

## Historiographer's Report to 2014 Convention

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The Archives of the Episcopal Diocese of Fort Worth are housed in the conference room at the diocesan offices. David Leedy, the first archivist/historiographer of the reorganized diocese, compiled an impressive collection of historical importance, some items dating back to the early 19<sup>th</sup> century. As Fort Worth's second historiographer, I have turned my attention to an attempt to record, as completely as possible, our more recent history - from the time of the split (2008-2009) through the final resolution of the property lawsuit.

The biggest prize of this past year was acquiring a metal plate used in the printing process for the very first issue of the Fort Worth Diocese *Forward* in 1983. The framed plate was given to us by Terry Ramsey, long-time member of Trinity Fort Worth parish, on behalf of her late husband Ben, the winner of the contest to choose a name and design the "flag" for the new publication. After a bit more sleuthing, Terry was also able to provide a mint condition printed copy of the first edition as well.

The Archives has room for any artifact or digital/printed piece of history from your parish - a picture, example of a pew bulletin or newsletter, any newspaper clipping or copy thereof, etc. Please make it a point to preserve the story of this diocese by mailing printed material to the diocesan offices marked "Historiographer."