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### **Research Papers and Collections of the Reverend Richard Arthur Minter, M.A. B.D. (1905-1997)**

#### **7 boxes of papers, 1930-1991**

**Presented by Revd Minter's daughters, Mrs R. C. Gowlett, Mrs C.G.H.Blair and Miss T.A.S.D. Minter, 29 April and October 1997 (Acc 19/1) and 12 October 2015 (Acc 2015/16, item MIN2/27 only)**

**Catalogued by Sue Sutton September 1999. Some corrections and revisions (MIN 2/14, 21, 23, 25; MIN 3/1, 10, 16, 25, MIN 5-6) and introduction expanded with biographical information from Worcester College Oxford, by Philip Saunders, CCCW Archivist, July-August 2016. Detailed listing of MIN 4 by Imogen Blackburne, November 2018**

Richard Arthur Minter was the son of Richard Evan Minter, merchant, of Halstead, Essex. He was educated at Earls Colne Grammar and Felsted Schools and admitted to Worcester College Oxford, where he matriculated at on 15 October 1926, reading history (information from application form at College). He achieved second class honours in Modern History in 1929 (his BA was conferred on 23 November 1929) and third class honours in Theology in 1931 (*Oxford Historical Register*). His MA was conferred on 22 June 1933. Between then and 1938 he evidently taught at Manchester University and Burgh Missionary College, Lincoln. In 1938 he was appointed Rector of Claremont, St. Ann's Parish, Jamaica, serving there until 1945, when he returned to the United Kingdom as Vicar of Stow-cum-Quy (Cambs.), which post, remarkably, he occupied very nearly until his death, aged 91, in 1997.

Minter's interest in the West Indies continued long after his return to the U.K. He made numerous trips back to the island and for his thesis, resuming as a student of Worcester College, in part-fulfilment of his B.D., awarded 28 April 1955, he presented a thesis on the church and slavery in the West Indies. The College tutor and lecturer in Theology in 1955 who may have supervised his thesis was the Reverend Robert L. P. Milburn, Fellow and Dean of Degrees, Estates Bursar, and Chaplain.

The papers consist chiefly of letters, research notes, drafts and the completed manuscripts of Minter's two principal historical works, which reflect his interest in the Anglican Church in Jamaica - 'The Comparative Importance of Influences Hostile to the Slave Trade within and without the Established Church in the West Indies before 1783' (evidently submitted for his BD in 1955) and *Episcopacy without Episcopate*, on the Jamaican clergy, privately published in 1990 [copy now in CCCW Library: 283.7292 MIN]. With these papers there is also collected material – photocopies and offprints of articles, pamphlets and church guides and official Church or Government publications on Jamaica in general. Additional matter can be found on the Bray Theological Libraries, and the League of Nations and the New Commonwealth in the 1930s and news-cuttings from the Jamaican press on the progress of the World War 1939-45.

Additional papers, mainly index slips of Anglican churches and clergy in the West Indies, received July 2016 and January 2017 (Acc 2016/08, 2017/01) have not yet been appraised or listed.

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| <a href="#"><u>MIN 10</u></a> | Working notes and rough drafts of ‘Episcopacy’   |

## **MIN 1 Correspondence and other papers**

Letters to The Reverend Minter unless specified

1/1 Circular letter relating to clergy stipends,  
Kingston, Jamaica, 31 July 1940

1/2 Guildhall Library, 18 November 1966  
Enquiry about clergy records

1/3 Lincolnshire Archives , 23 December 1969  
Enquiry about records

1/4 F. Seal Coon, Kingston, 11 April 1970,  
Notes on Free Masonry in Jamaica

1/5 Charlie Moule, Clare College, Cambridge, 16 July 1970,  
Concerning a research enquiry

1/6 Same, 17 July 1970,  
Sends some archive references

1/7 Privy Council Office, 4 August 1970,  
References to slavery records

1/8 Essex County Record Office, Chelmsford, 18 December 1970,  
Research enquiries.

1/9 Huguenot Society of London, 11 January 1971,  
Information on records relating to Huguenots

1/10 Norfolk and Norwich Record Office, 18 January 1971,  
Answer to research enquiry re. Thomas Scrambler

1/11 Rev Peter Hammersley, The Rectory, Winstead P.O., Jamaica, 11 March 1972,  
Information on the founding of churches in Jamaica

1/12 R. Lewen, Hayes Clarendon, Jamaica, 28 March 1972  
Information on St. Peter's Church

1/13 Rev. Victor Davidson to Re. Smith, St George's Anglican Church, Portland, Jamaica, 4  
April 1972,  
Notes on the church

1/14 Philip Leimen, Parish Church of St. James, Montego Bay, Jamaica,  
10 April 1972,  
Information on the church

1/15 Rev Victor Davidson, St. George's Church, Portland, Jamaica, 24 April 1972,  
Inscriptions on the Communion Plate at the church (includes a sketch)

1/16 Rev C.A. Golding, Parish Church of Westmoreland, Savanna-La-Mar, Jamaica,  
No date c. 1972

## History of the church

1/17 Rev B.W. Amey, Baptist Missionary Society, London, 6 February 1973  
Concerning research on Jamaica

1/18 D. Macarthur, Librarian, St. Andrews, 9 April 1973,  
Research query

1/19 H.P. Jacobs, General Secretary, Farquharson Institute of Public Affairs,  
Kingston, Jamaica, 7 August 1973,  
Information on Jamaican history

1/20 Lawrence Brown, Editor, *The Historical Magazine of the Protestant Episcopal Church*,  
Austin, Texas, 17 September 1973,  
Reply to a query

1/21 Arthur C. Barker, Archivist and Librarian SPCK, London 31 October 1973,  
Reply to a research question

1/22 Michael T. Malone, Episcopal Church of the Advent, Spartanburg, South Carolina, 27  
November 1973,  
Information on North Carolina clergy

1/23 'Lewis' and 'Vera', Montego, Jamaica, November 1973,  
News of their life in Jamaica and some information on Jamaican clergy in the past.

1/24 Note on the Diocese of Jamaica Reference Library, 2 May 1974

1.25 Ethics reading list from Ridley Hall, Cambridge, 13 October 1980

1/26 John Gilmore, University of the West Indies, Barbados, 5 February 1983,  
Information about a book on the Catholic Church in Jamaica

1/27 P.F. Campbell, St. Michael's, Barbados, 5 March 1983,  
Discusses his book on the Seventeenth Century church in Barbados

1/28 May D. Lofgren, Historical Society of the Episcopal Church, Austin, Texas, 23  
September 1983,  
Has discovered a copy of his dissertation on Influences Hostile to the Slave Trade

1/29 Invitation to a BBC World Service Caribbean evening, no date

1/30 A.N.L. Munby, King's College, Cambridge, no date  
Answer to a research query on E. Marshall in the Eighteenth Century

1/31 E.P.. Smith, Editorial Director, Churchman Publishing, no date,  
Cannot publish his manuscript

1/32 Papers relating to the Supplementary Training Programme in the Diocese of Jamaica,  
1983

1/33 Reviews of *Episcopacy without Episcopate*, 1990

1/34 *Images Catalogue*, Winter 1991  
Includes *Episcopacy without Episcopate*

1/35 Papers relating to the Bray Libraries, 1949, 1974-5  
Theological libraries for the clergy and lay members of the Church of England.  
Includes accounts for the year 1974 and minutes of the Managing Associates Meeting,  
January 1975

**MIN 2 Articles, notes etc. mainly on the Jamaican churches and clergy**

2/1 J.T. Gilmore 'The Rev William Harte and Attitudes to Slavery in Early Nineteenth Century Barbados', *Journal of Ecclesiastical History* vol. 30, No. 4 (October 1979)

2/2 'The Welfare of Slaves in the Eighteenth Century at Pleasant Hill in St. Thomas in the East, Jamaica', *Bulletin of the Jamaican Historical Society* vol. 9, nos. 1 and 2 (March, June 1985)

2/3 Clare Taylor, 'A Reluctant Liberal: An Outline of the Political Career of James Scarlett, First Lord Abinger (1769-1844)', *Bulletin of the Jamaican Historical Society* vol. 9, No. 3 (September 1985)

2/4 Clare Taylor, 'The Perils of a West Indian Heiress: Case Studies in the Heiresses of Nathaniel Phillips of Slebech' *The Welsh History Review*, vol. 12 No. 4 (December 1985)

2/5 Clare Taylor 'Charles and Amelia Long, Lord and Lady Farnborough'  
1986

2/6 'Correspondence relating to Milburn Tower and its Garden, 1804-1830  
Home of the Listons, a family with West Indian connexions.

2/7 'The Liston Papers, 1796-1800'

2/8 Clare Taylor, 'Lady Liston's American Journals'

2/9 Clare Taylor, 'A note on the Flint School of Greenwich, England', 1988  
Comments on the schools in Jamaica and the problem of educating girls. The Flint School was used by planters for their daughters.

2/10 'The Boston Clique Revisited'  
Refers to a group of abolitionists

2/11 Clare Taylor, 'American Anti-Slavery and the First of August – a First Report'  
1986

2/12 A note on women diarists, including Lady Mary Wortley Montagu and Henrietta, Lady Liston

2/13 Notes on North Carolina clergy, in particular Francis Johnston

2/14 'Jamaica, Isle of Springs'

Notes on various aspects of life in Jamaica (stencilled) [before 1940]

The last page endorsed 'Jamaica Lecture'. This is evidently a series of notes intended as commentary for a lantern slide lecture. As with 2/25 pieces of scrap paper have been pasted over several of the numbered paragraphs, presumably of slides that were missing or going to be omitted, and several sentences crossed through in pencil, either for brevity or probably by RA Minter as he took issue with the patronising or florid style of the original writer (e.g., 'one finds the people happy and good-natured, ...). The scrap paper includes a tax form for Charles Coe of Halstead (pp3, 6, 9) and a letter to RE Minter from Burberrys (pp15, 17), both 1940.

2/15 A note on the Row Family of Jamaica

2/16 'A History of St. Andrew's Parish Church, Half Way Tree, Jamaica.  
One of the first Anglican churches in Jamaica in the 1660's

2/17 *History of St Michael's Church, Kew Park, Westmoreland, Jamaica*. Consecrated in 1898

2/18 Newspaper cuttings on Jamaican churches

2/19 'The Churches'  
Essay by Minter on Jamaican churches (3 copies)

2/20 Notes on the church of St. Ann

2/21 Notes on the Scrambler Family` - ?pages from drafts of Venn's *Alumni* in Cambridge University Archives (cf MIN 1/5-6)

2/22 Notes on Jamaican churches

2/23 Report on archaeological excavations at Port Royal, Jamaica, 1969-70

2/24 List of microfilmed materials at the Barbados Public Library, 1960

2/25 'A Trip to Banana-Land'  
Lantern lecture notes on banana growing and shipping

2/26 Rev A. Tindal Hart 'Onward Christian Soldiers'  
An address delivered in Ripon Hall Chapel, 19 February 1960  
Problems confronting the Anglican Church

2/27 Index cards with references to licences and consecrations of churches, chapels and schools in B[isho]ps' B[oo]k, vols I-II, 1827-1841. [c.1980-90]  
[presented by Mrs Gowlett, 12 October 2015]

### **MIN 3 Pamphlets and Booklets**

3/1 *The First Report issued by the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel*. (modern reprint)1704

3/2 *Journal of the Sixtieth Annual Synod of the Church of England in Jamaica*

1930

3/3-7 New Commonwealth Pamphlets:-

3/3 *No. 1 The Aims and Objectives of the New Commonwealth*  
c. 1932 (3 copies)

3/4 *No. 3 The French Plan*. January 1933

3/5 *No. 4 Peace or War?* February 1933

3/6 *No. 5 Aviation for World Service* March 1933

3/7 *No. 6 Why War "Open Letters" between Einstein and Friend* January 1934

3/8 *Refugees and the League* September 1935

3/9 *Headway' A monthly review of the League of Nations*. September 1936

3/10 *The Last Stronghold of Slavery. What Abyssinia Is* Professor G.C. Baravelli of Rome University. 1935 [for date see page following 'Contents' at end]  
Justification for the Italian invasion of Abyssinia

3/11 *The New Commonwealth* no. 4 Vol. 5 (January 1937)

3/12 *The Bible Reading Fellowship. Notes on Kings and Proverbs*

3/13 *Jamaica. Annual Report of the Education Department. Year ending 31 December 1937*

3/14 *Jamaica. Annual Report of the Education Department. Year ending 31 December 1939*

3/15 *Constitution and Canons of the Church of England in Jamaica*. February 1937

3/16 R. Ross Brown *Mission to Jamaica* [History of the Congregational Church in Jamaica, including directory of churches and ministers since 1834] (1947)

3/17 *The Liberal Evangelical* Vol. VIII No. 9 (February 1962)

3/18 Pamphlet commemorating the tercentenary year, 1664-1964 of St Andrew's Parish Church Half Way Tree (Jamaica)

3/19 Pamphlet commemorating the tercentenary of St Paul's Parish Church, Chapleton (Jamaica) 1666-1966

3/20 Pamphlet commemorating the tercentenary of the Parish Church, Morant Bay, Jamaica, 1666-1966

3/21 Souvenir Programme for St Andrew's Church, Golden Grove, St Thomas, Jamaica

3/22 *Journal of the Ninety-Ninth Annual Synod of the Church in Jamaica*  
February 1969

3/23 Pamphlet commemorating the centenary of the Parish Church of St Anne, St Ann's Bay (Jamaica) 1871-1971

3/24 Pamphlet to commemorate the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the cornerstone laying of St Cyprian's Church, Highgate (Jamaica) 1897-1972

3/25/1 *The Banana Church' 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Record of St Cyprian's Church, Highgate, St Mary, Jamaica.* Inscribed to Revd Basil McAllister [rector 1942-47] 1972  
Incorporates earlier history by Canon Samuel Swaby, rector, 1921, and acknowledges assistance of R.A. Minter.

3/25/2 Ditto, inscribed 'With compliments', therefore plainly Minter's own copy. 1972

3/26 *Journal of the One-Hundred and Third Annual Synod of the Church in Jamaica* April-May 1973

3/27 *Diocese of Jamaica Synod Handbook*  
Containing the annual reports and financial statement for the year 1973

3/28 *Justice* No. 8 (March 1973)  
Published by the Social Action Centre, Kingston, Jamaica

3/29 *Justice* No. 9 (June 1973)

3/30 Pamphlet celebrating 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Diocese of Jamaica 1824-1974

3/31 *List and Map of Historic Monuments open to the public in the U.K.* 1974

3/32 *The Commission of the South American Missionary Society.*  
No date [before 1971]

3/33 Leaflet for the Self-Publishing Association  
No date

#### **MIN 4 Newspaper Cuttings**

From *The Daily Gleaner* and *The Sunday Gleaner*, principal newspaper published at Kingston, Jamaica

Concerned especially with educational matters in Jamaica but also the wider world during the Second World War

**MIN 4/1** Newspaper cuttings pasted on to foolscap paper sheets.  
19 items, 1943-44

**MIN 4/1/1** 'The Latest Inquiry' (into the improvement of secondary education) and 'Elementary Education' 16 – 26 Jul 1943

**MIN 4/1/2** 'Peaka Peow' [form of gambling] and 'A Retrospect' (on progress in Jamaica since Emancipation) 30 Jul – 3 Aug 1943

**MIN 4/1/3** 'At Loggerheads' (the Board of Education and the 11 – 17 Aug 1943



Director of the J.U.T.) and ‘United we Stand’  
(United Nations in the war)

<b>MIN 4/1/4</b>	‘Silly Season’ (pre-war August) and ‘Which Back Door’ (the ‘backdoors of Germany)	19 – 25 Aug 1942
<b>MIN 4/1/5</b>	‘Prevention and Cure’ (of epidemics), ‘Fallen Greatness’ and ‘Parochial Boards’	25 Aug – 1 Sep 1943
<b>MIN 4/1/6</b>	‘Hospital Staffs’	7 Sep 1943
<b>MIN 4/1/7</b>	‘Waste’ (during war), ‘Out of Date’ (education) and ‘The Law’s Delays’	15 – 22 Sep 1943
<b>MIN 4/1/8</b>	‘A Wasting Asset’ (Woodland in England), ‘Tunisia, Corsica...’ and ‘Free Speech’	23 – 30 Sep 1943
<b>MIN 4/1/9</b>	‘Not So Simple’ (the subsidies on bananas) and ‘The Balkans’	7 Oct 1943
<b>MIN 4/1/10</b>	‘Good News’ (on future trade) and ‘K.S.A.C. Conduct’	25 – 18 Oct 1943
<b>MIN 4/1/11</b>	‘Atrocities’ and ‘Erosior’ (Jamaican agriculture)	8 – 15 Nov 1943
<b>MIN 4/1/12</b>	‘Travel’ and ‘Ill-timed Controversy’	16 – 20 Nov 1943
<b>MIN 4/1/13</b>	‘Petain’ (Marshall Petain) and ‘The Danes’ (Denmark)	24 – 27 Nov 1943
<b>MIN 4/1/14</b>	‘Pity the Teacher!’ (Teacher’s strike) and ‘In Which We Serve’ (a film)	20 Nov – 10 Dec 1943
<b>MIN 4/1/15</b>	‘About The Problem of Constituencies’ and ‘Penitence’	16 – 19 Dec 1943
<b>MIN 4/1/16</b>	‘Half a Loaf’ (agriculture in Jamaica) and ‘West Indian Needs’	24 – 29 Dec 1943
<b>MIN 4/1/17</b>	‘Erosion Control’ and ‘The Hundred Days’ (a prediction that the war is nearly over)	5 – 10 Jan 1944
<b>MIN 4/1/18</b>	‘Nothing New’ (education in Germany as Nazi Propaganda) and ‘Problems of the Peace’	13 – 17 Jan 1944
<b>MIN 4/1/19</b>	‘Our New Masters?’ (tax rises to pay civil servants)	28 Jan 1944
<b>MIN 4/2</b> Loose newspaper cuttings, arranged here in chronological order. 24 items, 1943-44		
<b>MIN 4/2/1</b>	‘Politics and Economics’ and ‘Travel’	16 Nov 1943
<b>MIN 4/2/2</b>	‘Red Army Rolls on’ and ‘The Hundred Days’	10 Jan 1944
<b>MIN 4/2/3</b>	‘Heroes of the North’	1 Feb 1944
<b>MIN 4/2/4</b>	‘The Spoils System’	8 Feb 1944
<b>MIN 4/2/5</b>	‘The Vandals’	14 Feb 1944
<b>MIN 4/2/6</b>	‘Census and Concubinage’	15 Feb 1944
<b>MIN 4/2/7</b>	‘A Noble Gift’	18 Feb 1944
<b>MIN 4/2/8</b>	‘The Latest Pogrom’	25 Feb 1944

<b>MIN 4/2/9</b>	'Examination Bugbear' In relation to school examinations.	4 Mar 1944
<b>MIN 4/2/10</b>	'Cracking up?' an update on the war	6 Mar 1944
<b>MIN 4/2/11</b>	'Clean Elections'	11 Mar 1944
<b>MIN 4/2/12</b>	'The Parties'	18 Mar 1944
<b>MIN 4/2/13</b>	'A Good Start'	4 Apr 1944
<b>MIN 4/2/14</b>	'Heaven Helps Those...'	17 Apr 1944
<b>MIN 4/2/15</b>	'A Problem'	22 Apr 1944
<b>MIN 4/2/16</b>	'A Sin and a Crime'	24 Apr 1944
<b>MIN 4/2/17</b>	'The Drought' Two sheets.	28 Apr 1944
<b>MIN 4/2/18</b>	'The "Plutocrats"'	3 May 1944
<b>MIN 4/2/19</b>	'Electoral Law'	10 May 1944
<b>MIN 4/2/20</b>	'Water'	27 May 1944
<b>MIN 4/2/21</b>	'Railway Enterprise'	18 Jun 1944
<b>MIN 4/2/22</b>	'Resident Artists Exhibition'	22 Jun 1944
<b>MIN 4/2/23</b>	'The War's Cost' Three sheets. Includes two hand written notes 'Richards article' and 'Don't you think it's good?'	26 Jun 1944
<b>MIN 4/2/24</b>	'Denominational Schools' and 'Closing Exercises at Happy Grove School'	15 Aug 1944

### **MIN 5 Thesis**

R.A. Minter, 'The Comparative Importance of Influences Hostile to the Slave Trade within and without the Established Church in the West Indies before 1783'

Thesis as student of Worcester College, Oxford.

c.1953-4 [note 76 to chapter 1 refers to *The Times* 29 April 1953 (a late ms amendment in MIN 6) and last page of draft of Preface, probably written last, is written on back of appeal for new church boiler at Quy dated 13 Sept 1954.] Evidently submitted in part-fulfilment of degree of B.D. 1955

Complete. In three parts

### **MIN 6 Thesis Drafts**

Draft of chapters I-VII only of MIN 5 based upon an earlier thesis 'The Contribution of the Evangelical Movement towards the Abolition of the Slave Trade with special reference to the Archives of Jamaica. Part I. The Preliminaries', including title and contents pages of same (chapter II being 'Noble Savage' instead of 'Literary Influences' and having just 3 instead of 5 appendixes). Some pages of preface handwritten on back of original sheets of this thesis, including reference to work of 1939, so evidently after that date, but earlier than MIN 5

1939 x 1954

**MIN 7 - MIN 10 Book Drafts [*in need of review*]**

MIN 7 R.A. Minter, 'Episcopacy without Episcopate, the Church of England in Jamaica before 1824'. Published in 1990

Complete typed copy with slight amendments

MIN 8 Episcopacy without Episcopate

Advanced draft, almost complete

MIN 9 Episcopacy without Episcopate

Incomplete early draft with amendments and repetitions. Labelled 'redundant'

MIN 10/1 Episcopacy without Episcopate

Working notes and rough draft

MIN 10/2 Episcopacy without Episcopate

Very rough research notes