

The Roderic B. Dibbert Collection  
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ACQUISITION: This collection was donated by Reverend Roderic B. Dibbert in April 2005

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SCOPE AND CONTENT: Miscellaneous materials pertaining to the career of the Reverend Roderic B. Dibbert and his interest in local history, specifically the Bronson Memorial Church in Peninsula, St. Mary's Anglican Church in Akron, and the Northampton Historical Society. Also includes materials about his historic home on Akron's North Hill, once owned by William T. Sawyer, son-in-law of Alvin Coe Voris.

Container list:  
1 manuscript box

SERIES: NORTHAMPTON HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Folder #1 **Publications:**

*Northampton Historical Society Newsletter: Past Issues to Refresh Your Memory, 1967-2000.*

*Eternal Memory: the Northampton Center Schoolhouse, 1982-1992.*

SERIES: BRONSON MEMORIAL CHURCH, PENINSULA, OHIO

Folder #2 **Publications:**

Dibbert, Reverend Canon R. B. Dibbert, historiographer:  
*A Personal Memoir: My interest and activities at the Summit County Historical Society's Bronson Memorial, Church.*  
Published by the Dekoven Foundation, Akron, Ohio 2001

Dibbert, Reverend Canon Roderic B. Dibbert  
*Faith of Our Fathers: the Story of the Bronson Family and Their Church*  
Published by the Dekoven Foundation, Akron, Ohio, 1994

Dibbert, Rev. Canon R. B. Dibbert, historiographer:  
*Exceptions to the Rule: Episcopalian Pioneer in the Western Reserve: 1800 – 1840: A Paper Commemorating the Sesquicentennial of the Bronson Memorial Church in Peninsula, Ohio*  
Published by the DeKoven Foundation, Akron, Ohio, 1989

**Photographs:**

Three 4 x 6 color photographs of a display pertaining to the Bronson Memorial Church installed at the Akron-Summit County Public Library in 1989.

Folder #3

**Collected Materials:**

DESCRIPTIVE NOTE: These items pertain to Bronson Memorial Church and have been removed from the original three-ring binder.

**Website:**

Printouts from [www.bronsonchurch.com](http://www.bronsonchurch.com)

**Publication:**

*The Bronson Memorial Church: 1839 and 1889*

**Photograph:**

7½ x 10 photograph of church

**Correspondence:**

Letter from Lois P. Hoover, June 30, 1987.

Letter from Lois Hoover

Letter from Lois Hoover, dated December 1988

Letter from Stewart B. Steiner, Summit County Historical Society, July 9, 1989

Letter from Dodie Alley, Akron-Summit County Public Library, July 27 1989

Letter from Stephen H. Paschen, Executive Director, Summit County Historical Society, June 6, 1991

Letter from Lila, May 26, 1991

Letter from Barbara Principali, November 27, 1992

Letter from Barbara Principali, March 1, 1993

**Publications:**

Announcement printed in *Akron Beacon Journal*, November 22, 1980

*Progress Through Preservation*. December 1986.

*Notes for the PTP Meeting on Sunday, December 28, 1986*

**Photographs:**

Sheet of three photographs

Sheet of four photographs

Three photographs of inside the church

Four photographs of outside of the church; several include Rev. Dibbert

**Publications:**

Dibbert, Rev. Roderic B.

*The Adaptive Use of Historic Buildings: Operation "Faith of Our Fathers"*

Published by DeKoven Foundation of Ohio, 1997

Dibbert, R. B.

*A Holy Place: Personal Memories of the Bronson Memorial Church.*  
2003.

**Photographs:**

3½ x 5½ postcard of Bronson Church, c. 1839

3¾ x 3½ color photograph of inside of church

3½ x 3½ color photograph of Bp. Wm as Bronson, Jan 11<sup>th</sup>, 1987

**Publication:**

Two pages of articles and ads printed in local newspapers

SERIES: DEKOVEN FOUNDATION OF OHIO

Folder #4

**Publications:**

Dibbert, Reverend Canon R. B. Dibbert, Director:

*A Souvenir Booklet*

Conference brochure: *Parameters of Faith: Religion in the Western Reserve*, October 7-8, 1994, Case Western University

Miscellaneous leaflets pertaining to the Anglican Catholic Church.

*A Twentieth Anniversary: the Congress of St. Louis, September 14-16, 1977*

*Fifteenth Anniversary Commemoration: A Pictorial Review and Memoir.*

Published by DeKoven Foundation of Ohio, 1997

*Official Acts of the Trustees for the DeKoven Foundation of Ohio, Inc.*  
1997. (2 copies)

**Catalogs:**

*The Bookshelf*. 1984, 1985, 1985 with addendum, 1986-1987  
The DeKoven Foundation of Ohio, Akron, Ohio

**Program:** *The Opening and Dedication of the Chapel of the Transfiguration*. June 20, 1982. The DeKoven Foundation  
**(2 copies)**

Invitation card to the dedication of the Chapel of the Transfiguration.

Dibbert, Rev. Canon Roderic B., Director:  
*A Fifth Anniversary Memoir of the Chapel of the Transfiguration of Our Lord*. DeKoven Foundation of Ohio, Akron, Ohio, 1987 (2 copies)

*Commemorative Booklet for Twentieth Anniversary of the Chapel and Retreat House in Akron, Ohio*. 2002. DeKoven Foundation of Ohio

Dibbert, Rev. Canon R. B., Director  
*A Dozen Years for the Foundation, 1982-1994*.

Folder #5

**Reports:**

*First annual Report: The Anglican Mission of All Saints, The DeKoven Foundation of Ohio, Inc.* November 1981 – November 1982.

*Report of the First Annual Meeting of Trustees for the DeKoven Foundation of Ohio, Inc.* August 6, 1983.

Financial Report for *The Evangelist* and publishing information, 1984

*Report to the Synod Concerning the Activities of the DeKoven Foundation, 1982-1984*.

*Third Annual Report, 1984-1985*.

*Fourth Annual Report, 1985-1986*.

*Fifth Annual Report, 1986-1987*.

*Sixth Annual Report to the Synod, 1988*.

*Report of the DeKoven Foundation of Ohio, Inc. 1989*.

*Annual Report of the Dekoven Foundation, 1989-1990*.

*Eighth Annual Report to the Synod of the Anglican Rite Jurisdiction, 1990*.

*Ninth Annual Report to the Provincial Synod of the Holy Catholic Church  
Anglican Rite Jurisdiction of the Americans, 1991.*

*Report to the 1991 Synod of the Diocese of St. Mark the Evangelist,  
May 4, 1991.*

Dibbert, Rev. Canon R. B., Director  
*Our Tenth Anniversary: But Just What is the DeKoven Foundation of  
Ohio?*

Dibbert, Rev. Canon R. B., Director  
*The Tenth Anniversary: A Non-Event*

Dibbert, Rev. Canon R. B., Director  
*An Act of Hospitality, May 1994 – December 1995: A Report Written for  
the Record (with attachments)*

**Correspondence:**

Letter from Rev. Dibber to the Trustees of the DeKoven Foundation,  
September 20, 1984 (attachments)

Mailings from Rev. Dibbert to congregation in the Diocese of St. Mark the  
Evangelist, 1986-1987

**Miscellaneous Documents:**

Names of Those in Attendance at Service of Dedication – Chapel of the  
Transfiguration, June 20, 1982

List of Donors to the Archives Housed at DeKoven House, Akron, Ohio,  
1983-1993

Note of advertising expenses

Song Booklet: *Fifteenth Anniversary.*

*Just What is “The DeKoven Foundation” and Why is It In Ohio?*

A 1994 Postscript – Recent Events

DeKoven Foundation promotional literature

An Unofficial and Informal Clericus - DeKoven Retreat House,  
Monday, May 1 – Thursday, May 4, 1995 (2 copies with notes)

Holy Eucharist program, not date

Invitation to the Third Annual Meeting of the DeKoven Foundation of Ohio, 1985.

Invitation to the Sixth Annual Meeting of the Trustees and Friends of the DeKoven Foundation of Ohio, Incorporated, 1988

Invitation to the Fourth Anniversary of the Dedication of the Chapel of the Transfiguration and DeKoven Retreat House, 1986.

Invitation to the Fifth Anniversary of the Chapel of the Transfiguration of Our Lord, 1987. (2 copies with notes).

List of invited guests to the 1988 annual meeting

Announcement for Maundy Thursday services, 1983. (with notes and attachment)

Registrations for retreat

DeKoven Retreat House "Quiet Day" schedules, January 24, 1983 and October 21, 1989 (with notes)

Newsclipping, Akron Beacon Journal, October 19, 1985

Miscellaneous notes

**SERIES: HISTORIC ESTATE ON AKRON'S NORTH HILL**

Folder #6

**Publication:**

*An Historic Estate on Akron's North Hill, 82 Frederick Avenue*

**SERIES: ST. MARY'S CHURCH**

Folder #7

**Publication:**

Gerlach, Don R.

*St. Mary's Church (Anglican Catholic), Akron, Ohio The First Twenty Years: an Historical Sketch*

**SERIES: PERSONAL PAPERS**

Folder #8

**Publications:**

*Background Information on: The Rev. Canon Roderic B. Dibbert, Retired Anglican Priest, Archivist and Historian*

Dibbert, Rev. Canon Roderic B. Dibbert

*Living History*

Letter from the Bishop, The Rt. Rev. G. Wayne Craig

Letter from The Right Rev'd Laford Lapointe, Bishop

Dibbert, Reverend Roderic B. Dibbert, historiographer:  
*Some Recollections Concerning Personal Memories of Deaconesses on  
Chicago's Near West Side (1969 – 1973)*

Dibbert, Reverend Roderic B.  
*Another Personal Essay: Books in My Life*

The Stray Fiddler [R. B. Dibbert]  
*An Essay on Being An Organist*

Dibbert, R. B.  
*The Final Chapter in My Autobiography, 1977-2002: Twenty-Five  
Years before the Mast – of the Continuing Church*

**SERIES: MISCELLANEOUS**

Folder #9

**Publications:**

Dibbert, Reverend Roderic B.  
*A Man of Many Talents: Seth Hart, Connecticut Yankee and Churchman*  
DeKoven Foundation, 1996

Father Rod Dibbert's Memo: *In Remembrance of the Late Fran  
Murphey's Columns in the Akron Beacon Journal Relating to My Own  
Interests.*

Dibbert, Reverend Roderic B.  
*Guardian Angels: An Introduction*

Dibbert, Reverend Roderic B.  
*An Essay on the Open Church*

Dibbert, Reverend Roderic B.  
*Some Comments on Anglican Ethnicity.* Written in 1993. Revised 1994 &  
1995. Published by the DeKoven Foundation, Akron, Ohio.

**Newspaper clippings:**

Cuyahoga Falls Historical Society