



## **Columbia City First Presbyterian Church Records, 1835-1961**

### **PA 10**

#### **Overview**

Creator: Columbia City First Presbyterian Church  
Title: Columbia City First Presbyterian Church Records  
Collection Number: PA 10  
Collection Dates: 1835-1961  
Size: 2 boxes  
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#### **Collection Information:**

##### **Scope and Content Note**

Records of the Columbia City First Presbyterian Church in Columbia City, Whitley County, Indiana, 1835-1961. Includes session minutes, church registers, membership lists, annual reports, congregational minutes, and anniversary programs. Records also contain vital statistics (baptisms, births, deaths, marriages) from 1835-1949.

##### **Historical Information**

The Columbia City First Presbyterian Church was organized on 7 January 1853.

#### **Administrative Information:**

##### **Related Items:**

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

##### **Acquisition:**

Loan

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**Container List**

<b>Box</b>	<b>Folder</b>	<b>Folder Title</b>	<b>Dates</b>	<b>Notes</b>
1	1	Session Minutes	1853-1894	Includes meeting minutes; financial records; details of annual meetings; committee records; 85 <sup>th</sup> anniversary news clippings, bulletins, and letters; World War II information; audit reports; benevolence reports; 1946 census report; correspondence; and ephemera. Register follows with names of elders and deacons, 1853-1949; communicants list, 1853-1949 with reception, dismissal and remarks; Baptism list 1853-1949; Marriages, 1930- 1948; Deaths 1909-1949.
1	2	Session Minutes	1949-1961	Business record book with signed entries listing membership changes, projects, plans, committees citing many names. Statistics, financial reports, forms. Centennial report. Several tributes. Directory of officers in church.
2	1	Session Minutes	1835-1902	Meeting minutes; register of members with baptisms, marriages, deaths; list of founders; first congregational meeting Jan. 1853; lists of members and membership changes; Gap in entries from 1864-1870; records of cases and disciplinary actions taken against members; Session notes resume regularly 1890s. Addendum: Records of baptisms 1835-1866 listed in back of book with dates of birth and baptism and parent names. Some child entries include death dates. More dated death entries at end of book.

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2	2	Session Minutes and Register	1853-1928	Opens with an explanatory note on the making of "Record Book #1". This is an updated version of the prior Session book of folder 1 with assurance of the clerk that he cites original records to add missing information of first book. Includes names of officers, details of church's founding. Entries after 1902 include loose papers, programs, and notes; meetings minutes; yearly reports; committee notes; fund raising efforts; list of pastors, elders and deacons 1853-1929; communicants list with baptisms and deaths; newspaper clippings involve former Vice President and Indiana governor Thomas Marshall and his passing. Book ends with church publications and clippings of church news 1920s, and short death list.
2	3	Original Register	1853-1897	Record of Members and Contributions using pledge system of giving, an official book. Listing of members by date, method of entry, dismissal method, name of church sending, name of church receiving upon dismissal 1853- 1894. Membership records and some Financial records
2	4	Congregational Meetings	1892-1933	Contains church constitution, accounts of yearly meetings, special meetings and trustee's meetings. There are some financial records, amendments to constitution, lists of officers. Arranged by date.
2	5	Seventy-Fifth Anniversary Booklet	1927	A detailed history of the church with photos of significant members, including Thomas Marshall, Vice President and Indiana Governor. Covers entire history sequentially with many contributors from different perspectives. Includes a song, registers of pastors, elders, officials and memories of former members
2	6	Dedication Program	1893	A Church Dedication program from the erection of a new sanctuary October 22, 1893. Original document listing order of service, words to hymn sung, oral reading of pastor and responses from people, joint words of both, list of choir members, and program of evening service.