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## **Guide to the Rev. J. Philip B. Pendleton Diaries, 1881, 1886-1904 (2006.2.21)**

Creator: Rev. J. Philip B. Pendleton

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Abstract: The diaries of Rev. J. Philip B. Pendleton, rector of St. George's Episcopal Church, Schenectady.

### Scope and Content Note:

The diaries of Rev. J. Philip B. Pendleton, rector of St. George's Episcopal Church, Schenectady, are brief daily records of his church duties and activities, and other community activities during that period. He lived previously in Scranton, Pennsylvania, and he and his family traveled there and back from time to time. The 1881 diary was created during his time in Scranton and has no direct area connections. The diaries also include occasional pasted-in newspaper clippings.

His diary entries related to St. George's Church list needed worship facts for Sundays and various church holidays, references to various church committees during the weeks including attendees, and attendance at Diocesan meetings and services. He listed baptisms, weddings, and burial services as they occurred, usually giving the causes of death. These entries may be of particular interest to genealogy researchers, as the transcribed St. George's Church death records in our collection do not include cause of death.

Most of Pendleton's diary entries pertain to his work at St. George's Church. However, some entries do mention his other activities in the community. His involvements ranged from his association with Ellis Hospital to Union College, including graduation services. The diaries mention his interest in the Girls Friendly, Fort Nightly Club, Children's Home, Schenectady Library, deaf mutes, a new church in Bellevue, and a New York State Senate bill regarding cemeteries. The diaries end abruptly a few days before Pendleton's death on November 17, 1904.

Biographical Note:

J. Philip B. Pendleton was born in 1855 in Brooklyn, New York. He graduated from Rutgers in 1876 and from the General Theological Seminary in New York City in 1877. He was ordained a deacon that year, and was ordained a priest in 1879. From 1879-1885, he served as rector at St. Luke's Church in Scranton, Pennsylvania. In 1880, while in Scranton, he married Edith Frink Hower of that city. In 1885 he became the rector of St. George's Church in Schenectady, a position he remained in until his death in 1904. For Pendleton's participation in Union College affairs, he received an honorary Doctor of Divinity degree from that institution on June 21, 1896.

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