People in First Church History to research

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Maria Sanford-- 1836-1920, one for the first women professors in the US. Taught at U of M 1880-1909. Sanford Hall named after her. Appears that she was a member of Como Congregational. Did she attend our church at all? Mentioned in some Chimes articles. https://www.mnhs.org/mnopedia/search/index/person/sanford-maria-1836-1920

Jennie Hiscock –1881-1987, legendary figure in SE Mpls. https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/87286894/jennie-isabelle-hiscock (she wrote two books about her life, and we have copies of them)

Rev. Harry Deiman – pastor of First Church 1913-1918, who died in WWI. Discussed in 70th anniversary article.

Goodie Jensen (Mrs. H. A. Jensen)—1902-1973, moved to SE Mpls in 1937, church historian, authored many of the meta-histories of the church. Also heavily involved in the church more generally. See the tall filing cabinet, second drawer from the top: she has a whole folder

Kolesnichenko family: Ukrainian refugees who lived in church basement and acted as caretakers sometime between 1959-2009.Very little information on these folks, unfortunately.

David Fey and Michal Putnam: married here in 1994. We have a DVD of the ceremony.

The Ladies' Benevolent Society: an early women's group, begun in 1860. Early church history is in the third drawer from the top of the tall filing cabinet.

Social Trends: a group that used to meet frequently to discuss topics of social relevance of the day (somewhat like our small groups, but with a dinner involved). Topics of discussion mentioned frequently in the Chimes.

Women's Constructive Project (Linda Hibbs, Aileen Putnam, and Carol Cochrane: First Habitat for Humanity house in Minnesota, built entirely by women. This is covered in one of the photo albums- the brown/burgundy one. Our best estimate is that the house (2535 14th Avenue south) was built around 1986 based on when the first Minnesota Habitat for Humanity house was built

Memorialized in the windows:

Sarah Fisk Campbell (1838-1905)- sister of Mrs. Mahala Fisk Pillsbury. Of potential interest is the land on which the church sits is at least in several locations named as the "Fisk" corner. Unclear if there is a relation to the Fisk in these two mentioned names.

The Eddy Window appears to be connected in some way to the Eddy family after whom the oldest building on campus is named.

Marie Elise Decker. The Decker Memorial window - our most recently restored Tiffany window is dedicated to her.

McMillan family (donated the top 5 Gothic Revival Windows).

(Materials on the windows is located in the small 2 drawer file cabinet tucked around the wall to the right as you enter the archives.)

Prominent people in our history
Charles Seccombe, founding pastor
JS Pillsbury (Governor of MN, founder of Pillsbury company) (He was a Trustee of the Society but not a member of the church)
PD McMillan (General Mills)
U of MN presidents Cyrus Northrup, Guy Stanton Ford, Marion LeRoy Burton
Senator/ VP Hubert Humphrey