

**Inventory No. 5/16/15**

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

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**FONDS SPECIFICATIONS****Title:**

Archives of the Evangelical Lutheran Church, Strand Street, Cape Town

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Evangelical Lutheran Church in Cape Town, Stellenbosch and Wynberg

**Abstract:**

Registers for marriages, baptismals 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.



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**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.

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





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**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.



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**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.



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BESCHRIJVING VAN DE ARCHIEFBESTANDELEN

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**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.