

James R. Crumley Jr. Archives

Records, c. 1816-1901, of Rev. John P. Margart, pastor.

The records of J.P. Margart were donated by Dr and Mrs. Richard Fritz, 1971-2008.

Records stored at the Crumley Archives. Advanced notice for research required.

Creator: J.P. Margart

Extent: Two boxes

Access Restrictions: Must wear gloves under guidance of archivist and staff.

Use Restrictions: Permission to publish material from the J.P. Margart Collection must be obtained from the Director of the Crumley Archives, 4201 N. Main St., Columbia, SC 29203.

Processing Information: Arrangement/preservation of material and creation of this finding aid completed by Jeanette Bergeron and Shannon Smith

J.P. Margart Biographical Sketch:

“John Phillips Margart was born in Charleston, S.C., November 19, 1816 . . . he tells us, he married a ‘wife of German blood’. . . . Unfortunately, after seven years of marriage she died and John, obeying her last wish, married her sister Margaret. . . . Of J.P.’s early life we know very little. Seven brothers and sisters allowed for numerous correspondents but it is not always clear what kin is addressing Mr. Margart.”¹

“Mr. Margart’s education seems to have been supervised largely by the eminent Dr. John Bachman, pastor of St. John’s Church of which the family were members of some prominence . . . [In 1838 Margart] became one of the earlier students of the fledgling “Theological School of South Carolina” located up the country in Lexington Court House as the village was known It is in this year that we find him determining to keep a daily diary. This promise to himself he kept religiously during all of this ministerial career although it became more a citation of his preaching activates than of daily experiences of other things.”

“Mr. Margart was licensed by the S.C. Synod inn 1840. On November 30, 1841 he was ordained by the President, John C. Hope, the Secretary William Berly and ‘two senior ministers’.²

Margart served the following congregations:

St Matthew’s and Mt. Lebanon, Cameron, S.C., 1841-1847

¹ W. Richard Fritz, Preface in “Biographical” File, pg. 1.

² Author unknown, “The Life and Times of John Phillips Margart”, pgs. 1-3.

Shilo, ?, S.C., 1845

Pine Grove, Lone Starr, S.C., 1847-1849

Moved to Alabama and returned to South Carolina (1849-1855)

St Paul's, Pomaria, S.C., 1855-1858

Sandy Run, Swansea, S.C., 1859-1860

Redeemer, Newberry, S.C., 1860-1861

Orangeburg, Orangeburg, S.C. (supply), 1859-1860

St Luke's, Prosperity, S.C., ?

Good Hope, Saluda, S.C., 1840-1842

Colony, Newberry, S.C., 1855-1858

Moved to Alabama (c. 1861)

Transferred to GA Synod (1871)

Secretary of SC Synod, 1855-1857

D. 1901, Batesville AL

Scope and Content:

The Crumley Archives currently has a collection of J.P. Margart (1816-1901). Collection includes correspondence, parish registers, and journals.

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File A- Accession Details

File B- Biographical

File C- Journal transcription: 1838-1878

File D- Journal transcription: 1838-1878

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File G- Journal or diary (Gloves Only): 1840-1879

File H- Journal (Photocopy)

File I- Margart's church writings

File J- Margart's writings (unsorted)

File K- Margart's personal correspondence

File L- Church correspondence sent to Margart

File M- Personal correspondence sent to Margart

File N- Unknown

File O- Correspondence Transcriptions

File P- Correspondence, n.d.

File Q- Correspondence, n.d.

File R- Correspondence, n.d.

File S- Correspondence, n.d.

File T- Correspondence, n.d.

Box 2

File A- Correspondence: 1900

File B- Correspondence, Letters from Dr Eichelberger to Rev Margart

File C- Correspondence: from E.L. Hazelius (1848; from Pal Derrick (1859)

File D- Various Correspondence, 12 Files

File E- Journal data, members, confirmations, baptisms, and burials (transcribed)

File F- St Matthew, Cameron, Register; includes Pine Grove, Sandy Run, Orange Chapel (1841-1849)

File G- St Matthew, Cameron, Register

File H- St Matthew, Cameron, Register; includes Pine Grove, Orange Chapel (1799-1897)

File I- GA _____ St Mark's Church, Sumter County

File J- ? _____ Shiloh Church

File K- _____ LTSS Board Minutes and Anderson Bio.

File L- Mt Pleasant Lutheran Church, Lexington

File M- Lutheran Historical Conference

File N- Lexington Zion, & St Michaels

File O- Notes (Fritz, William)