

Archives Annual Report 2022

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Projects completed by the SLG:

- ❖ Carefully packed up the contents of the vault preparatory to moving the archives to off-site storage.
- ❖ June 3, the movers loaded, transported, and installed the boxes to the storage unit on Spring Garden.
- ❖ Reorganized the boxes in the storage unit as much as possible.
- ❖ Moved a card table and chairs to the storage for a work space.
- ❖ Rae and Nancy installed a display in the display case for Anniversary Sunday
- ❖ Rae gathered/ took photos, prepared, and installed a tri-fold photo display showing both the late 1960's sanctuary restoration and the 2021/22 sanctuary renovation.
- ❖ Provided information and photos for publication of *Independence Bells of Philadelphia* by Thomas Kaufmann.
- ❖ Provided information and photos to Donald E. Harpster for an article to be published in *Pennsylvania History: A Journal of Mid-Atlantic Studies*.
- ❖ Michael and Nancy spoke with archaeologists working at Old St. George's.
- ❖ Cataloging
- ❖ Bob and Nancy attended meeting re Philadelphia Congregations Early Records. Found out that Old First's early records were not included in the records digitization project because Philadelphia Congregations Early Records and the Historical Society of Pennsylvania were competing for the same grant/funding and Old First's earliest records belong to HSP.
- ❖ Participated in JVMT meetings with an eye to where the Archives will be housed.
- ❖ 52 archives communications/requests/replies

Unachieved projects:

- ❖ Visiting the old graveyard of the Church at Market Square (originally a German Reformed Church originally part of the Philadelphia Reformed Church—Old First).

Goals for 2023:

- ❖ Firm up location of archives in the new construction.