

Inventory No. 5/16/15

**Inventory of the Archives of the Evangelical
Lutheran Church, Strand Street, Cape Town,
1780 - 1907**

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Evangelical Lutheran Church in Cape Town, Stellenbosch and Wynberg

Abstract:

Registers for marriages, baptisms and membership as well as letters received from the Matrimonial Court of the Evangelical Lutheran Church, Strand Street, Cape Town and two outlying parishes, Stellenbosch and Wynberg.

CONTEXT

BIOGRAPHICAL HISTORY

The Evangelical Lutheran Church, Strand Street, Cape Town is an autonomous congregation constituting one of the denominations which comprise the United Evangelical Lutheran Church.

On 23 October 1779 the Lutherans at the Cape were permitted to hold divine service in public and the first sermon was preached on 10 December 1780 by Minister Andreas Lutgerus Kolver.

The congregation was scattered over a wide area of the Peninsula. In 1850 a place of worship was erected at Wynberg and in 1863 the church building was consecrated. Owing to lack of support this congregation did not have a long existence and in 1881 the Wynberg church was let to the Martini Congregation.

In 1852 a church was started at Stellenbosch, services being conducted by the minister of the Strand Street Church up to 1936. [1]

CUSTODIAL HISTORY

The original church council minutes were retained by the Evangelical Lutheran Church, Strand Street, Cape Town.

1. The Evangelical Lutheran, Strand Street, Cape Town edited by G.A. Pakendorf, pp. 3 - 10.

CONTENT AND STRUCTURE

SCOPE AND CONTENT

LANGUAGE

Since morning services were conducted in Dutch up to 1959, the documents are mainly in this language.

LETTERS RECEIVED: MATRIMONIAL COURT

Upon the certificates, included with the letters received, the Matrimonial Court examined the parties in person and then granted permission for marriage. Thereafter the marriages were solemnized in the church. This law came into being by Proclamation of 1 June 1790.

SPECIAL MARRIAGE LICENCES

Government Advertisement of 20 March 1818 made provision for the dispensing of the publication of banns, if preferred, and for the obtaining of a special marriage licence from the Governor upon the payment of a fee.

ALLIED MATERIALS***OTHER MEDIA***

Microfilm copies of the minutes for the period 1778 - 1898 are however available. Ref.: ZD/L9 - ZD/L12. See inventory 6/8 Diverse Series.

Letters Received for the period 1776 - 1778 are available on microfilm ZD/L9.

BESCHRIJVING VAN DE ARCHIEFBESTANDDELEN

**EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH, STRAND STREET,
CAPTOWN**

PAPERS RECEIVED

Records after 1806 are not listed.

1/1/1/1 Granting Permission for Marriages
1790 June - 1845 May
Includes certificates issued by the pastor certifying that banns were called in church without any objections.

**1/1/2/1 -
1/1/2/2** Baptismal Vow Statements Received (with register)
1794 - 1837

Records after 1806 are not listed.

1/1/2/1 1794 November - 1825 October

REGISTERS

**1/2/1/1/1 -
1/2/1/1/3** Marriage Registers (with index)
1783 - 1890

Records after 1806 are not listed.

1/2/1/1/1 1783 Jan - 1807 Sep
Includes baptismal register entries covering the period April 1780 - July 1800.

1/2/1/2/1 Rough Marriage Register
1846 Dec - 1860 Aug

**1/2/2/1/1 -
1/2/2/1/6** Baptismal Registers
1800 - 1888

Records after 1806 are not listed.

1/2/2/1/1 1800 Jul - 1818 Dec
For baptismal register entries covering the period April 1780 - July 1800 see volume A 2362 1/2/1/1/1.

1/2/2/2/1 Rough Baptismal Register
1881 Apr - 1907 Jan

1/2/3/1 Membership Register
1801 - 1863
Includes marriage register entries covering the period January 1902 - May 1839

OUTLYING PARISH PAPERS

All records after 1806.