Hennage Library Resources of Interest to Bruton Guides  
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The Hennage Library is located on the lower level of the Parish House and is available all day Friday and other weekdays when no meetings are scheduled. (You can check the online parish calendar or call ahead to confirm availability.) It is organized under the customary Dewey classification system and the catalogue is available online on the parish website under the “Formation” pulldown menu. Instructions for checking out books are in the Library. Here are some selections that may be of particular interest to Bruton Guides.

**Bruton Parish Church**

283.73 CwfC  **Cross and Gown**, 1965.  
(A brief survey of the links between Bruton Parish Church and The College of William and Mary.)

283.73 Dar  **Darling, James S., Let the Anthems Swell**, 2003.  
(A short summary of the history of music at Bruton.)

973.7 DubD  **Dubbs, Carol Kette, Defend This Old Town: Williamsburg During the Civil War**, 2002.  
(The story of Williamsburg during a most dramatic time, with many references to Bruton Parish Church.)


283.73 GooB  **Goodwin, W.A.R., Bruton Church, Williamsburg, Virginia: Brief Historical Notes**, 1903.  
(An early collection by Goodwin before the restorations.)

726.5 LouB  **Lounsbury, Carl R., Bruton Parish Church: An Architectural History**, 2011.  
(A very useful treatment of the building and its historical context.)

(Documents the controversy over Rev. Lewis’s sermon during President Johnson’s 1967 visit.)

(The story of Rev. Craighill’s invitation to Dr. Blayton in 1955.)
(What is known about the Confederate plaque in the church.)

(A biography of the central figure in the restoration of Colonial Williamsburg.)

(Vignettes of interesting moments in Williamsburg’s history between the departure of the capital and the arrival of John D. Rockefeller Jr.)

283.73 VogB Vogt, John, *Bruton Parish Virginia, Register 1662-1797*, 2004
(A transcription of Bruton’s early Register. While the Register is available through the parish website, this is a handy printed version.)

**Religion in Colonial Virginia**

(A thorough examination of the role of religion in early Virginia.)

(Extensive documentation that conveys the flavor of the era.)

(The importance of religion, the Great Awakening, and religious diversity in the politics of the Revolutionary era.)


(A Colonial Williamsburg publication summarizing the religious transitions from established church to disestablishment and religious diversity.)
(The story of locating the 1608 church and related archaeology.)

(Religious perspectives of the founders in historical context.)

(The vestry records of the early Huguenot settlement.)

(Quotations on religious topics that convey a sense of how the founders thought about religion.)

(A deep exploration of the conflicts that changed the colony, including, for example, the “transactions in the steeple of Bruton” incident of 1773.)

(The story of another early Virginia parish, even older than Bruton.)

(Distinguishes between the “planting fathers” and the later founders with their focus on religious freedom.)

(Good descriptions of the surviving church buildings, with photos.)

(A particularly valuable study of the Anglican Church in Virginia and how it functioned and adapted to its social and political environment.)

(A reprint of an 1870 collection of colonial documents.)

(Details on dozens of surviving churches, including Bruton.)

(A very useful examination of the 37 surviving colonial churches, with details of architecture and furnishings in their cultural context.)
(A fascinating study of early religious practices as seen through selected physical objects.)

(A comprehensive account of the Church of England in pre-revolutionary America.)

**General Background**

974.5 BarR  Barry, John M. *Roger Williams and the Creation of the American Soul*, 2012.
(The story of the puritan founder of Rhode Island, whose fight for religious freedom held the seeds of the separation of church and state.)

(Traces the American Episcopal Church back to its roots in Jamestown.)

(Explores the role of religion in influencing the how the two cultures interacted.)

(Sermons and other documents give a sense of the power of this dramatic and significant religious movement.)

973.4 DreT  Dreisbach, Daniel L. *Thomas Jefferson and the Wall of Separation Between Church and State*, 2002.
(The historical context for the famous phrase and how competing interpretations have shaped law and politics.)

(Explores the impact of religious beliefs and practices of early Virginians on the development of racial ideologies.)

(A chronological treatment from the church’s roots in 16th century England through the 20th century.)
Holmes, David L., *A Brief History of the Episcopal Church*, 1993. (Organized around key issues; includes useful chapters on the founding of the Church of England and on the colonial church in America.)

Marshall, Paul Victor, *One, Catholic, and Apostolic: Samuel Seabury and the Early Episcopal Church*, 2004. (The American Episcopal Church’s first bishop and the controversies surrounding the church’s creation.)


Raboteau, Albert J., *Slave Religion: The Invisible Institution in the Antebellum South*, 1978. (“A window into a world that was long hidden from view.”)


The Library maintains a Special Collection of rare and hard-to-replace items that, while they may not be checked out, may be consulted and read in the Library. A catalog of the Special Collection may be found on the parish website at <https://www.brutonparish.org/thew-hennage-library>. To access any of these resources, please send an email to <library@brutonparish.org> to arrange for a committee member to meet you in the Library. Here are a few examples of these resources.

*Goodwin, W.A.R., Mary Francis Goodwin, ed., The Record of Bruton Parish Church*, 1941. (A compilation of Goodwin’s two earlier books, with additional material, such as excerpts from the early Vestry Book.)
(What we know of the first brick church building.)

A975.5 RouJ Rouse, Parke, Jr., *James Blair of Virginia*, 1971.
(Biography of Bruton rector and William and Mary founder.)

(The founding documents of Jamestown.)

A247 VirC *Church Silver of Colonial Virginia*, 1970.
(Catalogue of an exhibition at the Virginia Museum describing the silver of Bruton and other churches.)

**Other Resources**

The Library Committee maintains *The Link Library*, a collection of websites of special interest to Bruton parishioners. It is available on the parish website under the “Formation” pulldown menu. See especially the section on the history of Bruton Parish Church under “History.”

https://www.brutonparish.org/link-library-of-the-hennage-library

The **Heritage Center** offers online links to scans of early parish documents including the earliest Register. Transcriptions of the texts and indexes by name are helpful aids. Exploring these pages is a great way to feel closer to the daily life of our predecessors. The link is under the “About Us” pulldown menu.

http://heritagecenter.brutonparish.org/