

Stained Glass Windows

North Aisle, Window #3, The Granger Window

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Continuing with our St. Paul's stained-glass windows series, the next window west of the Alexander window, was presented by E. W. Leavenworth in memory of Amos P. and Charlotte H. Granger. The maker did not sign it; however, records indicate that it was made by Cox, Buckley and Co., London, and installed in 1885 along with most of the other windows.

The upper portion of each lancet has an elaborate and ornate design, known as a "canopy". This type of architectural ornament suggests a carved niche in which a figure is usually placed. The "canopy" is usually found in various periods of medieval windows.

Amos Phelps Granger (1789-1866) was born in Suffield, CT, and moved to Manlius, NY, in 1811 where he was involved in the mercantile business. During the War of 1812, he commanded a company of troops at Sackett's Harbor and acquired the title and rank of General. In 1813, he married Charlotte Hickox, and in 1820, they moved to the village of Syracuse. Amos had been active in Zion Episcopal Church on Onondaga Hill. When they moved to Syracuse, he became one of the early churchmen who was active in organizing a parish there. He was one of the first Vestrymen, serving from 1826-1835, and was treasurer from 1827-8 of the first St. Paul's, on the site of the present SA&K building. He also served as junior and senior warden. Amos was active in many businesses, largely mercantile.

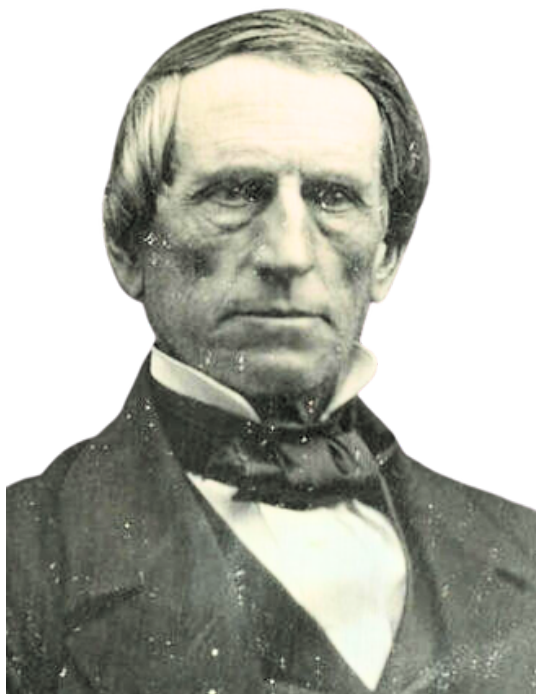
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Amos Phelps Granger

Due to his wisdom in selecting investments, in real estate he accumulated a large fortune. He was also a member of the committee responsible for building the second St. Paul's church on the northwest corner of Warren and Fayette Streets.

In 1844, Amos erected the Granger Block (now the SA&K building). It was rebuilt twice, having only three or four stories originally. There should be a small bronze tablet on the west side of this building marking the site of the first St. Paul's church. The Granger residence was on the site of the present AE Nettleton Company, corner of Willow and State Streets. The site actually included six uniform houses of considerable distinction. The row was known as Granger Place.

Amos became active in politics, and in 1852 was chairman of the delegation which nominated General Winfield Scott for president, and he was a member of Congress from 1855-59.

E. W. Leavenworth was the co-executor of the estate of Mrs. Amos Phelps Granger (Charlotte) who died in 1882, and residuary legatee of her large estate. In her will she made bequests to the various Episcopal churches in the city – Grace, St. James, Trinity, Calvary, and St. Paul's. She also made a bequest to the Diocese of Central New York, the House of the Good Shepherd, and to the Onondaga Orphans Asylum.

