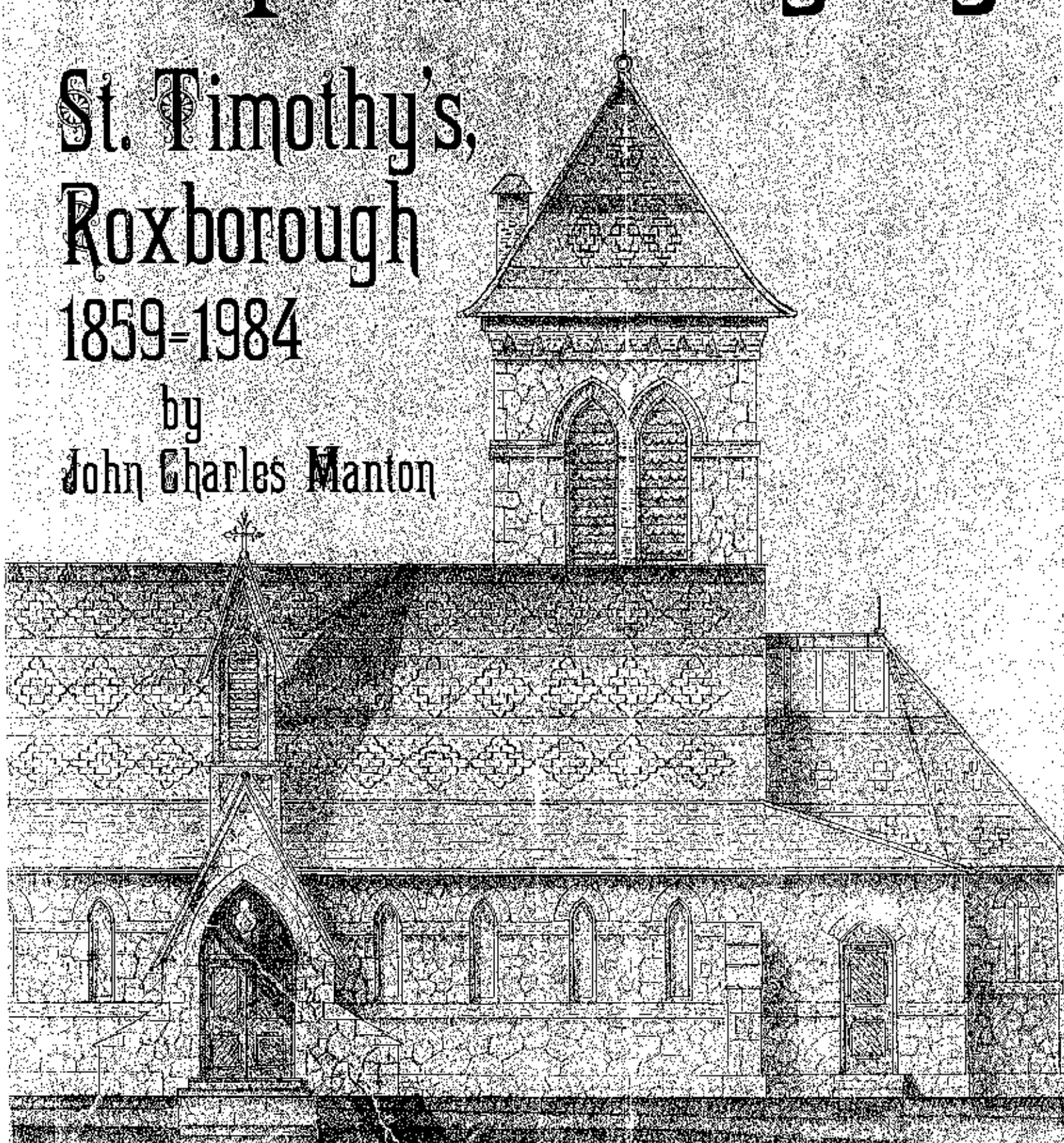


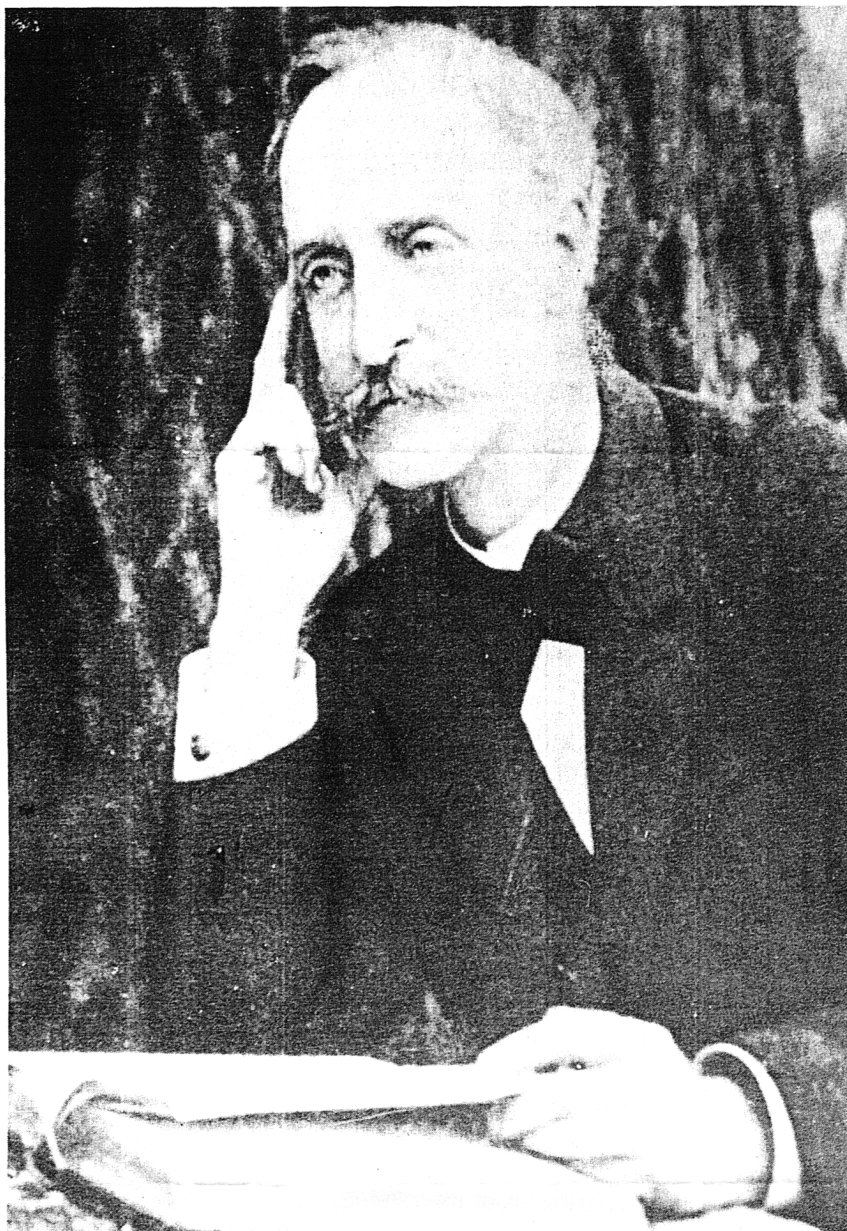
A Splendid Legacy

St. Timothy's,
Roxborough

1859-1984

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ROSS RICHARDSON BUNTING
1834-1900

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ROSS R. BUNTING was born in Philadelphia on 11 September 1834, the only child of Dr. Thomas Chalkley Bunting and Almina Richardson Bunting. He graduated from Central High School in Philadelphia. He then studied medicine and surgery at the Medical School of Jefferson College in Philadelphia, now Jefferson University, 11 & Walnut Streets, from which he received a M.D. degree in '1856.¹

In 1857 Dr. Bunting went to France and advanced his medical career through his studies at the "Ecole de Medecin" of the University of Paris from which he graduated in January 1862. He was amongst the first Americans to be so honoured with a diploma from this school.

Returning to Philadelphia, he took charge of the extensive practice of his uncle, Dr. Ross Richardson. On 2 June 1866 he married the former Isabel Hart of whom he was nine years her senior.² Between 1867 and 1878 he sired five daughters, two of whom died in infancy.

In 1879 Dr. Bunting purchased from Joshua Hill a piece of land on the northeast corner of Ridge and Roxborough Avenues where he later had a stone house erected.⁴ From this residence he carried on his practice of medicine in Roxborough for twenty years, eventually rising to a position of prominence through his membership in various organizations and institutions, e.g., the Philadelphia County Medical Club, College of Physicians, Saint Timothy's Memorial Hospital, and the Roxborough Home for Women (the Gorgas Home). He was the author of many scholarly articles and works in the field of medicine.⁵

Dr. Bunting died of cystitis at his residence (5901 Ridge Avenue) on 9 October 1900 at the age of 65. His funeral took place at St. Timothy's Church where he had been a vestryman for many years. He was interred in Leverington Cemetery,⁶ but sometime later his remains were transferred to Saint Timothy's Churchyard by his widow.⁷ A large granite cross lies flat upon his grave.

1. *Medical Register of the City of Philadelphia, 1881.*

2. *Marriage Register, 1866:* p. 93; Archive Division; Department of Records of the City of Philadelphia.

3. *United States Census Returns, 1900:* Pennsylvania; Philadelphia County; Ward 21; E.D. #469; h. 5901 Ridge Avenue.

4. *Philadelphia County Deed Book Nos. LW:21;424 & LW:84;476.*

5. *Philadelphia Evening Bulletin,* Wednesday, 10 October 1900, p. 9; Obituary.

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7. Burial Records of St. Timothy's Churchyard; 1900.

St. Timothy's church
stained glass windows.

MEMORIAL WINDOWS

IN MEMORY OF:	DATE:	SUBJECT:	LOCATION:
Henry S. Bartle	1952	Saint Nicholas	South Nave
Mary Bartle	1945	St. Hubert	South Nave
Ross Richardson Bunting	1900	Christ and kneeling figure.	North Nave
Mr. & Mrs. Daniel W. Bussinger	1962	Christ with arms raised in welcome	Vestibule
Marion S. W. Cauffman	1954		Vestibule
Stanley Hart Cauffman	1947		Vestibule
Annie Davis Cope	1909	St. Elizabeth of Hungary	South Nave
John Edmund Cope	1880	St. Agnes	South Nave
Samuel Vaughn Cope	1871	Christ blessing children	Sacristy
Mary Emma Dewees	1924	St. Barnabas	North Nave
Paul Dewees	1930	St. Barnabas	North Nave
Helen Elizabeth Fawley	1949	St. Mary-the-Virgin	North Nave
George Gibbs (Priest)	1972	St. John	South Nave
Michael Daniel Harter	1896	St. Michael	South Nave
William Lawton	1916	David as a shepherd	North Nave
Helen Vaughan Lea	1886	St. Luke	South Nave
Clara Procter Longshaw	1966	Christ in blessing	Sanctuary
Annie Brown Merrick	1925	St. Margaret of Scotland	South Nave
Hartley Merrick	1861	St. Timothy	South Nave
Helen Louise Merrick	1915	Girl and Guardian Angel	Baptistry
John Vaughan Merrick, Jr.	1934	St. Paul	South Nave
John Vaughan Merrick, Sr.	1906	St. Stephen	Lady Chapel
Laura Towne Merrick	1926	Dorcas	North Nave
Lucy Whitwell Merrick	1878	Mary & Martha	South Nave
Mary Sophia Merrick	1897	Annunciation	Lady Chapel
William Henry Merrick	1913	Boy and Guardian Angel	Baptistry
Katie T. Parker	1875	St. Helena of the Cross	St. Michael's Chapel
Walter Shepley Procter	1966	Two small clerestory windows	Chancel
John Rogers	unkn.	St. John	South Nave
Catherine Shields	1928	St. Helena	North Nave
John Shields	1900	St. Helena	North Nave
Adele Sykes	1975	St. Veronica (L) St. Mary-the-Virgin (R)	Sacristy
James S. Duval Wagner	1867	Sundry Victorian Designs	North Nave
Tobias Wagner	1868	SS. Petrus & Paulus	North Nave
Charles J. Walton	1873	Boy Jesus	North Nave
Frank E. Walton	1873	Boy Jesus	North Nave
Marion Wolfenden	1891	St. Prisca	South Nave