The Roderic B. Dibbert Collection  
Special Collections – Akron-Summit County Public Library

ACCESSION #: 2005-12

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

ACCESS: Restricted access: materials fragile; access by request at Main Library Special Collections only; material does not circulate.

VOLUME: 1 manuscript box, 1 linear ft.

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.

ARRANGEMENT: In original order that materials were received.

INVENTORY:
SERIES: NORTHAMPTON HISTORICAL SOCIETY
Folder #1 Publications:


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

Publication:
The Bronson Memorial Church: 1839 and 1889

Photograph:
7½ x 10 photograph of church

Correspondence:
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
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.
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 11th, 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 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:


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


*Sixth Annual Report to the Synod,* 1988.


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


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

**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 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.

**Newspaper clippings:**
Cuyahoga Falls Historical Society