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St. Andrew's School Enrollment Records, 1897-1941, 1944-1953**

Collection Description

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Title: St. Andrew's Catholic School Enrollment Records, 1897-1941, 1944-1953

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Arrangement: Records are arranged chronologically by graduation dates.

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Biographical Note

When St. Andrew's Church was first established in 1882, its first pastor, Father Lynch, felt strongly that the church should invest in a school. The first school building was opened in 1889 and was called the Hall or "Little School." It was a two story framed structure on the south end of the church property. Lay members served as educators at the first school, with boys being taught downstairs and the girl's classes upstairs. In order to secure the school as permanent and build an adequate facility, Lynch agreed to open an orphan asylum, a priority for the Richmond Diocese. The orphanage was opened on the grounds that the Sisters who ran the Asylum would also run a school. Beginning in 1893 under the leadership of Sister Mary Vincent Hardie, the orphanage / school opened and operated out of the first Saint Vincent's building. The school and asylum operated as a single institution until 1931 when they were split. The orphanage became Saint Vincent's and the school became known as St. Andrew's Catholic School. The high school that was built in 1931 is still used as part of Roanoke Catholic, with additions to the school being built in the 1990's. The school remains a leader in Catholic school education. It was listed among the top 50 Catholic schools in the United States in 2004.

Scope and Content

St. Andrew's School Enrollment Records document the names of students who attended the school circa 1897-1941, 1944-1953. Lists of high school graduates are documented from 1897-1941. From 1897 through 1930, names of students and addresses are recorded. Award winners for typing and other accreditations are listed in Book 1 (no date). From 1926-1936, 1944-1953, there is a complete listing of school students (circa 1930-1936, class year is not listed at the top of the page) for all grades. Beginning in Book 2 pg 69, the lists are divided by grade and include the student's name, age, date of birth, father's name, address, occupation, phone number, and withdrawal information. This collection is copied with permission from the St. Andrew's Historical Society. Original records are available at the St. Andrew's Historical Society.

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Book 1

St. Andrew's High School Graduates, 1897-1941, 1948 (pgs 27-47, 65-79)

Winners of *Special Credential Certificate* and Admission to *Order of Accurate Typists* (no date). (pgs. 48-49)

School enrollment numbers, 1917-1924 (pg. 50)

Notes on students, 1916-1924 (pgs 51-64)

Commercial Graduates, 1939-1949 (pgs. 191-201)

Book 2

St. Andrew's School Enrollment, 1926-1936 for every grade (Beginning on pg. 69, records include each students name, age, date of birth, father's name, address, occupation, phone number, and withdrawal information.)

Book 3

St. Andrew's School Enrollment, 1944-1953. (Records include each students name, age, date of birth, father's name, address, occupation, phone number, and withdrawal information.)

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