

STORIES FROM THE RICH PAST OF OUR PARISH

Prayer Books in German finally arrive .

On January 9, 1769 the Rev. Mr. Bryzelius begged the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel in England for 300 copies of the German Translation of the Prayer Book. This would give one copy for each family in his congregation. Unable to find any in Europe, the Society had the book specially reprinted for the purpose. This proved so expensive that they could not afford some other German Texts that Bryzelius had requested. The Prayer Books reached Lunenburg in August 1771, four years after Bryzelius arrived there. Rev. Bryzelius also translated Luther's Catechism into English and French. He was able to conduct services in German, French and English, but was only able to preach in German and English. This remarkable man died of apoplexy (stroke), while preaching his sermon on Good Friday, 9 April 1773 at the age of 60 years on 13, April, 1773. He was buried beneath the pulpit of St. John's Church.

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