



## Connersville First Presbyterian Church Records, 1824-2012

**PA 82**

### Overview

Creator:	Connersville First Presbyterian Church
Title:	Connersville First Presbyterian Church Records
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### Collection Information:

#### Scope and Content Note

The Connersville First Presbyterian Church Records includes materials relating to the founding, management, and day-to-day activities of the church along with its members and community, dated 1824-2012. The collection contains session and other committee minutes, financial records, registers, newspaper clippings, church historical documents, correspondence, bibles, books, photographs, and pamphlets. Topics discussed throughout the collection include God, church history, the founding of the church, the split of the church, the reunification of the church, finances, maintenance, and repairs to buildings, building expansion, genealogical and family history information, Presbyterian history, Presbyterian views, and community outreach and impact.

#### Historical Information

Connersville First Presbyterian Church was originally organized in Connersville, Fayette County, IN on October 3, 1824, by Rev. Daniel Hayden. The first church building was constructed in 1833 between Fifth and Sixth Streets. The congregation moved to a new building in 1845 on West Fourth Street. In 1851, a group withdrew (a "New School" movement) and organized the Constitutional Presbyterian Church of Connersville (Second Presbyterian Church of Connersville). The new church built a building on the corner of Seventh and Central Streets in 1855. On November 11, 1870, the First Presbyterian Church of Connersville and the Constitutional Presbyterian Church merged back into one church, the First Presbyterian Church of Connersville. As a congregation, they elected all new leaders, excluding trustees, and decided to use the building on the corner of Seventh and Central Streets. Through the years, additions were added onto

the church including rooms, stained glass windows, and normal maintenance and repairs. The church is still active today.

### Organization

The Connersville First Presbyterian Church Collection is organized by Session Minutes, Financial Records, Church Registers, Committee Minutes, Newspaper Clippings, Church History, Correspondence, Books, Miscellaneous – Photos, and Miscellaneous – Documents & Pamphlets.

## Administrative Information:

### Related Items:

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

### Acquisition:

Loaned by Connersville First Presbyterian Church, 2015.

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### Container List

Box	Folder	Folder Title	Dates	Notes
1	1	Session Minutes	10/1824-02/1868	First Presbyterian Church of Connersville, church founding, church organization, first meeting minutes, Daniel Hayden, first elders, first members, member admittance, member dismissal, meeting minutes, elder attendance, prayer, event planning, church accountability, member accountability, Second Presbyterian Church of Connersville, White Water Presbytery, pastor election, drinking, intemperance, intoxication, excommunication, member suspension, confessions, baptisms, Lord's supper, communion, dispelling rumors, violence, church law, language, unchristian language, citations, woman leadership, ordination, refusal to commune with church members, member register, adult baptisms, infant baptisms, White Water Presbytery



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1	2	Session Minutes	1853-1870	Constitutional Presbyterian Church of Connersville, Second Presbyterian Church of Connersville, meeting minutes, church organization, church founding, congregational meeting, first elders, first members, land, building, trustees, church consolidation, First Presbyterian Church of Connersville, Presbyterian Church of Connersville, resolutions, pastor resignation, resignation, reorganization, White Water Presbytery, money, donations, funds, transfer property, union of churches, church newspaper articles, church history, historical information
1	3	Session Minutes	1868-1874	Meeting minutes, elder attendance, prayer, event planning, church accountability, member accountability, dancing, pastors, testimony, member admittance, congregational meetings, member dismissal, church consolidation, First Presbyterian Church of Connersville, Second Presbyterian Church of Connersville, Presbyterian Church of Connersville, White Water Presbytery, pastor election, hymn books, permanent house of worship, church building, donations, charity, funds, accounts, historical information, church history, 1894 church newspaper article, member register, ordination, pastor resignation
1	4	Session Minutes	1870-10/1903	First Presbyterian Church of Connersville, Second Presbyterian Church of Connersville, Constitutional Presbyterian Church of Connersville, Presbyterian Church of Connersville, church organization, church founding, church consolidation, White Water Presbytery, meeting minutes, elder attendance, prayer, event planning, pastor election, pastor resignation, elders, trustees, deacons, officers, church buildings, pastor, pastor resignation, Lord's supper, communion, Hanover College, church attendance conversation, testimony, man's promise to dying wife to give heart to God, Presbytery, member admittance, congregational meetings, member dismissal, member register, committees
2	1	Session Minutes	12/14/1903-03/09/1936	Meeting minutes, new pastor, Lord's supper, communion, committees, elders, trustees, deacons, congregational meeting, delegates, baptisms, membership, member admittance, member dismissal, pastor resignation, committees



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	Vol 1	Session Minutes	1959-1968	Meeting minutes, committees, elders, trustees, deacons, congregational meetings, delegates, financials, financial reports, committee reports, baptisms, marriages, Presbytery merger, Woman's Association, membership transfers, membership, building, building repairs
	Vol 2	Session Minutes	1969-1981	Meeting minutes, committees, elders, trustees, deacons, congregational meetings, delegates, financials, financial reports, committee reports, baptisms, marriages, membership transfers, membership, building, building repairs, property, buying property, births, deaths
	Vol 3	Session Minutes	1982-12/1990	Meeting minutes, committees, elders, trustees, deacons, congregational meetings, delegates, financials, financial reports, committee reports, baptisms, marriages, membership transfers, membership, building, building repairs, births, deaths
	Vol 4	Session Minutes	12/1990-12/1997	Presbyterian Church of Connersville, First Presbyterian Church of Connersville, meeting minutes, committees, elders, trustees, deacons, congregational meetings, delegates, financials, financial reports, committee reports, baptisms, marriages, membership transfers, membership, building, building repairs, births, deaths
	Vol 5	Session Minutes	01/1998-08/2004	Meeting minutes, committees, elders, trustees, deacons, congregational meetings, delegates, financials, financial reports, committee reports, baptisms, marriages, membership transfers, membership, building, building repairs, births, deaths, Capital Campaign Plan
	Vol 6	Session Minutes	2004-2012	Meeting minutes, committees, elders, trustees, deacons, congregational meetings, delegates, financials, financial reports, committee reports, baptisms, marriages, membership transfers, membership, building, building repairs, births, deaths
2	2	Financial Records - Poor Fund Book	05/1905 - 08/1910	Amounts given, charity, money, dollar amounts, money-to-people record
2	3	Financial Records - James E. & Mary Claypool Roberts Fund	06/1923 - 01/1953	James E. Roberts, Mary Claypool Roberts, James E. Roberts history, account, account balance, funds, receipts, money spent, money earned, money



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3	1	Financial Records - Account Book	09/1926 - 12/1950	Receipts, expenditures, money, dollar amounts, account balances, accounts
	Vol 7	Financial Records - Treasurer's Book	10/01/1889 - 12/31/1902	Accounts, account records, account balances, money spent, money earned, money
3	2	Church Registers	1898 - 1910	Pastors, elders, communicants, members, member information, dates of admission, how received into congregation, dismissal from church, death records, remarks on members, baptisms, marriages, deaths, genealogical information
3	3	Church Registers	1911 - 1936	Pastors, elders, communicants, members, member information, received by certificate, received by examination, membership termination, death records, remarks on members, infant baptisms, baptisms, genealogical information
3	4	Church Registers	03/01/1961 - 03/31/1975	Dismissal and Reception Records, 1961 - 1975; Dismissal from congregation, reception into congregation, remarks on dismissal, remarks on reception
4	1	Committee Minutes - Chancel Guild Committee	02/1969 - 05/1973	Chancel Guild, acolytes, select acolytes, train acolytes, schedules, meeting minutes, dissolve Chancel Guild
4	2	Committee Minutes - Deacons	02/10/1953 - 12/13/1959	Deacons, meeting minutes, committee reports, men's council, scouts, meeting attendance, budget, church business, money, accomplished tasks, flowers
4	3	Committee Minutes - Deacons	01/10/1960 - 01/22/1969	Deacons, meeting minutes, committee reports, meeting attendance, budget, church business, money, accomplished tasks, flowers
4	4	Committee Minutes - Home Missionary Society	03/1911 - 03/1920	Women's Home and Foreign Missionary Society, society history, brief history, annual reports, accounts, account balances, funds, meeting minutes, notes, letters, pamphlets, officers, officer lists, member records, attendance records
5	1	Committee Minutes - Home Missionary Society	1922 - 1929	Women's Home and Foreign Missionary Society, annual reports, accounts, account balances, funds, meeting minutes, notes, letters, pamphlets, officers, officer lists, member records, attendance records



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5	2	Committee Minutes - Home Missionary Society	1946 - 1950	Women's Home and Foreign Missionary Society, annual reports, accounts, account balances, funds, meeting minutes, notes, letters, pamphlets, officers, officer lists, member records, attendance records
5	3	Committee Minutes - Ladies Aid	11/1883 - 02/1884	Ladies Aid, The Ladies Presbyterian Aid Society, 1888, meeting minutes, officers
5	4	Committee Minutes - Ladies Aid	09/1912 - 05/1915	Ladies Aid, Ladies Aid Society, member register, meeting attendance, officers, meeting minutes, financials, money
5	5	Committee Minutes - Ladies Aid	1928 - 1929	Ladies Aid, Ladies Aid Society, Presbyterian Aid Society, financials, dues, paid, member register, society photograph
5	6	Committee Minutes - Ladies Aid	04/01/1941 - 1/15/51	Ladies Aid, Ladies Aid Flower Fund, flower fund, financials, accounts, account balances, ledger
6	1	Committee Minutes - Ladies Aid	12/1942 - 04/1944	Ladies Aid, Presbyterian Ladies Aid Society, Ladies Aid Society, member register, meeting attendance, attendance, meeting minutes, flower fund
	Vol 8	Committee Minutes - Trustees	11/1827 - 12/1947	Ladies Aid papers, pastoral acceptance letter, W. D. Lewis, bank loan, money, account balances, ledger, meeting minutes, Presbyterian Church of Connersville, First Presbyterian Church of Connersville, Constitutional Presbyterian Church, church consolidation, church union, personal church property, elders, deacons, members, congregation, church maintenance
	Vol 9	Committee Minutes - Trustees	08/03/1966 - 12/12/1979	Money, account balances, ledger, meeting minutes, ushers, church maintenance, elders, deacons, members, congregation
	Vol 10	Committee Minutes - Trustees	01/09/1980 - 12/08/1982	Money, account balances, ledger, meeting minutes, ushers, church maintenance, elders, deacons, members, congregation
6	2	Committee Minutes - Women's Association	1971 - 04/07/1987	Meeting minutes, letters, notes, board meeting minutes, attendance, officer records, officers, officer lists, funds, financials, accounts, account balances



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6	3	Newspaper Clippings	02/02/1929 - 05/05/1978	First Presbyterian Church of Connersville, Connersville Presbyterian Church, 'Death Closes Long Life of Rev. T. H. Hench', illness, death, funeral, church news, 'Dedication Of Purdue U. Carillon Set', 'First Presbyterians Dedicate Tower Music System Sunday', National Christian Family Week, Holy Land, 'Presbyterian Church One of City's Oldest', church history, early church history, church consolidation, church ad, 'Presbyterians Honor Minister, Organist', campaign dinner photo, church advertisements, Pocono Boy Singers, Pocono Boy Singers advertisements, 'Famed Pocono Boy Singers to Present Concert Here June 21', 'Pocono Boy Singers to appear at Connersville on June 21', 'Scholarship Being Offered By Church To Hanover College', Hanover College, scholarship, 'Speaks to Seniors', 'Works in Guatemala,' missionary trip, worker photo, Thomas J. Mullin, 'New JA Officers', Junior Achievement Companies photo, United Fund officer picture, 'The Messiah Performance',
6	4	Church History	10/01/1934 - 10/31/1942	Record of the Ministry of Geo. S. Taggart, Connersville, Indiana, Oct. 1, 1934 - Oct. 31, 1942; funerals, weddings, adult baptisms, infant baptisms, membership faith, membership letter,
6	5	Church History	2/22/1974	Pastor information, Charles Sturdevant, Daniel Hayden, Jared M Stove, William Pelan, Presbyterian pamphlets, letter requesting pastor information
6	6	Correspondence	05/23/1905 - 06/16/2004	People: Session of the First Presbyterian Church of Connersville, D. W. McKee, Charles A. Sturdwurst, Rev. Spencer, Carla Beard, Critz Claerfout, Mary Ann Gentry, Howard Manifold, Robert Rankohl, Judi Smith, Will Rose, Willis E. Rose; Topics: Charity funds, trustees, financial reports, church records, sources, pastor nominating committee, Ann Crispin, Cory Evans, Richard Harrell, Betty Jobe, Ben Leiter, Sarah Smith, Mary Swope; Places: Connersville, Abra, OK





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	Vo 11	Book - The Light of the World or Our Savior in Art	1899	Variety of religious pictures depicting Jesus and scenes related to his life and ministry described in the Gospels; "Presented to Joe on his twenty-first birthday by his Mother", "Nov 1st", family genealogy, genealogical information
	Vol 12	Book - Bible	1874	German Bible. Published by Baird & Dillon. Contains marriages, births, and deaths from 1841 - 1962. Surnames include Dentlinger, [Doenges], [Miekel]. Places include Germany; Ripley County, IN; Fayette County, IN.
	Vol 13	Book - Bible	1890	The Holy Bible, Containing the Old and New Testaments: Translated Out of the Original Tongues; and with the Former Translations Diligently Compared and Revised, by His Majesty's Special Command.' 'Presented to the First Presbyterian Church by Rev. Eli B. Smith'
6	7	Book - Bible	1874	Vol 12, genealogical info from Vol 12, genealogical info
6	8	Miscellaneous - Photos	7/24/1974	Photographed by Crone Photo. First Presbyterian Church, Connersville, Indiana. Exterior photograph, main entrance, tower, stained glass, VW Bus
6	9	Miscellaneous - Documents & Pamphlets	1959	Carillon Bells, postcard, 'Reader's Digest: He Set the Church Bells Ringing', 'The World Prepiere of the "Carillon Americana" at the Famed Singing Tower', bells, stained glass, bell industry
6	10	Miscellaneous - Documents & Pamphlets	3/14/1979	A Proposed Administrative Manual for First United Presbyterian Church, Connersville, Indiana', church officer training binder, Duane Aelick, position descriptions, session committee responsibilities, deacons' committee responsibilities, board of trustees' responsibilities, Christian education manual
6	11	Miscellaneous - Documents & Pamphlets	10/12/1982	Bequest of Ruth Koch, Ruth Koch will, \$1000 donation to church
7	1	Miscellaneous - Documents & Pamphlets	1984	The Clerk of Session: A Guide to Roles and Responsibilities', Presbyterian government overview, clerk responsibilities, parliamentary procedure, principles of Presbyterian government, relationships, communications, rolls
7	2	Miscellaneous - Documents & Pamphlets	1985	First United Presbyterian Church, Connersville, Indiana, 1985, Church Directory', church pictures, member pictures, member addresses, member phone numbers





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7	3	Miscellaneous - Documents & Pamphlets	1990-1991	Session record examination, forms, financials, records, ledger, money, 1990 annual report, committee financial reports, church by-laws, by-laws
7	4	Miscellaneous - Documents & Pamphlets	1992	First United Presbyterian Church, Connersville, Indiana, Welcome Packet', First Presbyterian Church of Connersville pocket folder, pamphlets, committee list, minister bio, Loyd Baird, church welcome letter, 'Connersville First United Presbyterian - Church History', church history, 'Meet the Presbyterians', 'About Being Presbyterian...a guide to more effective church membership', 'What It Means To Be Presbyterian', Presbyterian beliefs, Presbyterian church structure, Presbyterian history

