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GRACE EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Madison, South Dakota

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The whole thrust of this delving into the history of Grace Episcopal Church, Madison, South Dakota had one main purpose, that being to establish just exactly when the first church service was held in the present building. We felt that the time must be coming when our church would be one hundred years old, as after all, other Churches in Madison were celebrating their one hundred years.

The Church records did not indicate when the Church was built. Reverend Cleveland noted that the Church was Consecrated (debt free) on August 7, 1893 in his record book dated from April 21, 1889.

We were chosen to write this part of history because our Grandparents were charter members of Grace Episcopal Church. The Pioneer families of Henry and John Boyd and William Larrington had arrived in Dakota Territory in horse drawn covered wagons to homestead land in 1879 and 1880. They were here to make a farm home for their families. Sarah Larrington was a sister of Henry and John Boyd.

These early day pioneers from England and Ireland came here as young people. The Boyd families were from the English speaking Province of Ireland and were members of the Episcopal Church. William Larrington was an immigrant from England and was a member of the Episcopal Church also. Many other pioneers who came to Dakota Territory were also Episcopalians, and they all must have had a very strong belief in God and their Christian faith. This gave them the courage and strength to endure the hardships of Pioneer Times, and they brought their form of Worship with them.

One source of information that proved to be very valuable in our research was the Mundt Foundation Library located on the campus of Dakota State College, here in Madison, South Dakota. The Librarian was most helpful in providing us with old newspapers. There were copies of the Old Madison Sentinel and The Madison Daily Leader. In the old newspapers of 1885, we found announcements of Episcopal Services to be held once a month by the Reverend John Moore of Mitchell, Dakota Territory.

The Episcopal Church announcements stated: "SERVICES WILL BE HELD IN THE OLD BAPTIST CHURCH." Sometimes, the services were held in Davidson Hall and also in Hanson Hall. As to where these buildings were in the past, we did not try and locate there former existence.

Services for the farm families were held in the Boyd Schoolhouse, built by John Boyd in 1882. This school was located one mile north of the John Boyd homestead. Warner Boyd has lived his entire life on this homestead. The buildings on his farm are across the road to the East from the Homestead Buildings. His is what is called "A Century Farm."

The Reverend Mr. Morris was assisted in these Services in the three locations by a Seminary Student from the Seabury Divinity School in Fairbault, Minnesota. His name was Dalrymple. The above accounts of early

Episcopal Services were published in "Pioneer Days" in Lake County by P.E. Tyrell, the Editor.

The first Confirmation Class for the Episcopal Faith was a class consisting of members of three families. They had all received their instructions from Reverend Morris at the Boyd School Mission and in conjunction with the services held in Madison. The members of this Confirmation Class: Christina, Etta and Susan Larrington of the William Larrington Family; Alice, William H. and James W. Boyd of the John Boyd Family and James E., Annie and Nelle Boyd of the Henry Boyd Family. The names of this class were given to St. Katherines Guild of Grace Episcopal Church by Mrs. J. E. Boyd (Susan Larrington).

The Guild published a cookbook in 1954 and included a short history of Grace Church. This Account had been previously written in the July 3, 1885 Sentinel Newspaper. Interest note: July 3, 1885 was on a Friday, as is July 3 of 1987.

Quote: "Special Episcopal Services will be held at 10:30 A.M. on July 20, 1885. These Services are to be held in the Court House. Bishop Hare, Reverend John Morris and L.R. Doud (another gentlemen prominently connected with the Episcopal Ministry) will present and hold Confirmation Services." The class members were not named in this account.

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In an account of the first Confirmation Class of the Episcopal Church of Madison, Dakota Territory, the Lake County Gazetteer, complied by George L. Houghton and published in October and November of 1892, states"A class of eleven were confirmed by Bishop Hare at the Court House in Madison. Members were of the Episcopal Faith."

From our memories of our Grandmother, Sarah Larrington, we recalled that she has told us that our Grandfather William Larrington and her two brothers Henry and John Boyd had hauled the rocks to build the foundation of the Episcopal Church. They used their horses and wagons, and the stones were gathered from their land. In visiting during the search for material to establish the date our church was built, Warner Boyd and Ervin (Grandson of Henry Boyd), and our sister Cecelia Larrington Humphrey also recalled hearing these stories.

We were especially gratified to read from an article written in the Madison Sentinel of July 3, 1885 the following: "Prospects are good for the erection of an Episcopal Church in the city of Madison, during the latter part of the year, or during the next season. Bishop Hare has partially agreed to furnish \$400.00 from the Building Funds of the Society and thinks he can give the help in the form of a loan to meet the necessary expenses. Three lots have been secured and stones for the foundation are already on the grounds." It is very evident that the early pioneers depended upon their Christian Faith and wanted to have Churches erected so their families would have a place of worship.

The Legal description of Grace Church: E 1/2 of SE 1/4 Block 7 of Kennedy's Extension. The official Address: 306 North West 3rd Street at Madison, South Dakota 57042. The deed was April 29, 1886, and was obtained by the Missionary Bishop of the Protestant Episcopal Church. The title is under

Chapter of Calvary Cathedral of Sioux Falls, South Dakota.

Following is information found in the Sentinel Newspaper, a twice weekly publication of the time:

August 15, 1890- (Friday)- Laying of the Corner Stone.

The formal laying of the corner stone of Grace

Episcopal Church, the new Episcopal Church being erected in Madison, took place last evening at 7:00. The following Clergymen assisted Reverend Cleveland in the Services: Rev. John Babcock of Mitchell; Rev. Dr. James Trimble of Sioux Falls; Rev. H. Burt of Crow Creek Agency; Rev. Richards of Dell Rapids; Grand Master T.D. Kanouse of Sioux Falls, and Grand Chaplin/Junior Warden Henry Mead assisted the local Mason Lodge in the concluding Service by the Mason Fraternity.

November 21, 1890-(Friday)- The new Episcopal Church will be lighted with incandescent electric lamps. Opening services in the new church will be at 11 A.M. on Thanksgiving Day November 27, 1890. The Reverend Dr. James Trimble, Rural Dean of the Eastern Deanery of South Dakota will be the preacher. All seats will be free and the public is generally invited to unite with the Congregation of Grace Church on this very special ocassion.

W.J. Cleveland, Rector

A large group of people witnessed the first Ceremony, according to the Sentinel. Members of the Church and the Sunday School Children were lead by the Minister and they marched around the foundation of the church repeating the 132nd Psalm. A list of articles were read and then deposited in the vault. The corner stone was placed in position as the service continued with a prayer by Reverend Cleveland. The formal service was concluded according to the Masonic Ritual and the Reverend John Babcock delivered a brief but appropriate address. The singing of the hymn and the benediction by Rev. Cleveland closed the impressive service.

Services at the Church were as follows:

10:45 Morning Service 4:00 Sunday School & Catechism

The first baby baptized in Grace Church was on February 26, 1890 and was a daughter born to Oscar Otis and Emily Driselle Murray. She was named Gladys Marie. The First wedding in the new church was December 6, 1891 and the couple were Annie Boyd & LeRoy Seten.

An August 6, 1893 notice in the semi-weekly Sentinel (which by the way cost the sum of 50 cents per month and by carrier 15 cents per week):

"Episcopal Church Consecrated by Bishop Hare on August 4, 1893. For the past five years the Episcopal Society of this City has been lead by the Rev. W.J. Cleveland and his wife. Through their energy and earnest Christian work the church has grown materially in numbers. Three years ago the work of building a suitable house

for worship was undertaken and as a result the Society has today a beautiful structure built of Dell Rapids granite, furnished with solid oak pews and pulpit and interior neatly finished and decorated. The best part of all is it is free of debt."

Saturday night the building was formally consecrated a house of worship. S.C. Clark as Warden of Grace Church, read the instrument which testified that the house was free of debt. Reverend Cleveland read the instrument of donation and requested the Consecration by the Bishop. The consecration ceremonies lead by the bishop were unusually impressive.

Following this service Rev. John Babcock of Mitchell, Reverend Edward Ashley of Cheyenne River Agency, Reverend J.V. Hines of Elk Point, Rev. John Robinson of Sisseton Agency, Reverend F.Menz Weddell of Wells, Minnesota, Reverend J.W. McBride and Dr.Keeling arrived from Aberdeen yesterday in time to assist with the holy Communion Service.

The Episcopal Church is the eighth Church building for Madison.

The visiting Ministers were entertained with a picnic at Lake Madison on Wednesday afternoon by members of Grace Church.

A number of the visiting Episcopal clergymen left yesterday for Dell Rapids to assist in the consecration of the church there.

This description of the exterior of the new church was taken from the Lake County Gazetteer, published by George Haughton on page 73: "Lots for the New Church had been secured by Father Morris and on August 14, 1890 the Edifice for the new Grace Episcopal Church were laid by the members with religious ceremonies. The Church was built of Dell Rapids granite and decorated with field stones taken from the prairie. The Church plan is a Latin Cross. The seating capacity is for one hundred and thirty people with plans for expansion. It will be lighted with electricity.

Services are held by Reverend Cleveland on the first and third Sundays and on Friday evenings. Also from the Lake County Gazette on page 71 "The members of the Presbyterian Church are using Grace Church for ten months because their Church burned March 8, 1891. The New Church held the first service on Thanksgiving Day November 27, 1890."

Another item of worthy mention is the Sunday School. It was started by Reverend Cleveland and has always been in operation even though there were many years when there was not a Priest in attendance. There was a time in the 1920's that the Sunday School had four classes with four teachers. There were an average of about fifteen in each class. At one time in the 1940's and 1950's when the class consisted of seven little boys those being Robert & Burton Rumrill, Donald & David Bale, James & John Catselas and David Crane. One Little girl joined the class when her parents moved to Madison. She was Mary Zilch. This group of children were taught by Lola Shipton Boyd. Lola had a very active class and the children all loved her.

At Christmas time a nice program was put on by the children and a nice party afterward for them it was the highlight of the year to those eight little children.

Listed below are the names of the Charter Members of Grace Episcopal Church as listed by Rev. Cleveland in his record book of attendance Book No. 1:

April 21, 1888

Parents Name

Children

Boyd, Mr. & Mrs. Henry Boyd, John & Eliza Colborn, Mrs. William Cleveland, Rev. William J.& Mrs.

Annie S. James E. and Nelle. William H, James W. Lavina, Lizzie, Willie Martha, Oliver, Laura, George & Ella May

Andrews, Mrs. J. Blanch Adams. Buckholz, Mrs. Ballacky, Mr. & Mrs. Cal John Ballacky, E.J.H.,

Mary Edith, Eliz Louise, James, Edgerton, George Dennert, David, Theo

Balacky Mrs. Sidney
Driscoll, Mrs. John (Ada)
Dimock, Mrs. Gorrie
Dimock, Mrs. W.J.
Guerin, Mr. & Mrs. E.E.
Larrington, William & Sarah
Peterson, Mr. & Mrs.
Howe, Mr. & Mrs.

Christine, Etta, Susan, Alice, Willie.

Canterbury, William & Grace (Carnes) Winter, Mr. & Mrs. George

Isma, Irene.

Louisa.

Grace, Elmer

Following are the Bishops that have served and are currently serving Grace Episcopal Church:

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The Rt. Rev. William H. Hare D.D. of S.D. (Ass't) Bishop of S.D. The Rt. Rev. F. Johnson George Biller Jr. Bishop of S.D. Bishop of S.D. J.Payntz Tyler Hugh L. Burleson Bishop of S.D. Willian P. Remmington Suff. Bishop of S.D. Bishop of S.D. Blair Roberts J.P. Johnson Bishop of S.D. Conrad Gesner Bishop of S.D. Lyman Ogilvie Walter Jones Bishop of S.D. Bishop of S.D. Harold Jones Bishop of S.D. Craig Anderson Bishop of S.D.

The following Priests have served, or are currently serving Grace Church are as follows:

Rev. W.J. Cleveland April 21, 1888 - 1897

1898 - 1900
1900 - 1903
1904 - 1905
1905 - 1907
1907 - 1910
1911 - 1916
1916 - 1917
1918 - 1919
1919 - 1922
1925 - 1926
1927 - 1933
1934 - 1939
1939 - 1940
1940 - 1941
1941 - 1941
1941 - 1941
1941 - 1942
1943 - 1944
1944 - 1946
1947 - 1950
1951 - 1952
1951 - 1962
1963 - 1965
1966 - 1973
1975 - 1977
1977 - 1978
1984 - 1985
1986 - Present

Those who assisted in the 1980's when we were without a Priest were:

Father Andy Weston Arch Deacon Paul Davis Gordon Plowe Rev. Robert Wright Bishop Conrad Gesner

The church membership in 1888 included the following:

Winter, Mrs. F.W.
Withy, Ella G.
Law, Mr. & Mrs.
Packard, Mrs.
Evans, Mr. & Mrs.
McAllister, Mr. & Mrs.
Stahl, Mrs. James F.; Mrs. Justie; Harman A. & Dot Johnson, Dr. & Mrs.
Norton, C.A.

The membership in 1889 included:

Horn, C.A. Oldburg (Never attended) Harris, Julia & Sophie Stewert, Mrs. Agnes & Grace Howard, Mr. & Mrs. White, Mrs. W.G.; Effie; Mildred & Willie C, Preston, Mrs. J.C. & Fred

The roster on April 7, 1889 included the following:

French, Mrs. E.L. She married Wm. Hollister on January 28, 1892 and Moved to Minnesota.

Kirkpatrick, Mrs. Annie & C. May
Bradbury, Mrs. E.L.; Mrs. Jetta; Blanche & Myrtle
Place, Mr. & Mrs. E.C. & Virl
Murry, Oscar Otis; Emily & Gladys
Heath, Mrs. M.; Maude & Ray
Dingman, Mrs. Rebecca
Jones, Dr. J.H. & Mrs. Saud

The March 1, 1890 register included the following people:

Turner, Mr. & Mrs. & Gracie Bagley, Mrs. G.W. & Mrs. Pauline Bingham, Charles & Mary and baby Smart, Mr. & Mrs.

June 1, 1890 included:

Wycoff, Ben Clark, Mr. & Mrs. (later moved to Howard)

The roll for July 1, 1890 also included:

Palmer, Mr. & Mrs. Frank Lune, Mr. & Mrs. Leona Stott, George & Margie

September of 1890 saw:

Wright, Mr. & Mrs. & Nellie

In August of 1891 there included:

Wood, Mr. & Mrs. Henry; Mrs. J.A. with Howard, Frank, William, Eugene Ray & Winfred Lorraine

Baily, Mr. & Mrs. O. & Miss Olive

Whealer, Mr. & Mrs. along with Clara Louise, Anna Belle, Mable Frances & Myrtle Sophie

Berrill, Mrs. Julia & Mebb

Moore, Mr. & Mrs. Jon, Clyde & Ralph

Gage, Mr. & Mrs. George along with Jennie E., Molly Laura & Jennie Elizabeth.

Steel, Mrs. Mattie

Boseworth, Mrs. & Jennie May

Cook, Mr. & Mrs. & baby

In 1892 the following names appeared on the roster:

Farley, Glenn M. & Mrs. along with Jennie May and Bertha L. Lee, Mrs. & Mrs., Alice and Sidney Stewart, Wm. Henry & Mrs., Edith Myra, Hubert Ervin, Lloyd Karl Martyn, Wm.W. & Mrs., Mrs. Amanda, Fred, Emily Louise & Minnie May Thorvold, Mr. Cook, Mr. & Mrs. C.R. & baby

The 1892 roster provided the following information:

Seaton, LeRoy & Annie, Eva, Bacon & George Lutz, Adam & Mrs. Lizzie, Eldon George & Baby Blacklie, Mr. & Mrs., Alvina & Alice Fitz, Ballens, Mr. & Mrs. & 2 children Withersteen, Fred Hewitt, Mrs. E.J. Fisher, F.E. & Mrs., Elizabeth & baby Rounds, Frank & Etta (Larrington), Lela Muriel

The January 1893 roster listed:

Brown, Annie Harris, Catherine Boyd, Henry Jr. & Mrs. Mary Frances, Wm. Henry, Lillie May & Charles

February 9, 1987

To finish this portion about Grace Episcopal Church we think some mention should be made about what the interior of the church appears today. The same Altar and the same oak pews are there. The Altar has been moved to the East end of the church from the west end and of course the pews have been reversed to face the Altar. This was done in 1928 and 1929 with the addition of the Guild Hall. From time to time, stained glass windows were installed in memory of members of the church by their families. One particular window, located on the South side of the Altar, was given by children of the Rosebud Agency in memory of the two little boys of Rev. & Mrs. Cleveland. The boys were William C., fourteen months of age and George, one month in age. The remaining windows in the church, except the Guild Hall, are also stained glass.

Carpeting was installed covering the walk way from the front door and up to and to include the floor around the Altar. This was completed in the $1960\,$'s.

The padding on the kneeling benches was installed by the boys in the Sunday School during the 1940's and 1950's. The Priest at this time was Rev. McBeth and he also saw the installation of cupboards in the kitchen along with a new store, refrigerator, floor covering and new dishes.

Part of the Guild Hall was carpeted in the 1970's, along with the hallways and the Sunday school rooms, located in the upper story. Also of interest, is the large viewing window located in the Elementary Sunday School Room overlooking the Sanctuary. This was installed during the tenure of Rev.

Gerald Richards.

This concludes what we were able to bring together of the early days of Grace Church. We hope that it will be something for future generations to enjoy as we have done our best to collect this information and record it for the future. We also hope that all who read this will enjoy and appreciate the path this church has traveled, and may assist in its future journey.

It has been our pleasure to do this and consider it our small contribution to the total history of Grace Episcopal Church.

Warner Boyd Hazel Larrington Moose Mildred Larrington Rumrill

We also thank Ervin Boyd and Cecelia Larrington Humphrey for their help with some of the things we had to do from memory.

CHARTER MEMBERS OF GRACE CHURCH

and descendants

1st Generation
Boyd, Henry & Mary (wife)
2nd Generation of Henry Boyd Family. No dates given but 1894
Annie (married Leroy Seaton December 6, 1891 William A. Henry Jr, & Mary Frances (wife) James E. (married Susie Larrington) Nellie (married William Owens February 15.1894)
3rd Generation of Henry Boyd Family
Eva Seaton (born October 1892 & daughter of Leroy & Annie Seaton) Harold Larrington Boyd (born December 28, 1901 & son of James E. & Susie) Harmon Lego Boyd (born March 31, 1903 & son of James E. & Susie) James Ervin Boyd (born December 7, 1905 & son of James E. & Susie) Alice Berniece Boyd (born December 30, 1908 & daughter of William & Nellie Owens) Duane William Owens (born January 8, 1900 & son of William & Nellie Owens) Angie Mary Owens (born January 9, 1902 & daughter of William & Nellie Owens) Glenn Vernon Owens (born April 4, 1894)
4th Generation of Henry Boyd Family
Shirley Sue Carlson (born August 24, 1935 & daughter of Herbert & Alice Berniece Carlson. Mother Alice Berniece Boyd)
1st Generation of John & Eliza Boyd Family
Boyd, John & Eliza
2nd Generation of John Boyd Family 1888 no dates given
Alice M. William H. James W.
3rd Generation of John Boyd Family
James Warner (born November 18, 1900 & son of William & Rose) Catherine Alice (born April 3, 1905 & daughter of William & Rose)
1st Generation of William & Levina Colborn 1888 no dates given
William & Levina
2nd Generation of William & Levina Colborn Family

James Willie Alice Julia (born May 15, 1888 & daughter of William & Levina) Ernest John 1st Generation of William Joshua & Helen Elizabeth Cleveland William Joshua & Helen Elizabeth 2nd Generation of William Joshua & Helen Elizabeth Family Martha E. Olive H. Laura H. George B. Ella May (born January 2, 1889 & daughter of William & Helen) Andrews, Mrs. J.C. (Blanch) Buckholz, Mrs. Beula Bellacky, Mr. & Mrs. Cal John 1st Generation of Mrs. Sidney Bellacky Mr. & Mrs. Sidney 2nd Generation of Mrs. Sidney Bellacky Lousia (daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Sidney) 1st Generation of Mr. & Mrs. E.J.H. Bellacky 1888 No dates Mr. & Mrs. E.J.H. 2nd Generation Mary Edith Eliza Louise James Edgerton George Dennart David Theodore 1st Generation of John & Ada Driscoll 1889 John & Ada 2nd Generation of John & Ada Driscoll Grace Elmer Dimock, Mrs. W.J.

Guerin, Mr. & Mrs. E.E. 1st Generation of William & Sarah Larrington 1888 William & Sarah 2nd Generation of William & Sarah Larrington Family Christine (married John Rosendale September 9, 1896) Etta (married Frank Rounds February 24, 1892) Susie (married James E. Boyd) Alice (married Griffeth Owens June 14, 1898) Willie (married Elizabeth Powers November 27, 1907) 3rd Generation of William & Sarah Larrington Familu Rosendale, John & Christine Family -Edna Elizabeth (born March 12, 1894) -Ida May (born July 30, 1897) -Clara Helen (died in 1918) -Floyd Burton (born October 20, 1903) -Charles William (no date) Rounds, Frank & Etta -Lela Murial (born December 25, 1892) -Susie Loretta (born April 24, 1895) -El Dora (born March 18, 1897) -Clara Delight (born June 1. 1899) Boyd, James E. & Susie -Harold Larrington (born December 28, 1901) -Harmon Lego (born March 31, 1903) -James Ervin (born December 7, 1905) -Alice Berniece (born December 30, 1908) Owens, Griffeth & Alice -Ruth Wilma (born July 9, 1899) -Marian Verna (born February 23, 1903) -Myrtle Alice (born September 10, 1904) -Beth (no date) -Rolland (no date) Larrington, William & Elizabeth -Cecelia Blanche (born October 10, 1908) -Mildred Alice (born August 18, 1910) -Hazel Wilma (born March 9, 1912) -Evelyn Grace (born March 26, 1914) -William Robert (born July 19, 1916) -Kenneth John (born August 14, 1920) 4th Generation William & Sarah Larrington Family Hein, Fred & Edna -Irene Viola (born April 15, 1910)

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-Lily May (born May 21, 1911)
-Margaret Helen (born March 29, 1913)
-Leona (no date)
-Gladys (no date)
-Lyle (no date)
-Virginia Rose (no date)
-Edna Elaine (born February 16, 1925)
-Wayne Frederick (born August 2, 1929)
-Graydon Edward (born July 28, 1931)
-Mary Ann (born July 28, 1935)
Carlson, Herbert & Berniece
-Shirley Sue (born August 24, 1935)
Rumrill, Harvey & Mildred (Larrington)
-Robert Wayne (born February 9, 1937)
-Berton Lee (born June 29, 1939)
Moose, Floyd & Hazel (Larrington)
-Archie Jerome (born May 14, 1932)
-Dwight Floyd (born August 18, 1940)
-Richard Dale (born February 20, 1951)
Larrington, William Robert & Ethel
-James Kenneth (born January 18, 1944)
-Marcy Lou (born January 31, 1946)
-Cecelia Ann (born November 28, 1948)
5th Generation of William & Sarah
                                                   Larrington
                                                                   Family
Rumrill, Berton & Georgia
-Timothy Jerome (born May 31, 1969)
-Elizabeth Ann (born April 19, 1971)
-Jon David (born April 20, 1975)
1st Generation of W.E. Howe
Mr. & Mrs. W.E.
2nd Generation of W.E.
                                           Howe
                                                       Family
                                                                     1889
Teddy Henry (born March 31, 1889)
1st Generation of George
                                           Winter
                                                       Family
                                                                     1889
Mr. & Mrs. George
2nd Generation of George
                                                 Winter
                                                                   Family
Isma (born July 27, 1890)
Irene (born 1892)
Canterbury, William & Grace (Carnes) 1889
Peterson, Mr. & Mrs. 1889
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