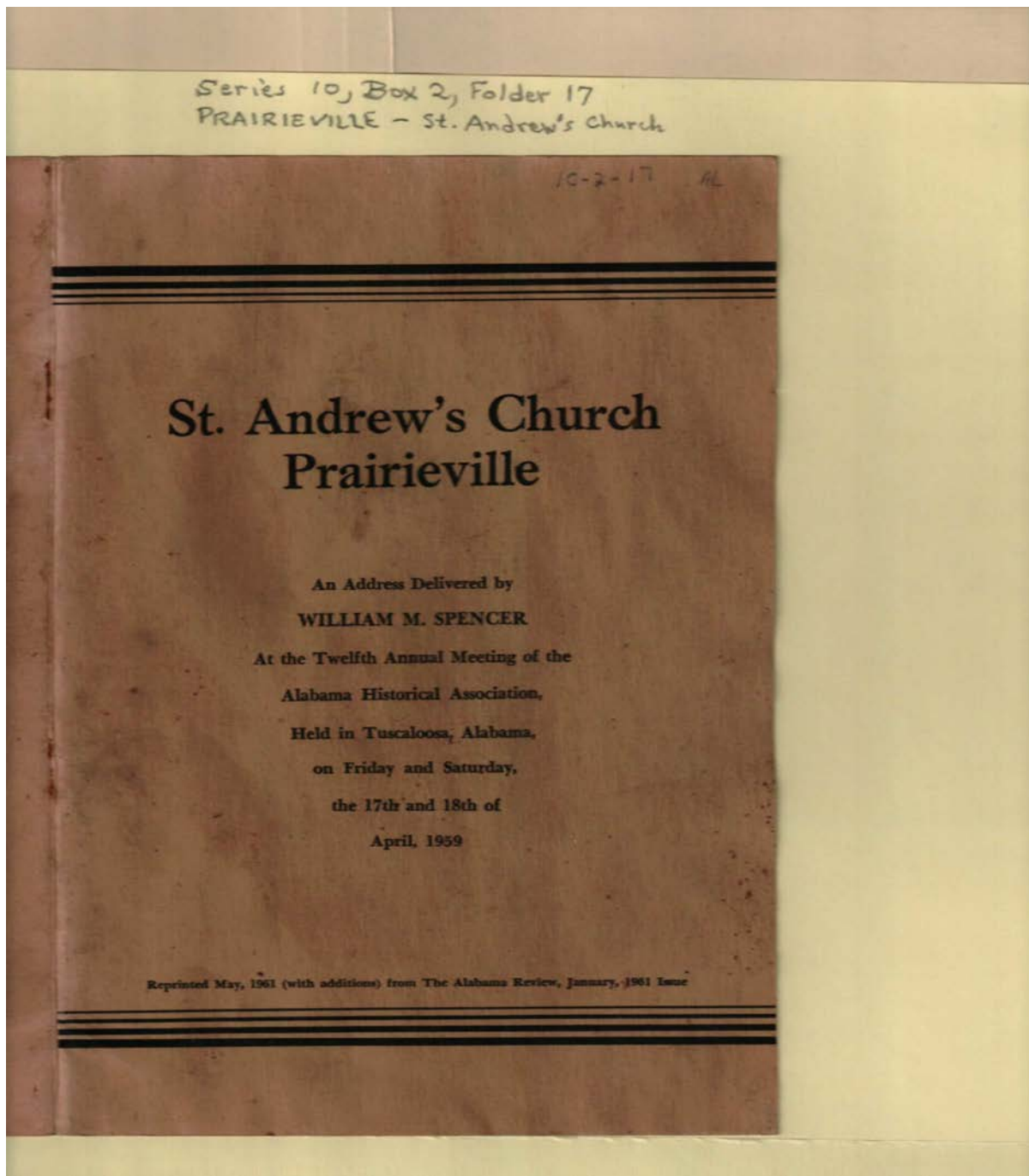


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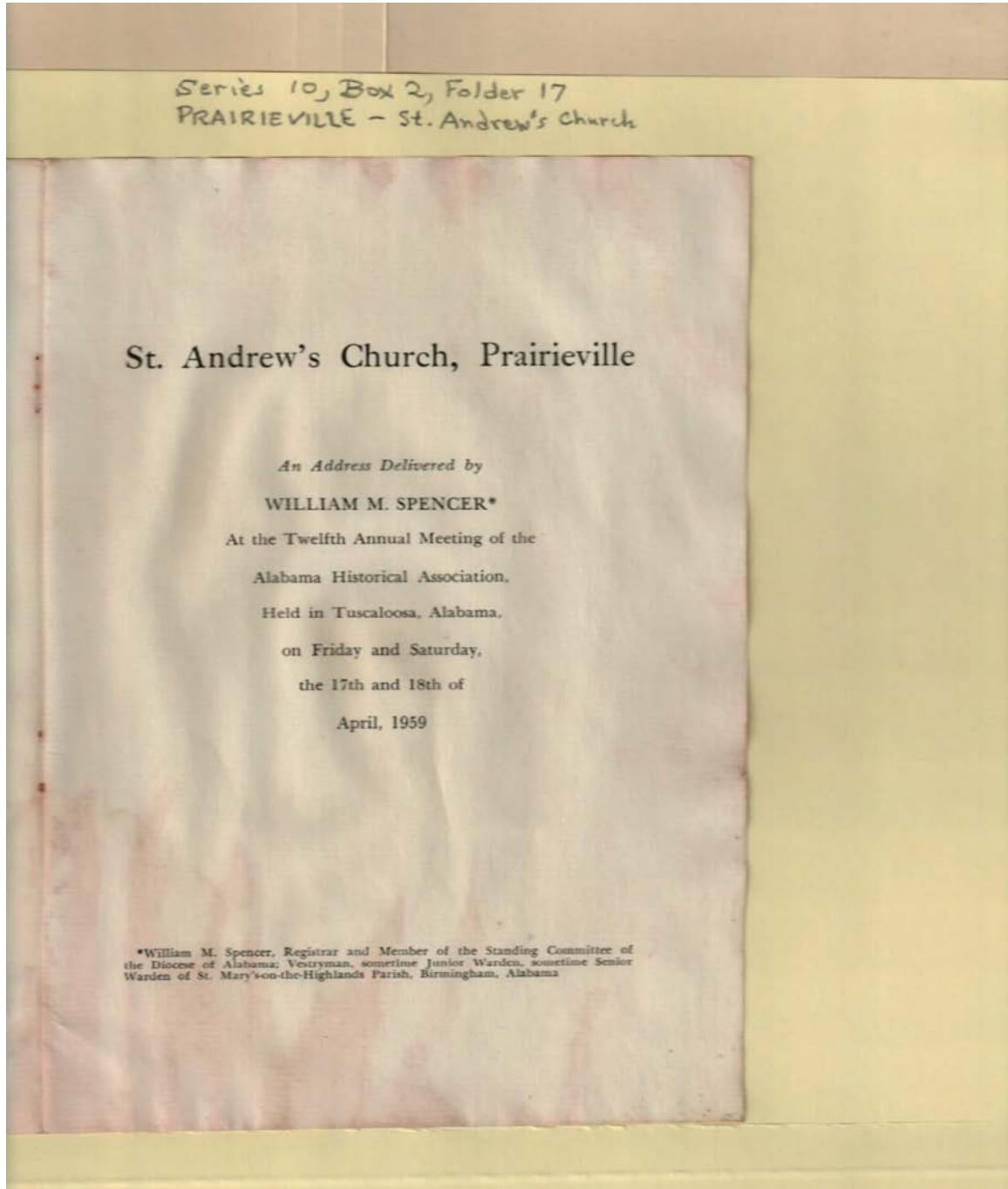
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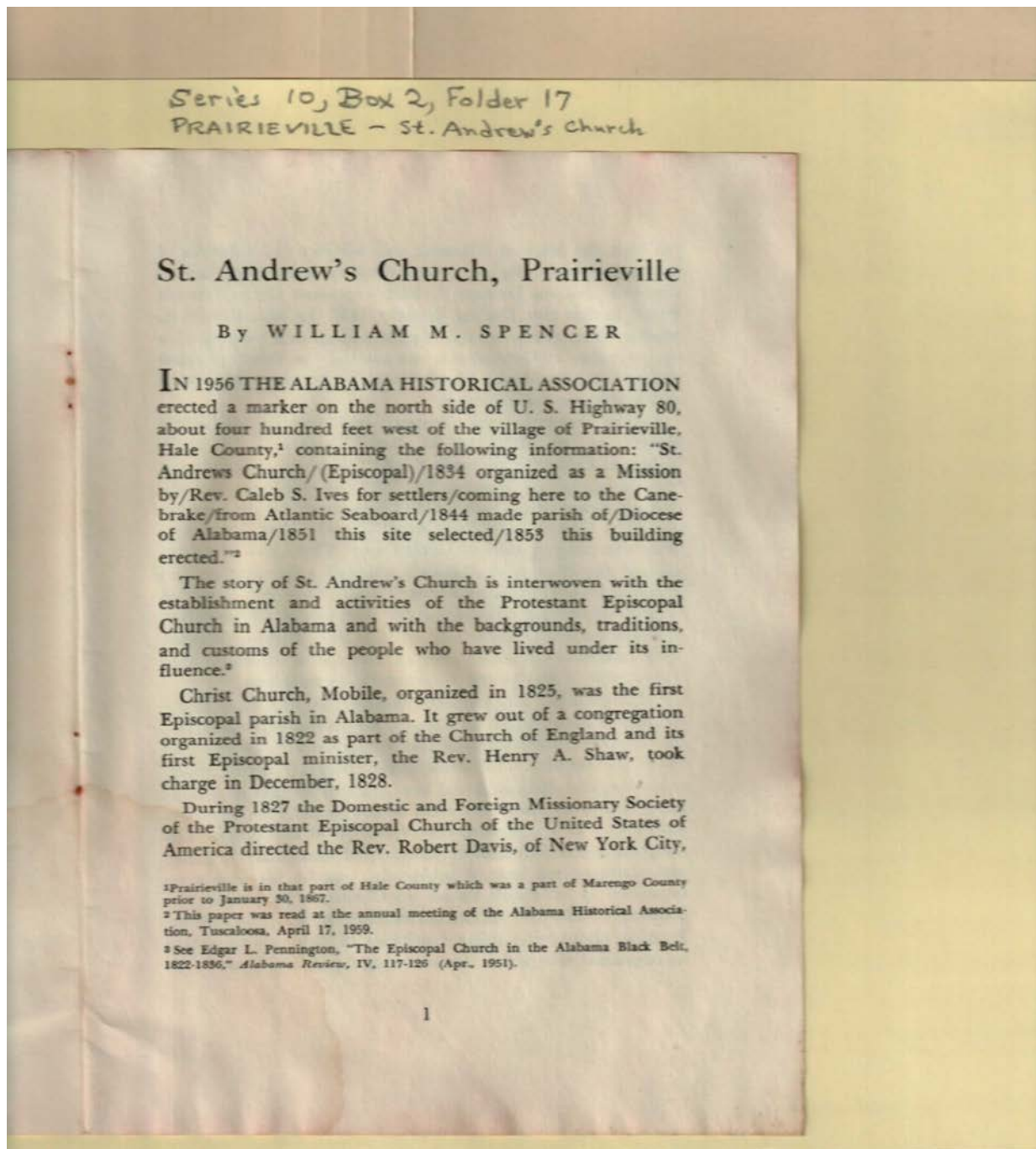
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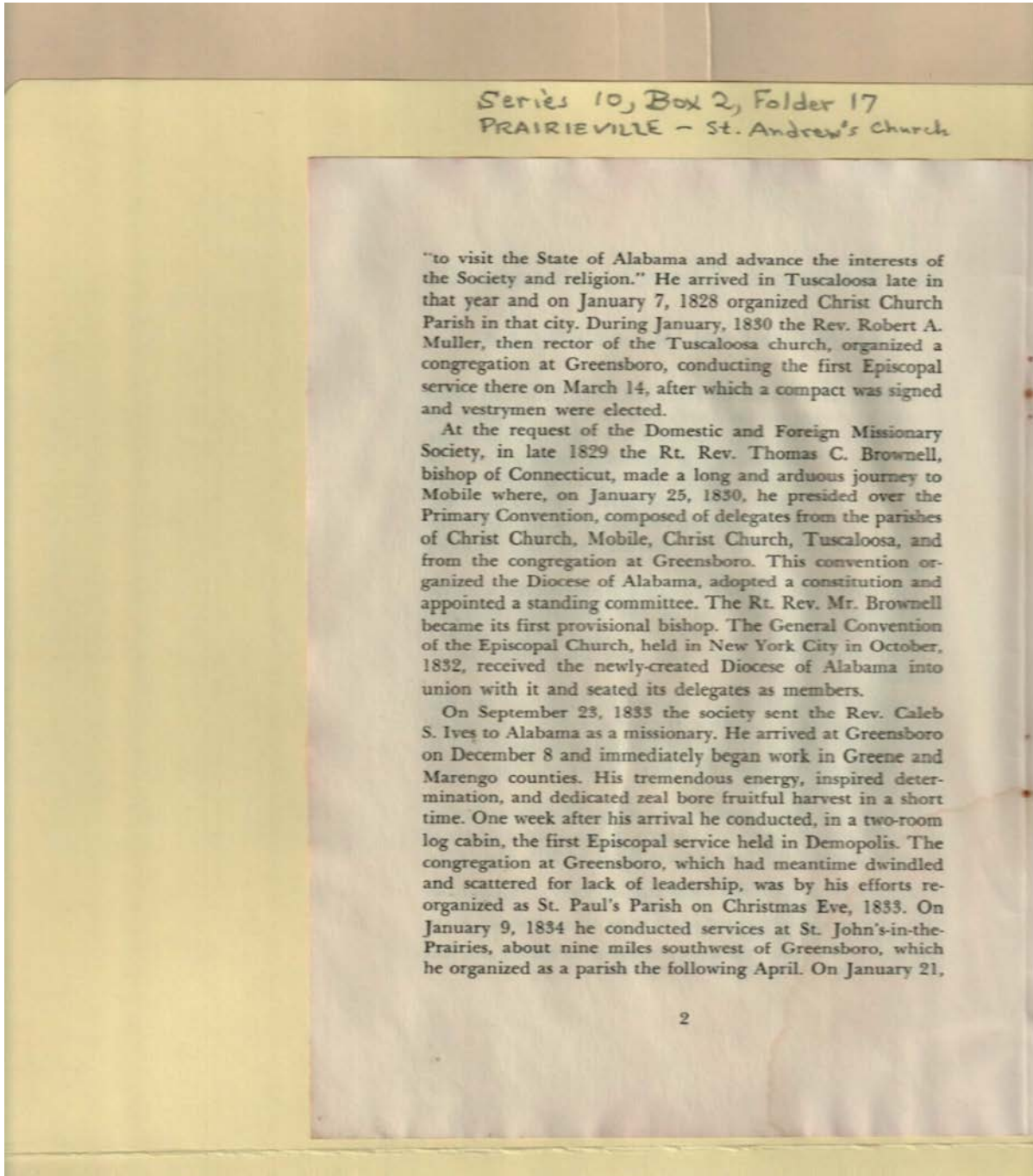
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Rev.

Ives, Caleb S., Rev.

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Rev.

Types:

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again in the same log cabin in Demopolis, he organized Trinity Church Parish, which was admitted to the diocese in 1835.

On September 19, 1834 Mr. Ives began holding services at Prairieville, the congregation being subsequently organized as St. Andrew's Parish, Macon. Concerning this congregation he reported as follows to the Fourth Diocesan Convention, held at Tuscaloosa, January 19, 1835:

On the 19th of September, I officiated at Prairieville, Marengo County, a small town 8 or 9 miles east of Demopolis. Here the services of the Church had never before been performed. I now regularly officiate in this place on the afternoon of the same Sunday in which I am in Demopolis, riding from one place to the other between the services. From the fertility of the soil, and the advantages of its location, this place must soon be surrounded by a dense, wealthy and educated population, which is already the case to no small extent. Here, we have already, a comfortable place for public worship, nearly or quite ready for use. . . . No Church has been organized here, yet, by the Grace of God, I trust, the period is not far distant when it can be done.⁴

To the society Mr. Ives reported that, in his opinion, the two counties in which he officiated constituted "one of the most interesting and important fields to be found in the State. The climate is healthy; the soil exceedingly fertile, they are, therefore, rapidly filling up with families of wealth, intelligence, and respectability. Among these coming in there is a good proportion of our own denomination." In March, 1835 Mr. Ives relinquished his duties in Greene and Marengo counties, and in October of the same year opened in Mobile a seminary for young ladies.⁵ In his first report, February 3, 1834, he stated that his journeys from Demopolis to Greens-

⁴ *Journal of the Proceedings of the Convention . . . of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the Diocese of Alabama; Held in Christ Church, Tuscaloosa, on Monday, July 7, 1834, and on Monday, January 19, 1835 (Tuscaloosa, 1835), 10 (hereinafter Proceedings).*

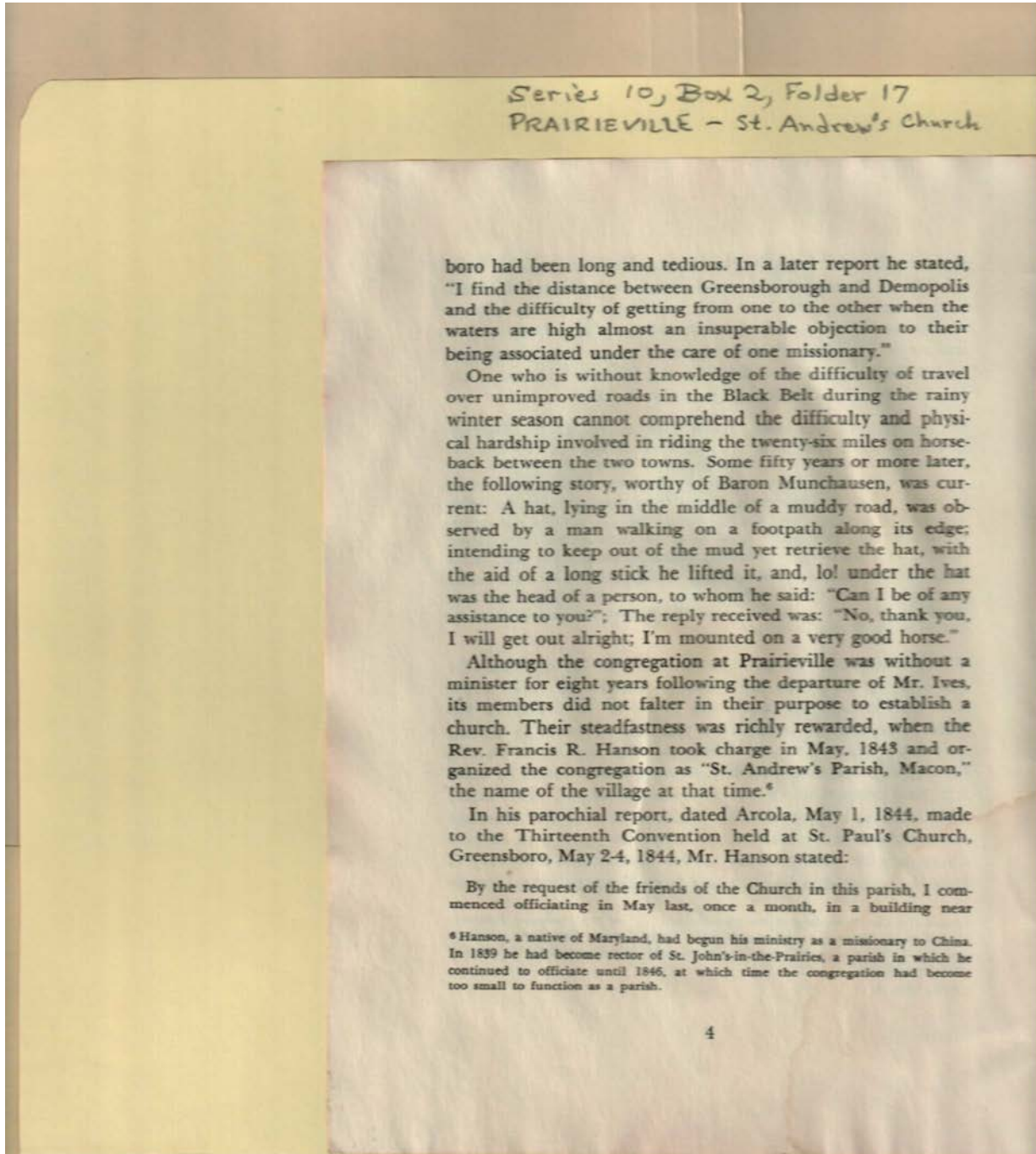
⁵ *Ibid.*, 1835, 8.

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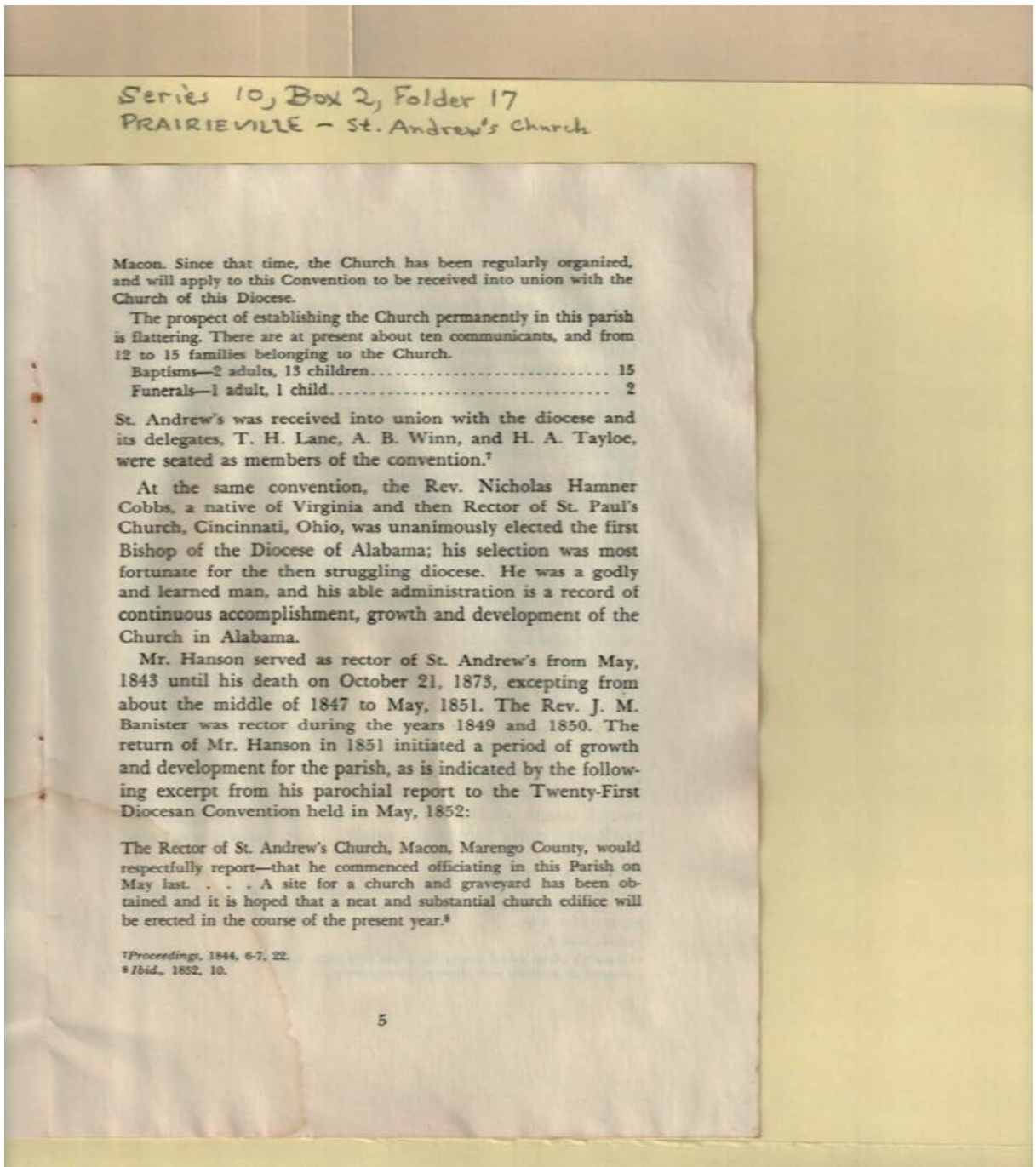
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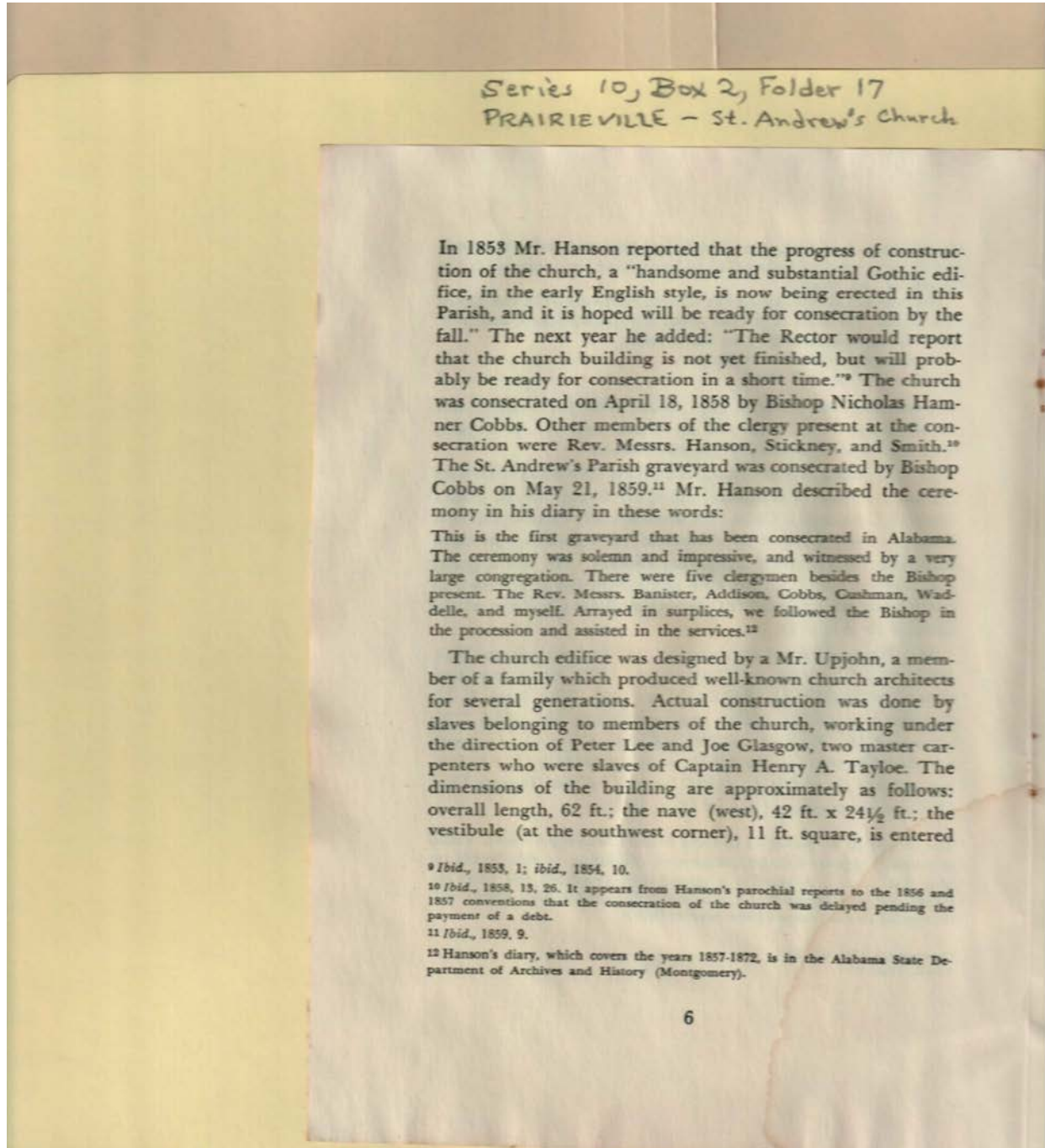
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Cobbs, Nicholas
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Cushman, Rev
Glasgow, Joe (Slave)
Hanson, Francis R.,
Rev.
Lee, Peter (Slave)

Smith, Rev.
Stickney, Rev.
Tayloe, Henry A.,
Captain
Upjohn,

Waddelle, Rev.

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through large double-doors hung on massive iron hinges, hand-wrought in a plantation forge; the chancel (east end), 20 ft. x 15½ ft.; the vestryroom, 6 ft. x 9 ft., is attached to the north side of the chancel beginning where it joins the nave. A stain brewed from the stems of tobacco plants was applied to the interior wood walls; although nothing has been done since to this woodwork, it is in an excellent state of preservation and has a pleasing and mellowed appearance. The symbols and figures on the altar rail and elsewhere in the chancel were carved expertly and beautifully by Peter Lee, whose pride in his work was matched by the admiration of the plantation owners.

The exterior of the church, painted a red-brown color, is made of long wide boards, with battened joints, fastened vertically to the framework, and buttresses made of thick wooden boards spaced at appropriate intervals; its lancet windows and high pitched roof are features of the Gothic style of architecture; excepting the addition of a chimney which protrudes through the roof on the south side of the nave, the edifice stands exactly as it was when built. Robert C. Broderick has described St. Andrew's as "one of America's most picturesque and charming churches, and its old days of service among the plantation workers are a record that will long stand."¹²

A recent survey shows that the church property fronts 333 ft. on the highway (originally the mail route to Mobile from Tuscaloosa, Huntsville and beyond) and extends back northward 225 ft., being situated in the southeast quarter of Section 20, Township 18 North, Range 4 East, of the St. Stephens Meridian. This parcel of land is located near the center of the Canebrake, so called on account of the dense growth of natural cane, an area approximately thirty miles from north

¹² *Historic Churches of the United States* (New York, 1958), 111.

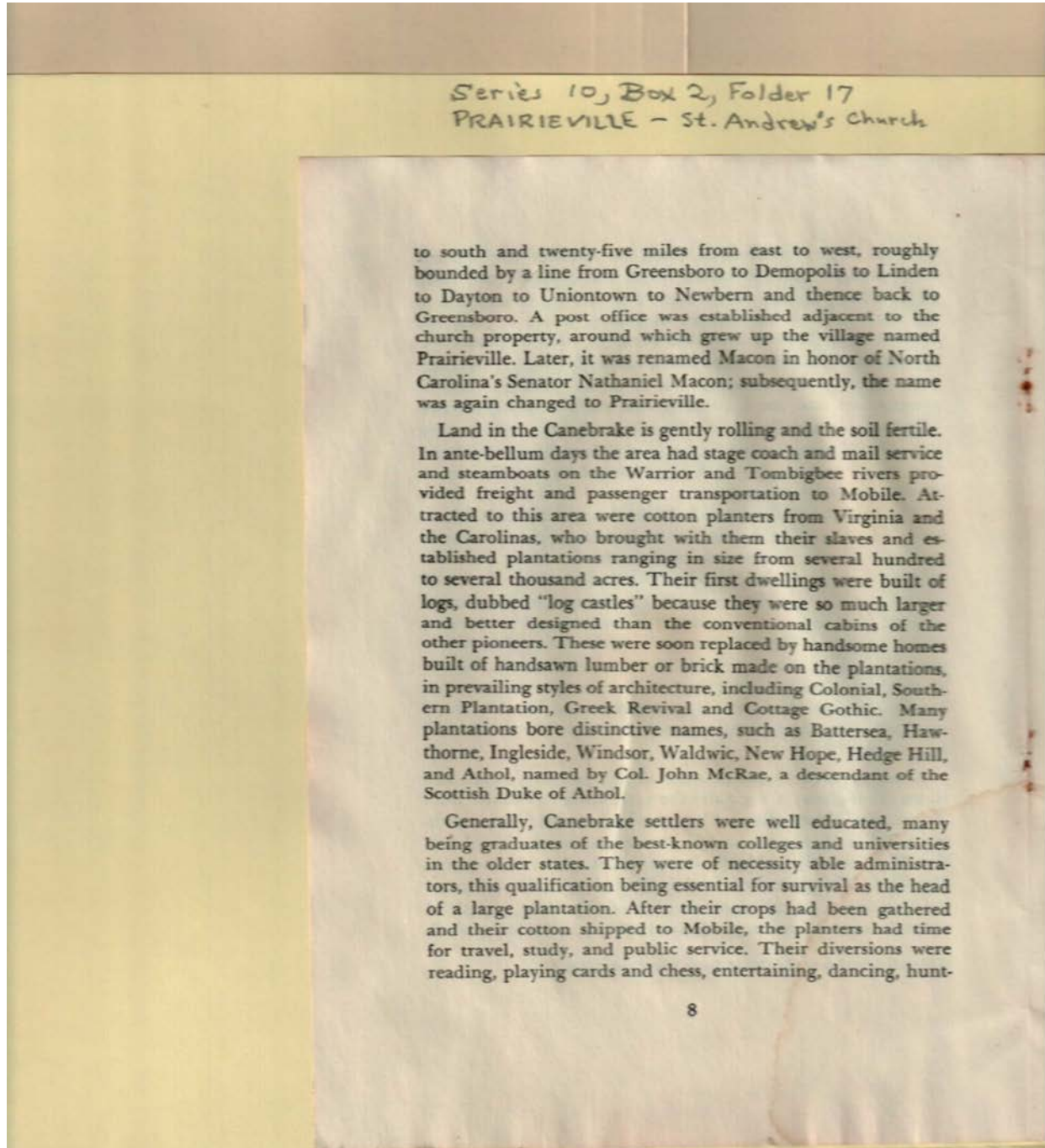
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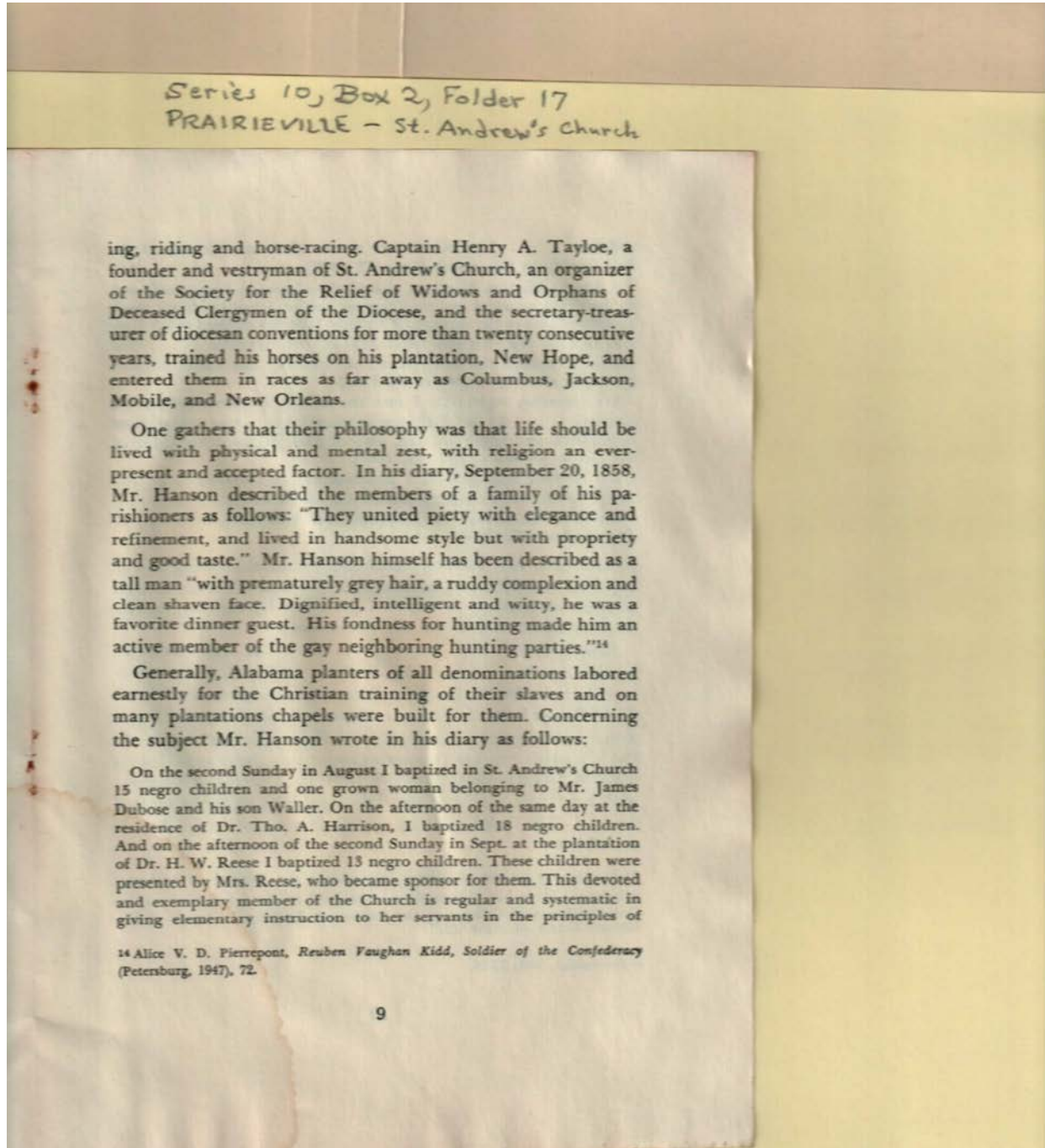
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McRae, John,
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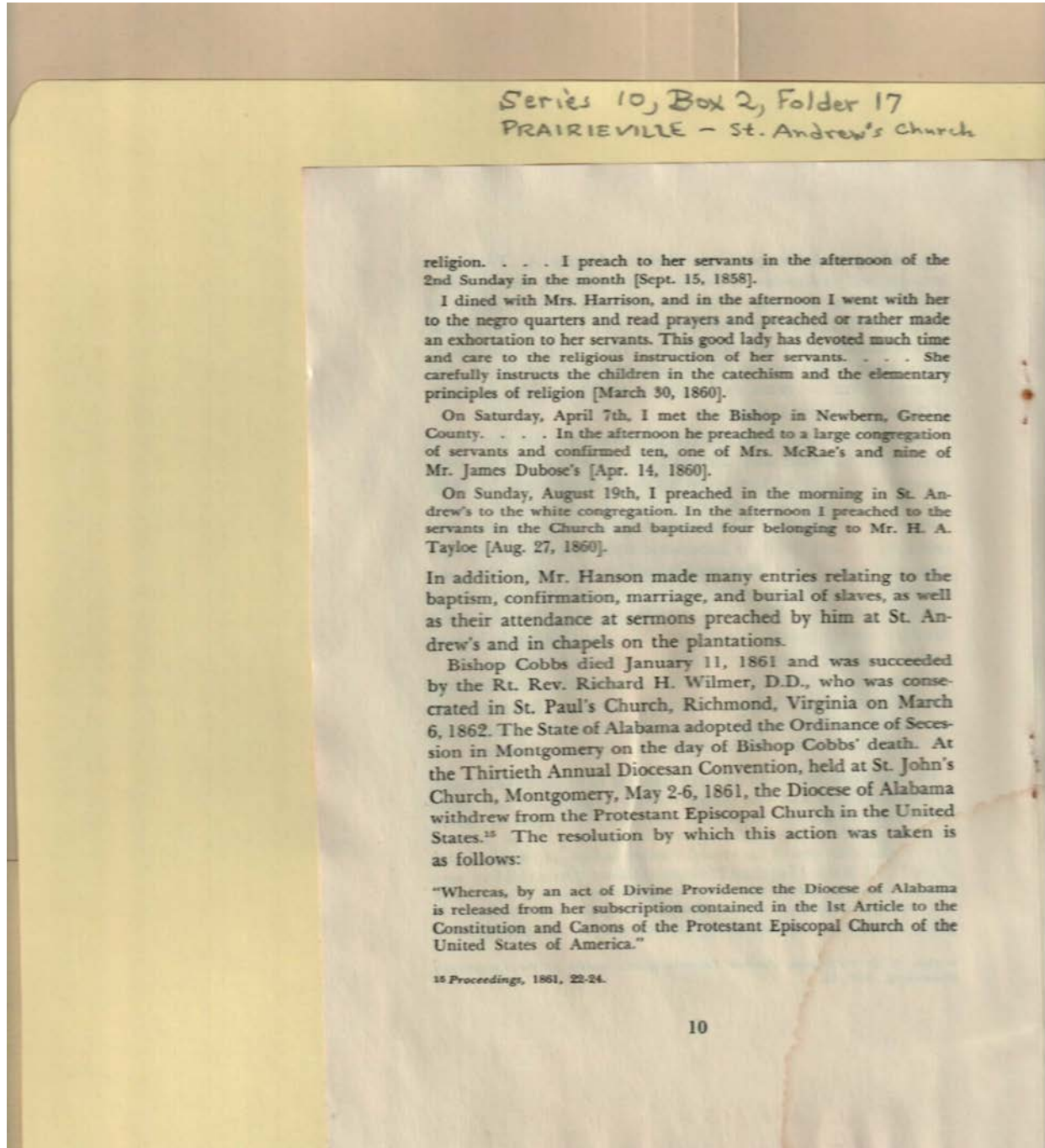


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Rev.		Reese, Mrs.	

Types:

speech



Names:

Cobbs, Bishop
Dubose, James

Harrison, Mrs.
McRae, Mrs.

Tayloe, H. A.

Wilmer, Richard H.,
Rev.

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Resolved, That the Constitution and Canons aforesaid continue in force only in so far as applicable to existing circumstances, until otherwise provided."

Concerning this action, Mr. Hanson made the following entry in his diary:

Our ecclesiastical convention which met at Montgomery in May last, after much discussion followed the example of the State and seceded from the Church in the United States and adopted measures to form a new ecclesiastical union with the Church in the Confederate States.

The following is an extract from the address of Bishop Wilmer, the only Episcopal Bishop consecrated by authority of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the Confederate States, to the Thirty-First Annual Convention of the Diocese held at Christ Church Mobile in May, 1862:

"The Diocese of Alabama, has, formally, as she has the right and reason to do, severed the legislative connection between herself and the Church of the United States. Her Clergy, acting under the advice of their late Bishop, have, for more than one year, prayed for the President and other officers of the Confederate Government as "in authority" over them."

The Protestant Episcopal Church in the Diocese of Alabama was made a corporation by an act of the state legislature, approved September 12, 1864; although this act was subsequently amended, the corporate entity thereby created continued in existence, and, insofar as has been ascertained, is now [1959] the only corporation created under the laws of Alabama enacted during the time when it was one of the Confederate States.

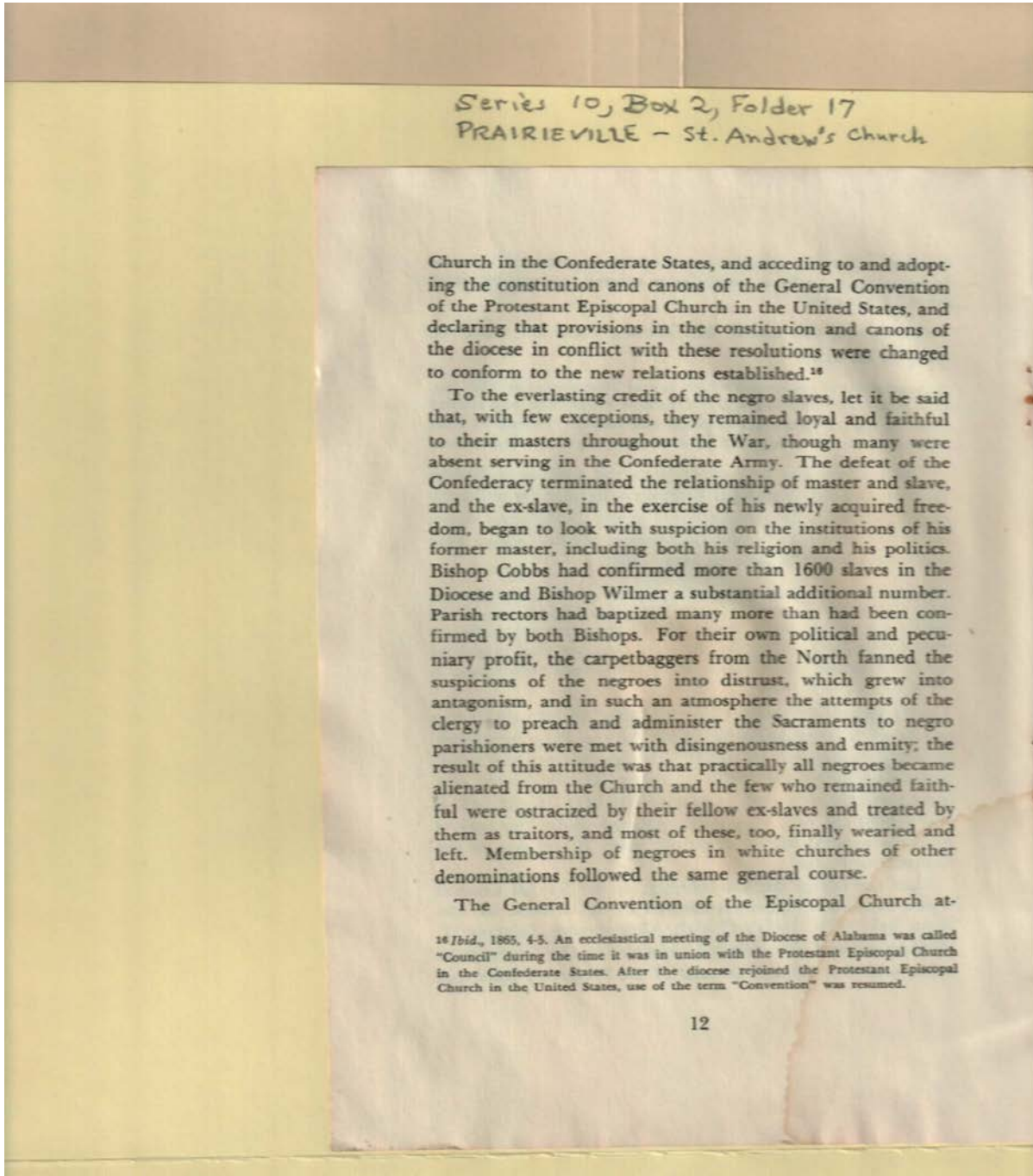
After the fall of the Confederacy, at the Special Council of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the Diocese of Alabama, held at St. John's Church, Montgomery, January 17, 1866, resolutions were adopted withdrawing the diocese from union with the General Council of the Protestant Episcopal

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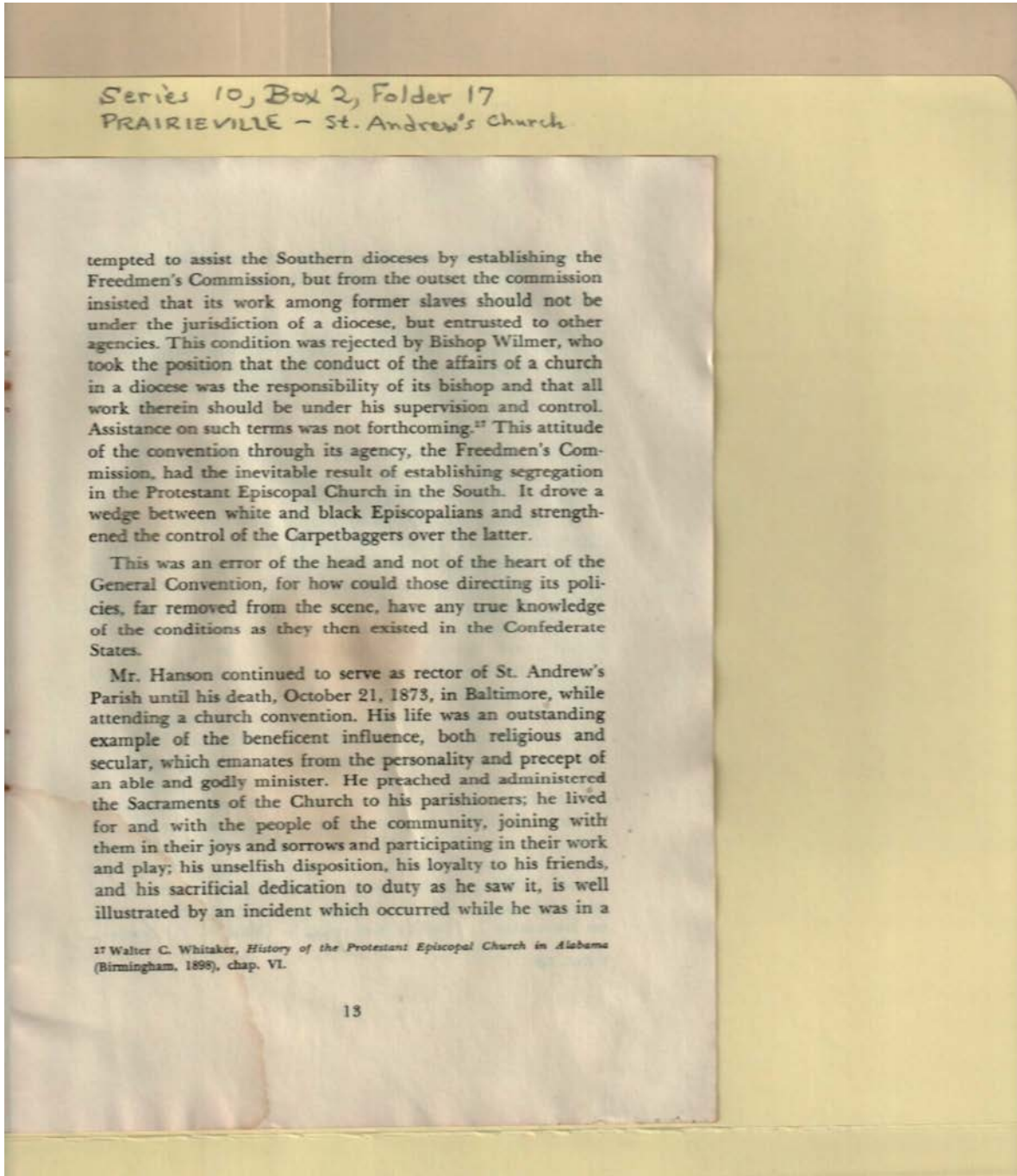
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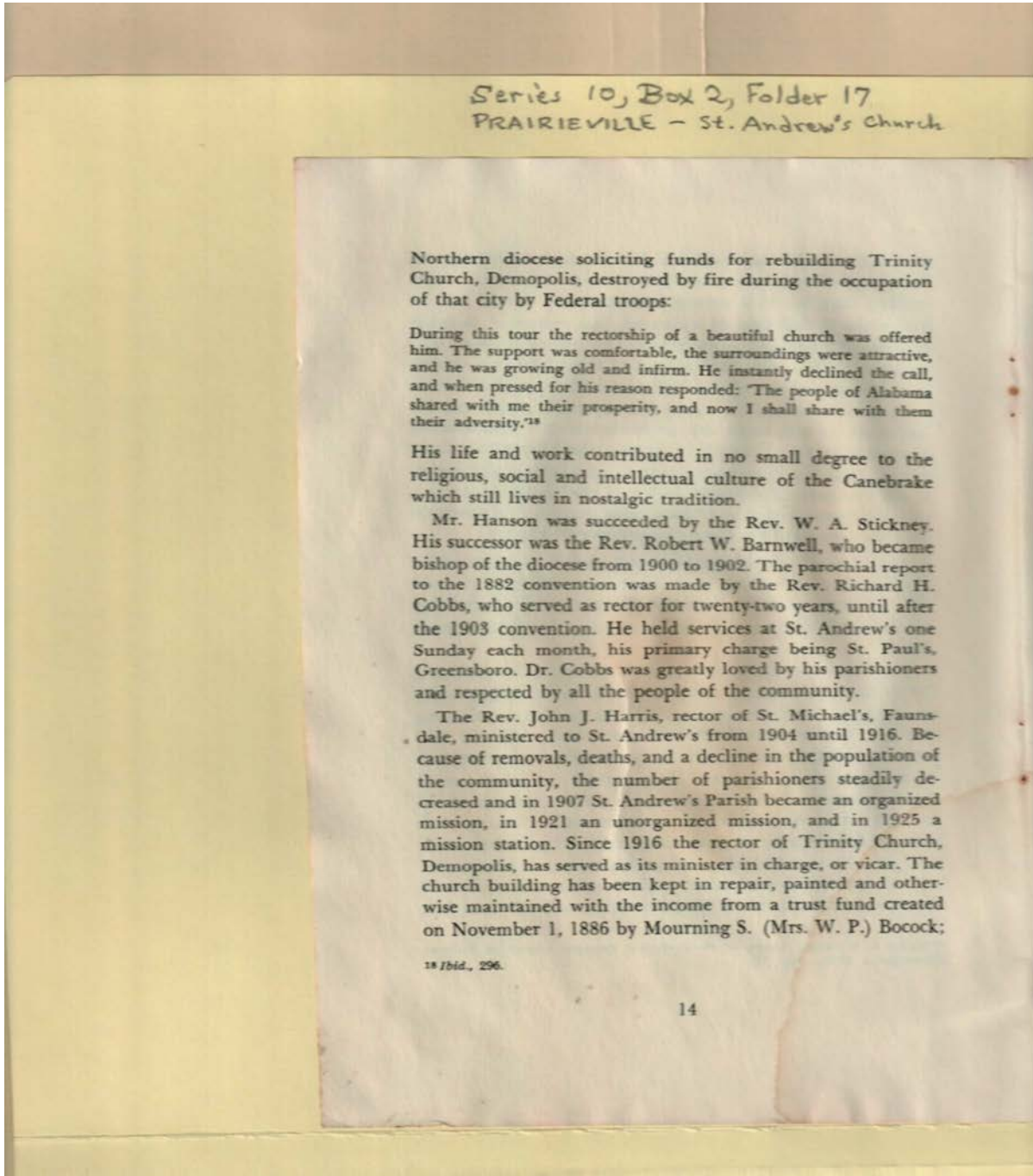
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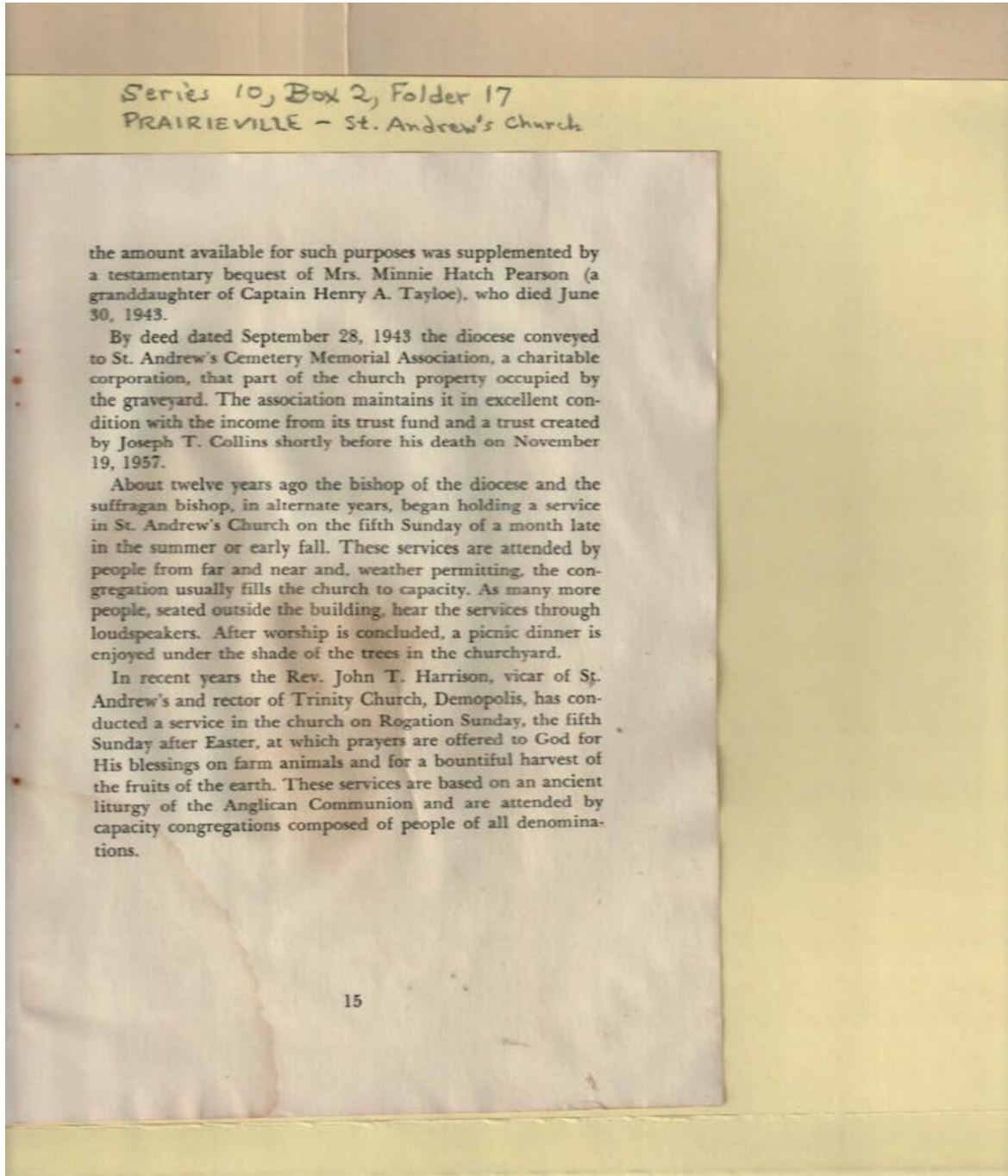
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Types:

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Rev.

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