



Greencastle Presbyterian Church Records, 1837-1992

PA 13

Overview

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Collection Information:

Scope and Content Note

Records of the Greencastle First Presbyterian Church in Greencastle, Putnam County, IN, dated 1837-1992. The collection contains session and congregational minutes, Sunday School records, financial records, land records, and deeds. The records of several Christian societies' formed by church members include the Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society, the Women's Circle, Society of Willing Workers, the Mite Society, the Christian Endeavor Society, and the Junior Christian Endeavor Society. The final part of the collection is comprised of photos of pastors, the church, and general photos regarding the church. Includes vital statistic information (baptisms, marriages, deaths) from 1837-1886.

Historical Information

The Greencastle Presbyterian Church was founded in 1825 by Isaac Reed. Around 1870 the Greencastle 1st Presbyterian Church united with the Greencastle 2nd Presbyterian Church.

Administrative Information:

Related Items:

Related materials may be found by searching the [Hanover College online catalog](#).

Acquisition:

Loaned by Greencastle First Presbyterian Church, 1983. Addendum added 1998.

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Container List

Box	Folder	Folder Title	Date	Notes
1	1	Session Records	1837-1867	Meeting minutes; membership list; projects and activities of the church; short history from the founding; register of communicants, marriages, baptisms, infant baptisms; actions of the church against members accused of not attending, drinking, committing adultery, or cursing and subsequent session trials prior to judgement or referral to Presbyter
1	2	Session Records	1867-1870	Meeting minutes; membership lists; appointments; disciplinary actions; needs of people; ministries; spiritual welfare of church; Deaths; marriages; baptisms
1	3	Session Records and Register	1870-1886	Business meetings; membership records; membership and staff changes; spiritual welfare; creation and support of church agencies; special appointments; discussions on temperance; discussion on the role of elders; Annual reports to the Presbyter; disciplinary actions against members; Baptisms
1	4	Session Records	1930-1952	Meeting minutes; membership changes, appointments, projects, and needs; annual reports; Letter noted from Hanover College concerning conscientious Objector support in 1945; Anti- saloon league; suspended member lists; Association of University pastors meet; 150 th anniversary of church
2	1	Congregational Meetings	1911-1946	annual church meeting minutes; reports from the agencies of the church including Sessions, Pastor, Deacons, Trustees, Sabbath School, Women's Missionary Society, Willing workers, and Young People's Society of Christian Endeavor; financial records; new officer elections

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2	2	Sunday School Records	1834-1868	List of members; scriptural lessons; school listing rules and governance (1834); session attendance; lesson details; book- "Greencastle Union Sabbath School."
2	3	Sunday School Records	1872	attendance book; list of officers, teachers and scholars; Summary statistics listing visitors, boys and girls and activities for the day.
2	4	Sunday School Records	1888	Attendance and financial weekly record book listing teachers, pupils, with space for memoranda, monthly summaries and yearly reports.
2	5	Sunday School Records	1891	Weekly record book of attendance and finances listing teachers, scholars with summary totals. Contains a complete list of attendees; quarterly and annual reports.
2	6	Sunday School Records	1893	Listing of teachers, pupils with attendance and financial records with monthly, quarterly and annual reports.
2	7	Sunday School Records	1895	Listing of teachers, pupils, with attendance and financial records with weekly, monthly, quarterly and annual reports.
2	8	Sunday School Records	1903-1909	Listing of teachers, pupils with attendance and financial records with monthly, quarterly and annual reports.
3	1	Sunday School Records	1909-1910	Listing of teachers, pupils with attendance and financial records with monthly, quarterly and annual reports.
3	2	Sunday School Records	1910-1911	Listing of teachers, pupils with attendance and financial records with monthly, quarterly and annual reports.
3	3	Sunday School Records	1911-1913	Listing of teachers, pupils with attendance and financial records with monthly, quarterly and annual reports.
3	4	Sunday School Records	1916-1918	Listing of attendance and financial weekly records by class name.
3	5	Sunday School Records	1918-1919	Listing of attendance and financial weekly records by class names including some memoranda.
3	6	Sunday School Records	1919-1923	Listing of attendance and financial weekly records plus Sunday School Board meeting notes; officers and scholars.
3	7	Sunday School Records	1923-1926	Weekly attendance and financial records by classes with lists of scholars separately with minutes of Sunday School Board.
3	8	Proceedings of Building Committee	1879	Meeting minutes; reporting choice of architect; process of raising funds; locating supplies; choosing contractors and brick and stone designs

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3	9	Financial Pledge Record Book	1868-91	Book of receipts and disbursements to raise funds for missions and future construction.
3	10	Legal Documents	1864-1952	deeds, wills, affidavits, receipts and descriptions of property.
4	11	Women's Foreign Missionary Society	1880-1887	receipt and disbursements book.
4	1	Ladies' Missionary Society	1880-1883	Meeting minutes of the meetings with a summary of activities
4	2	Women's Home and Foreign Missionary Society	1884-1893	Meeting minutes; activities; lists of members; constitution; financial records
4	3	Women's Home and Foreign Missionary Society	1893-1897	Meeting minutes; activities; attendance; financial records
4	4	Women's Home and Foreign Missionary Society	1897-1904	Meeting minutes, attendance and financial records
4	5	Women's Home and Foreign Missionary Society	1904-1914	Meeting minutes; attendance; financial records.
4	6	Women's Home and foreign Missionary Society	1836-1842	Minutes of the meetings and attendance and financial records. A list of members.
4	7	Women's Circle	1919-1922	Meeting minutes; attendance; financial records.
4	8	Women's Circle	1936-1944	Meeting minutes; attendance; financial records; newspaper clippings; church programs
4	9	The Mite Society (Sewing Circle)	1854-1855	Meeting minutes with attendance and financial records with stress on Morocco missions. Includes lists of names.
4	10	Society of Willing Workers	1880-1883	Minutes of the meetings with attendance and financial records. This was a quilting society.
5	1	Society of Willing Workers	1883-1906	Minutes of weekly meetings with attendance and financial records and a summary of activities and some inserts.
5	2	Presbyterian Men's Club	1955-1963	A record of meetings, projects, programs and includes names, financial records, and various inserts.
5	3	Christian Endeavor	1908-1920	Meeting minutes with attendance and financial records, activities and lists of names, officers and committees.
5	4	Junior Christian Endeavor	1918-1921	Attendance booklet with names of members and stars for coming. List of committees and brief minutes of meeting on back cover.
5	5	Junior Christian Endeavor	1918-1924	Accounts book of finances.
5	6	Junior Christian Endeavor	1921-1928, 1935	Attendance record, list of members, officers, and activities; list of topics studied.

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5	7	Young People's Society of Christian Endeavor	1923-1928	Treasurer's weekly account book with lists of members.
5	8	Photographs, printed Memorabilia	1925-1975	Centennial and sesquicentennial clippings and documents including news photos.
5	9	Church related publications	1894-1939	Newspapers, Sunday School quarterlies, tracts, and a survey of Putnam County Churches.
5	10	Membership Records and letters	1934-1982	Church Directory, membership documents, manuscript of short fiction and church correspondence
5	11	Ladies' Missionary Society Documents	1875-1900	Letters, Financial records, National publications
6	1	Founding documents of the Ladies' Missionary Society	1836-1900	Minutes, membership lists, and descriptions of activities.
6	2	Centennial and 125 th year celebration booklets	1925-1950	News clippings, historical booklets and programs from anniversary celebrations
6	3	Records of the New Building in Greencastle	1990-1991	An account of the planning, financing and erection of the new building for Presbyterians in Greencastle.
6	4	Church Construction Planning Meeting Records	1991	Soil studies, financial options, architectural options, and meeting notes over several months.
6	5	Legal Papers and Meeting Notes	1991	Legal papers, property issues, surveying, wills, and agreements.
6	6	Legal and Interior Design Issues	1991	Documents regarding finance, sound system, wiring and utilities.
6	7	Design of Windows, doors, furniture and Completion	1992	Documents related to the completion of the project including final touches on interior, appliances and furniture and planning a completion celebration.
7	1	Photographs	1897-1960's	Original photo of Easter decorated Altar of 1847 building ca 1920, another closer view photo ca 1920, and a third even closer view ca 1920. Various views of 1836 building 1975 and earlier. Five original photos of 1847 building taken in 1897. A view of church ca 1920, A view of church ca 1917. A view of educational building 1923. One photo of church orchestra ca 1950. A side view of Rev. Walrond in 1950. Several views of the 1927 building in the 1960's and one of same building on Mother's Day 1949

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7	2	Photographs	1860-1970's	Photos of old 1836 building 1950, 1963-1975, of church fire 1920's, several of old altar, of Isaac Reed, Ransom Hawley early pastors and later pastors. Photos of headstones of founders, invitation cards, pamphlets