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**REV. JAMES DOWDELL STANLEY AND  
FAMILY MATERIALS, CA. 1877–2013**

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## **COLLECTION INFORMATION**

VOLUME OF COLLECTION: 2 manuscript folders, 1 box photographs, 1 OVA folder, 3 OVB folders, 1 OM folder

COLLECTION DATES: Ca. 1877–2013

PROVENANCE: Rev. James Dowdell Stanley Family, Meredith Stanley Scott

RESTRICTIONS: None

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## BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

Rev. James Dowdell Stanley was born in Chambers County, Alabama, May 27, 1856, a son of the Rev. Augustus Olin Stanley and Rebecca Lily Dowdell. He spent his early years in the South. He was prepared for college at Giles College, Pulaski, Tennessee, and entered Trinity College in Hartford, Connecticut in September 1873 with the Class of 1877. He was a member of the Beta Beta chapter of Psi Epsilon, and was active in student affairs. He was a member of Glee Club, Class Secretary, and Pipe Orator on Class Day. He received the Silver Oratorical Medal in 1876. He was graduated with the degree of B.A. in 1877.

He was graduated from the General Theological Seminary of New York in 1880 and ordained Deacon in 1880 by Bishop J. C. Talbot and Priest in 1881 by Bishop Jagger. He was Rector of the Church of the Epiphany, Cincinnati, 1880-1886; Rector of St. Stephen's Church, Terre Haute, Indiana, 1886-1896; Rector of the Church of Our Savior, Cincinnati, 1896-1901; and Rector of Christ Church, Indianapolis, Indiana, 1901-1924. For many years he was President of the Standing Committee of the Deacons of Indianapolis. He was a Delegate to the General Convention of 1889, 1892, 1904, 1910, 1913, 1917, and 1922. He was widely known in denominational circles throughout the country, retiring in 1924, at which time he received the honorary title of rector emeritus of Christ Church on Monument Circle. After his retirement from the active work of the Ministry, he spent much of his time in travel. He was a member of the Free Masons.

In St. Paul's Church, Richmond, Indiana, November 10, 1891, he married Camilla Rebecca Hutton, daughter of Jesse Milhouse Hutton, a manufacturer in Richmond, Indiana, and his wife Rebecca Shaw Hutton. James and Camilla had two sons, Howard Hutton Stanley, born August 18, 1892, death unknown, and James Selwyn Stanley, born January 11, 1897, died 1982.

Rev. James Dowdell Stanley's wife Camilla died in 1928 and was buried in Richmond, Indiana. He died in New York on November 16, 1937, and was buried next to his wife. Services for Rev. Stanley were held in Indianapolis at Christ Episcopal Church with services conducted by bishop of the Indianapolis diocese, the Rt. Rev. Joseph M. Francis, assisted by the Rev. E. Ainger Powell, church rector. Pall bearers included members of the present vestry of the church, as follows: A. D. Pratt, senior warden; W. W. Knight, junior warden; S. A. Greene, H. H. Ferguson, W. F. Delbrook, J. F. Morrison, Eli Lilly, D. W. Allerdice and R. B. Daley.

Sources:

Collection materials

## **SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE**

The Stanley collection consists mainly of family portraits and photographs of three generations of the Rev. James Dowdell Stanley family. Most of the pictures are of Rev. Stanley. There are some obituary clippings for Rev. Stanley and two of his grandsons. In addition, there is a newspaper article about his grandson James Stanley who was a musician and composer as well as a newspaper travel article written by Rev. Stanley's wife about an overseas visit to Shakespeare's home. There is also a family tree that has some pieces of missing information and a letter written to Rev. Stanley and his sons upon the death of Camilla in 1929 from a representative of the Indianapolis Women's Club.

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Formal portraits, Rev. James Dowdell Stanley, ca. 1877–1930

Formal portraits, Camilla Rebecca Hutton Stanley and her parents Jessie Milhouse Hutton and Rebecca Shaw Hutton, and Rebecca's sister Mary Shaw Shroyer

Formal portraits and photographs, Howard Hutton and James Selwyn Stanley, sons of Rev. James and Camilla Stanley

Formal portraits, of Augustus Olin Stanley, father of James, Rebecca Louise Stanley, mother of James, Rebecca's sister Mary Shaw Shroyer, and James sisters Carolyn Stanley Bishop, Elizabeth Stanley, and Ellen Stanley

Photographs of Stanley home and Christ Church, Indianapolis and St. Phillips Church, Evansville (?)

Photographs taken on 1924 Hawaii vacation (14 photos)

Photo Album of Howard Hutton Stanley

Diploma, General Theological Seminary of the Protestant Episcopal Church, James Dowdell Stanley, 1880

Portrait of Camilla Rebecca Hutton Stanley and sons, Howard Hutton and James Selwyn Stanley

Portraits of Rev. James Dowdell Stanley (2)

Portraits of Rebecca Louise Dowdell Stanley (2), mother of James Dowdell Stanley

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Portraits of James Selwyn Stanley and his wife, Sara vonSchilling Stanley, in wedding dress, June 30, 1936

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Sympathy note dated January 5, 1929 to Rev. Stanley about his wife's passing, James Dowdell and Camilla Rebecca Hutton Stanley family tree, obituaries: Jesse M. Hutton, Rev. James Dowdell Stanley, James Dowdell Stanley II, and Peter vonSchilling Stanley, newspaper clipping about Camilla Stanley and James Selwyn Stanley, tifs of Stanley photo collection, and newspaper clipping of Cincinnati house where James Selwyn Stanley was born

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Christ Church Cathedral Sesquicentennial (1837–1987) commemorative book and a small booklet "The Quakers"

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3. Select "Call Number" from the "Search In:" box.
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5. When you find the collection, go to the "Full Record" screen for a list of headings that can be searched for related materials.