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HELEN STRANGE PATTERSON - ST. STEPHEN'S CHURCH RECORDS

The collection includes typescripts of church records and publisher's proof of a book on St. Stephen's Episcopal Church records.

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ST. STEPHEN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH, FOREST, VIRGINIA

St. Stephen's Episcopal Church and Trinity Episcopal Church, Russell Parish, were formed ca. 1824 by Rev. Nicholas Hamner COBBS.

St. Stephens's was built on land originally part of the Poplar Forest tract, owned by Thomas JEFFERSON. The original brick church was torn down and "the present Church built about 1844 in its place." In 1846, St. Stephen's Church was separated from Trinity Church and became Hamner Parish.

"At a Vestry meeting of March 26, 1911, it was ordered that the congregation be notified that there was debt resting upon the Church and subscriptions should be solicited to pay the same and repair the Church." Although the Church had been active from its beginning in 1824, it was closed from 1911 until 1941, with only occasional services held.

St. Stephen's Church has been active since its reopening in 1941.

[*"A Brief History of St. Stephen's Episcopal Church, Forest, Va.,"* Helen Strange Patterson, compiler, *St. Stephen's Episcopal Church of Bedford County, Forest, Virginia: Historical Records & Registers from 1824 to 1915: Cemetery Records from 1824 to 1980* (Forest: Historical Records Committee, 1983), pp. 9-12.]

HELEN INEZ STRANGE PATTERSON

Helen Inez STRANGE, of Richmond, Virginia, married 24 December 1942 Charles Greenwood PATTERSON, Jr., son of Charles Greenwood PATTERSON and Betty Stuart BOCOCK, of Lynchburg, Virginia. Charles G. PATTERSON, Jr., was pharmacist, store manager, and president of the Patterson Drug Company, Incorporated, which included a chain of thirteen stores. Following retirement, Mr. and Mrs. PATTERSON moved to *King's Grant*, a retirement village in Martinsville, Virginia.

[Richard Lee Morton, *Virginia Lives: The Old Dominion Who's Who* (Hopkinsville, KY: Historical Record Association, 1964), p. 766; Postcard, 14 December 1992, Patterson to Rhodes.]