

## **Descriptive Summary**

**Creator:** St. Paul's Evangelical Reformed Church

**Title:** St. Paul's Evangelical Reformed Church Records

**Dates:** 1852 - 1948

**Size:** 3.45 cubic feet

**Location:** New York Genealogical and Biographical Society onsite archival storage room, cabinet 1

## **Administrative Information**

**Restrictions on Access:** The books are not accessible to the public due to their deteriorated physical condition.

**Additional physical form available:** A partial index to baptisms in Book 1 was created by Richard Haberstroh in 2001, current location unknown; an index to marriages between 1852 and 1865 by Joan Koster-Morales can be found on German Genealogy Group's website at <http://www.germangenealogygroup.com/GERCHURCH.STM>

**Acquisition information:** Donated to the New York Genealogical and Biographical Society in 1999 by St. Paul's Evangelical Church of Christ, 2134 Newbold Street, Bronx, New York

**Citation note:** St. Paul's Evangelical Reformed Church Records, New York  
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### **Collection Description**

#### **Biographical/Historical note**

St. Paul's Evangelical Reformed Church was organized around the year 1852 as the German Evangelical Reformed Church. The church was located on Suffolk Street near Delancey Street in Manhattan's Lower East Side. St. Paul's Evangelical Reformed Church in the City of New York was incorporated January 14, 1889. The church moved uptown from Suffolk Street to the neighborhood of East Harlem in January 1900, and in 1919 moved to East 141st Street and Crimmins Avenue in the Eastchester section of the Bronx. The church closed in June 1948. Some of the pastors associated with the St. Paul's were: Revs. John Frederick Busche, Eugen G. Fuessle, Georg Kern, Paul Somerlatte, Georg Ulrich, E. Bruckner or Brueckner, C.F.A. Klein, Jacob Schmitt, and Walter F. Reif.

#### **Scope and Content note**

The collection consists of 15 bound register books. The books record baptisms between 1852 and 1948, confirmations between 1853 and 1920, marriages between 1852 and

1948, and deaths between 1889 and 1923, as well as consistory and congregational minutes, and financial accounts. It appears that during many years, multiple church books were in use simultaneously to record sacramental events. The registers are in German and English.

## **Collection Inventory**

### **Box A**

**Book 1** "Tauf-Register" (baptism register); contains baptisms from August 13, 1852 to July 1, 1893; 397 pages, dimensions 15.5 x 11 x 1.75 inches.

**Book 2** "Trauungs oder Copulations Register" (marriage register); contains marriages from August 12, 1852 to June 30, 1893, pages 1-216; 359 pages, dimensions 15 x 10 x 1.5 inches. An index, by Joan Koster-Morales, to the marriages celebrated between 1852 and 1865 is located on German Genealogy Group's website at <http://www.germangenealogygroup.com/GERCHURCH.STM>)

**Book 3** "Kirchenbuch" (church register) contains the following:

- table of contents, page 1
- alphabetical index to book (by event number, not page), pages 2 - 29
- "Chronica" (church history), page 30 - 62
- "Glieder-Liste" (membership rolls), out of chronological order, page 102 - 175; years 1904 - 1917, pages 134 - 175; years 1940 - 1943; pages 102 - 104; years 1917 - 1940; pages 105 - 133
- "Taufen" (baptisms), September 24, 1893 - December 25, 1920, pages 176 - 359

- Funerals, April 9, 1912 - December 1915, pages 360 - 375 (continued from page 584)
- “Konfirmierte” (confirmations), years 1853 - 1905, pages 376 to 395
- Funerals, January 1916 - December 31, 1922, pages 396 - 425
- “Trauungen” (marriage register), October 15, 1893 - November 24, 1920, pages 426 - 525
- “Todesfaelle” (register of deaths), January 15, 1895 - April 6, 1912, pages 526 - 585
- “Gaben für Walthätige Zwecke” (donations), years 1898 – 1905, pages 586 - 588
- “Stakistiken” (statistics), years 1894 - 1905, pages 596 - 600

The book is 600 pages long, with many blank pages; loose inserts, including lists of deaths/funerals for the year 1904 and 1922 - 1926, are placed at page 600; the book's dimensions are 14 x 9.5 x 2.5 inches.

**Book 5** “Kirchenbuch” (church register) the following:

- name index to book, n. p.
- “Pastoral Register” (list of pastors), years 1893 - 1917, pages 1 - 4
- “Beamten-Liste” (list of church officials), years 1893 - 1917, page 5, pages 9 - 10
- “Gliederliste” (membership roll), years 1893 - 1915, pages 17 - 32
- “Tauf-Register” (baptisms), August 13, 1893 through November 30, 1916, pages 62 - 93

- confirmations, May 6, 1894 - May 28, 1915, pages 144 to 151
- "Trau-Register" (marriages), 5 February 1893 – May 19, 1917, pages 144 - 151
- "Kommunikanten" (list of communicants), years 1893 – 1917, pages 196 - 236
- "Abendmahlsgaeste in voller Zahl" (tally of communicants), years 1902 - 1916, pages 316
- "Register uber Sterbefaelle" (deaths), July 2, 1893 - October 31, 1916, pages 318 - 329
- "Familien Register" (register of members organized by family group), years 1893 – 1896, pages 389 - 441
- Confirmations, April 3, 1898 - December 8, 1901, pages 440 - 441
- Statistische Gemeinde-Tabelle (church contributions), years 1893 – 1914, pages 586 - 587
- Gemeinde-Chronik (church history), years 1892 - 1900, pages 588 - 589

Many pages throughout the book are blank. The book is 628 pages, dimensions 13.25 x 9.5 x 2.25 inches.

**Book 6** "Kirchenbuch" (church register) contains:

- name index, n.p.
- "Pastoral Register" (list of pastors), years 1894 - 1910, page 1
- Tauf-Register (baptisms), September 6, 1894 - May 1, 1910, pages 34 - 57
- Konfirmation-Register (confirmations), 1898 - 1910, pages 76-82

- Trau-Register (marriages), 23 September 1894 - September 7, 1909, pages 89 - 101
- Statistics (labeled "Kommunikanten"), pages 102 - 104
- "Register ueber Sterbefaelle" (deaths), November 1894 - February 1909, pages 16 - 175
- Collections, years 1895 - 1909, pages 196 - 197
- Statistics, years 1894 - 1896, pages 302 - 303

The book is 324 pages and measures 13.5 x 9 x 1.75 inches

### **Box B**

**Book 7** is labeled on page 1, "Baptism & Marriage Record from 1921 to 1948" and contains:

- baptisms performed between January 9, 1920 and July 10, 1948, pages 2 - 85
- marriages performed between January 1, 1921 and June 27, 1948, pages 300 - 371

The remainder of the book is blank; 500 pages, dimensions 14.25 x 9.5 x 1.75 inches

**Book 8** contains confirmation class rosters, April 2, 1944 to March 21, 1948, pages 3 - 4. The remainder of the book is blank; 500 pages, book dimensions 14.25 x 9.5 x 2 inches.

**Book 9** contains treasury reports, dating from January 1, 1922 through December 1946; labeled on flyleaf "Einnahme & Ausgabe Buch des Schatzmeisters, begonnen am 1 Januar 1922" [Treasurer's Inflow and Outflow Book, started January 1, 1922]. The book

also includes loose printed yearly financial reports interleaved throughout the register, dating through January 1, 1948; 498 pages, dimensions 14 x 10 x 1.75 inches.

**Book 10** consists of financial accountings dated June 1, 1926 through December 31, 1927, and a “roll book,” probably of Sunday school students, undated entries, pages 121 - 145. Book contains 152 pages, dimensions 14 x 11 x 0.5 inches.

**Book 11** consists of financial accountings dating from January 1, 1932 through July 30, 1939. Book contains 152 pages; dimensions 12.5 x 10 x 0.5 inches

**Book 12** consists of financial accountings dating from August 5, 1939 through December 30, 1945; 152 pages; dimensions 14 x 11 x 0.75 in

**Book 13** consists of consistorial and congregational meeting minutes dating from October 1, 1919 through December 1937; 300 pages; miscellaneous loose inserts; dimensions 14 x 9 x 1

### **Box C**

**Book 14** consists of consistorial and congregational meeting minutes dating from February 2, 1938 through July 7, 1948, including a retrospective report for the year 1937 (to page 144; remainder of book is blank); 300 pages; dimensions 14 x 9 x 1 inches

**Book 15** is labeled “Kirchenbau Haupt Collecten Liste Deutschen Evangelischen St. Paulus Gemeinde in Ost Harlem New-York City” on front endpapers. Book consists of a list of donor pledges to the church’s building fund, probably dating from the church’s

incorporation in January 1889. The book also contains inserted miscellaneous German-language news clippings and notes; n.p., dimensions 13.5 x 9.5 x 0.5 inches

### **Oversize Shelf, Cabinet 1**

**Book 4** “Kirchenbuch” (church register) contains the following:

- Name index to book (appears incomplete), n.p.
- “Tauf-Register” (baptisms), January 26, 1888 - March 25, 1923, pages 29 - 110
- “Confirmanden-Register” (confirmations), 1889 - 1920, pages 201 - 225
- Statistics, 1889 - 1920, pages 261 - 263
- “Trau-Register” (marriages), marriages January 1, 1923 - December 29, 1906 (in reverse order by date), pages 285 - 300; marriages, May 5, 1889 - November 30, 1902, pages 301 - 332; an insert, not paginated, placed between pages 332 and 333 of book, records marriages between January 3, 1903 and December 17, 1906
- “Todten-Register” (deaths), February 3, 1889 - April 1, 1923, pages 330 - 370
- “Chronik” (church history), ca. 1888 - ca. 1916, page 381

The book is approximately 395 pages long, and the dimensions are 16.5 x 11 x 2 inches.