church was given in his memory by his wife, Lucille in 1972. His brother, Sidney Kirtland also served in the U.S. Navy and was married to Kate Calhoun, Nancy Birchall and Sheila Greenleaf's Great Aunt.

(Sources: Ancestry.com; Ashville Citizen-Times, 12 June 1971)

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 14

SHELDON

Louisa Whitehouse Sheldon (1847-1919) and her husband, Edwin Sheldon were winter residents from Delhi, NY. Her husband was President of Knickerbocker Trust Company in New York and a horse breeder of American Hackneys. Louisa's father, Henry Whitehouse was the second Episcopal Bishop of Illinois. There is a bronze tablet in the church in her memory.

(Sources: The Manual of Statistics: Stock Exchange Handbook, 1907, Vol. 29; American Hackney Stud Book, 1908)

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 21

ELIZABETH CARROLL LABORDE

Elizabeth "Lilly" LaBorde was the youngest daughter of Dr. Maximilian LaBorde of Columbia, South Carolina. Dr. LaBorde was affiliated with the South Carolina College (now University of South Carolina) as a professor for thirty years and served in the

House of Representatives in 1836 and was Secretary of State in 1839. He was a vestryman at Trinity Episcopal Cathedral in Columbia from 1842-1873. Elizabeth who never married, became a teacher and taught in the small community of Ninety-Six before coming to St. Augustine around 1885. It is unknown why she came to St. Augustine and is found living at a private boarding house on the corner of Marine and Bridge Streets called the Hotel LeBorde, currently the Kenwood Inn. Her sister, Zeline was married at Trinity Church in 1887, later moving back to South Carolina. Lilly died at St. Augustine in 1889 at the age of 36 and is buried in the graveyard of Trinity Episcopal Cathedral in Columbia with other members of her family. The beautiful silver cross mounted on oak on the altar was donated by the family in her memory.

(Sources: The Churchman, Vol. 60, July 18, 1889, Pg. 43; 1880 SC Census; St. Augustine City Directory, 1885-1886; Find a Grave)

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 28

Trinity Square was the result of the Now and Forever Fundraising Capital Campaign and was in place May 2003 with a fifteen-year mortgage. A separate corporation was established, and a committee appointed to manage the building. Rental of 5,000 square feet of the former Woolworth space and remaining 10,000 square feet were set aside for church use as a Parish Hall and Kitchen. After rental space improvements were assessed, a down payment of \$200,000 left a mortgage of \$2,000,000.00. John Creadick and Joe Taylor, along with many other parishioners were responsible for making this vision for Trinity's future a reality that we all enjoy. At present, Trinity Square is very close to being debt free.

(Sources: Trinity Archives)

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 5

Our steeple graces the skyline of the Ancient City and the supporting structure is partially the original 1831 church foundation built with coquina block. As most of us know, coquina is shell stone native to this area of Florida and was used to construct many of our oldest houses in St. Augustine as well as the Castillo de San Marcos. The steeple's exterior consists of wood shingles and in 2012 received refurbishment from a Grant.

(Sources: Trinity Archives)

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 12

The Cradle Rocking Ceremony for the Guild of the Christ Child and started in 1950 during the Seymour era. This ceremony was conducted on Whitsunday (Pentecost). Following opening the service, the cradle is placed in the chancel. The Guild calls each child by name to be rocked after the Rector has given a brief introduction and explained the purpose of the Guild of the Christ Child and what it aims to accomplish in the life of the Parish. The parents come forward with their baby and 2-4 young sponsors, usually kindergarten or elementary school age. The parents place the baby in the cradle and the young sponsors take turns rocking the cradle during the singing of a lullaby by the Choir. The Rector says a prayer for the babies and each baby in turn is rocked.

(Sources: Trinity Archives)

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 19

Judge Thomas Douglas a member of the original building committee gave an account that in 1831, the church edifice was so far finished that services could be comfortably held in it. When a Vestry meeting was called, it was resolved that the church should be open for service the first Sunday in June 1831 (June 5). The Parish Register shows on June 5, 1834 the edifice was consecrated by Rt. Rev. Nathaniel Bowen, Bishop of South Carolina. At that time, fourteen people were administered the Apostles Rite of Confirmation.

(Sources: By Faith with Thanksgiving by G. Michael Strock; Trinity Archives)

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 26

The beautiful lamps in the sanctuary were dedicated in 1947 by Rev. Charles Schilling, Rector, as a memorial to the Trinity heroes who gave their lives during World War II and to others departed. Rev. Schilling, in his sermon said, "On the first day of the war, an Englishman watching the lamplighter extinguish the street lights in London, said sadly: 'the lights are going off all over the world and we know not when they will come on again.' The lights have come on again, only because the best and finest of our men sacrificed the light of life that it might be so. It is for this reason we have chosen these lights in Trinity Church as their memorial." He continued to say, "There is no greater citation given in Heaven or on earth than those three words 'Killed in Action'." The heroes of Trinity were: William Golden, U.S. Army - Missing in Action, Mediterranean Area; George Henry Bruer, U.S. Army; Harold K. Searle, U.S. Army Air Forces (a member of the Flying Tigers); Johnny Shepherd, Henry M. Young, Joseph S. Tate, Jr. (B-24 pilot), and Frederick H.S. Tate, U.S. Army, killed in action, and William E. McGuire killed in service (bomber crash near Tyler, Texas). The lamps were designed and executed by Rambusch and Company of New York. A great deal

of thought was necessary in designing these memorial lights inasmuch as they had to conform to the décor of the church. The lights were made possible through the efforts of the rector over a period of many months and through the generous gifts of those who contributed to the memorial.

(Sources: St. Augustine Evening News, June 10, 1947; The Tampa Times, Feb. 22, 1944; The Boston Globe, Feb. 5, 1944; Tampa Tribune, Nov. 17, 1943; The Tampa Times, July 27, 1943)