



## Indianapolis Presbytery Records, 1831-1991

### PA 72

#### Overview

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#### Collection Information:

##### Scope and Content Note

Records of the Indianapolis Presbytery dated 1831-1991. The collection documents of the operation of the Presbytery and includes meeting minutes, committee reports, financial records, religious and political questions, appointment and education of ministers, statistical reports, the state of religion, discussion of local and national events, church buildings, mission work, Sabbath Schools, Freedman's Association, disciplinary actions, moral issues, publications, biographies, Vietnam and Civil disorders, Presbytery Society, and annual reports.

##### Historical Information

The Presbytery of Indianapolis was created from a portion of the Crawfordsville Presbytery in October 1830. For the majority of the Twentieth Century the boundaries included Putnam, Hendricks, Marion, Hamilton, Hancock, Clay, Owen, Morgan, Johnson, Monroe, Brown, and Bartholomew Counties. While the boundaries changed over the years, the presbytery existed until 1973 when it became part of the Ohio Valley and the Whitewater Valley Presbyteries.

#### Administrative Information:

##### Related Items:

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##### Acquisition:

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**Container List**

Box	Folder	Folder Title	Date	Notes
1	1	Minutes of Meetings Book	1831-1837	Meeting minutes, religious and political questions, committee work, discussions about local churches
1	2	Book 2 of the Minutes of meetings (Old School)	1837-1853	Meeting minutes, standing rules, committee reports, resolutions, discussions of the needs of the constituent churches, examining pastors, counseling pastors, discussions about local churches
1	3	Book 3 Minutes of Presbytery Meetings (Old School)	1853-1870	Meeting minutes, standing rules, committee reports, resolutions, discussions of the needs of the constituent churches, examining pastors, counseling pastors, discussions about local churches, records, finances, appropriations, and minutes supporting education, commissions, missions, Discussions of the state of religion, proposals, appointments of ministers, commissions, statistical reports
2	1	Presbytery notes of meetings (new school Vol. 1)	1839-1863	Meeting minutes, discussions about local churches, resolutions, committee work, analyses of sermons, statistical reports, rolls of attendees and churches, discussions of the state of religion, slavery, disciplinary action against both clergy and members of churches, committee on education, appointments and installations
2	2	Presbytery Notes of Meetings (New School Vol. 2)	1863-1890	Meeting minutes, reports of committees, financial reports, discussions of the state of religion, resolutions, "German issue", News clippings



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3	1	Presbytery Notes of Meetings	1870-1878	Meeting minutes, committee reports, discussions about local churches, manses and their care, benevolence work, sustenance for ministers, study of methods of preaching, issue of dancing (page 44, 68), Sabbath Schools
3	2	Presbytery Notes of Meetings	1878-1886	Meeting minutes, value of publications, finances, Church building, attendance, faith, committee reports, mission work, Reports from constituent churches, Sabbath Schools, Board of Education, statistical tables.
3	3	Presbytery Notes of Meetings	1886-1894	Meeting minutes, Committee reports, publications, Notes from churches, dismissals of ministers, Systematic Beneficence committee, Freedman's cause and support, Deaconesses appear (page 1260), political corruption, alcohol abuse
4	1	Presbytery Minutes	1894-1904	Meeting minutes, committee reports, reports from the clerk, treasurer reports, ministerial relief, Freedman Association work, missions, temperance, Committee reports, Coates Women's College in Terre Haute, Education, disciplinary actions and rulings, dismissals of serving ministers, minister's names, and dates of ordinations
4	2	Presbytery Book of Minutes of Meetings	1904-1915	Meeting minutes, examinations and preparations of future ministers, the examination of session minutes from constituent churches, state and national issues, disciplinary actions, reports of officers and committees, listings of ministers, relief funding for ministers and widows, resolutions, petitions, Financial records
5	1	Presbytery Minutes of Business Meetings	1916-1924	Meeting minutes, financial and attendance records of the local churches, personnel issues, preparation, and examination of serving ministers, resolutions, committee and clerk reports, dismissals and disciplinary actions, support for ministerial and freedman relief funds, moral issues, ministry for the Youth, Freedman's Association



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5	2	Presbytery Minutes of Meetings	1924-1930	Meeting minutes, centennial celebrations, Freedman's Association, lists of vacant churches, need for pastors, Bible College, closing of rural churches, increase in publications, Commissions,
6	1	Presbytery Notes of Meetings	1930-1939	Meeting minutes, personnel, local churches, discipline, moral issues, needs of ministers, missions, needs of people, changing pastorate and the problems facing ministers, lists of ministers, moderators, and licentiates
6	2	Presbytery Notes of Business Meetings	1939-1947	Meeting minutes, services to the constituent churches, personnel, funds, advice, training and selection of ministerial candidates, educational and moral issues, needs of ministers and missions, needs of the people, committee reports, Help for ministers and foreign missions, libraries
6	3	Presbytery Notes of Business Meetings	1948-1956	Meeting minutes, personnel, discipline, missions, needs of ministers, educational issues, meeting the needs of people, biographies, recollections, tributes, appointments, lists of ministers, commissioners, moderators, licentiates, and candidates
7	1	Presbytery Notes of Business Meetings	1956-1963	Meeting minutes, committee reports, church issues, ministerial candidates, budget issues, letters, discussion of synod and national issues, dismissals of pastors
7	2	Presbytery Notes of meetings	1963-1967	Meeting minutes, committee reports, church reports, social opportunities, monetary issues, disciplinary problems, education for ministerial candidates, synodical issues, Presbytery resolution on Vietnam War (page 158B-1966)
8	1	Presbytery Notes of Meetings	1968-1991	Meeting minutes, reports, financial issues, ministerial candidates, reports from constituent churches, discussion on civil disorders (pages 47-53), Salaries, monetary issues, fund raising
8	2	Presbytery Notes of Meetings	1971-72	Meeting minutes, lists of Indiana pastors with their church names and dates of ordination
8	3	Treasurer's Book	1871-1884	
8	4	Treasurer's Book	1906-1937	



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9	1	Record book on cosmopolitan mission work	1914-1917	Meeting minutes, organization of a mission to foreigners living in the city, descriptions of support offered, instruction in English, spiritual care
9	2	Presbytery History	1887	
9	3	Presbytery Historical documents	1920's-30's	
9	4	Indiana Presbytery Minutes	1933-1955	Meeting minutes, attendees, committee reports, by-laws, projects, financial reports, and discussions on issues of the day.
9	5	Presbytery Society Women Supporters	1875-1895	Meeting minutes, activities, socials, presentations, studies, finances, and information regarding the constituent churches.
9	6	Presbyterian Women's Missionary Society	1896-1917	Meeting minutes, efforts to support the foreign and home mission efforts
10	1	Presbytery Foreign Missions Treasurer's Book	1903-1919	
10	2	Home Missions Committee Records	1917-1943	
10	3	Trustees Treasurer's Book	1945-1958	
10	4	Correspondence	1930's-1950's	
10	5	Statistical Reports	1917-1961	Financial records
11	1	Church Register	1926-1943	A church register from an unnamed Indianapolis church with no listed elders or other officials. Members, marriage, dismissals to other churches.
11	2	Records of giving to Presbytery by its churches	1958	
11	3	Treasurer's Records	1936-1958	
11	4	Insurance Documents	1966-1967	
11	5	Annual Reports of Missionary Work	1909-1947	These list officers, summarize fund raising from local churches for home and foreign missions and report total raised.
12	1	Ministerial "Bio" cards	1940's-1950's	A collection of post cards sent by ministers listing information to be recorded and used by the Presbytery for consideration.
12	2	Ministerial "Bio" cards	1940's-1950's	A collection of post cards sent by ministers to be used by the Presbytery to fill pulpits.
12	3	Presbytery Home Missionary Society Treasurer's Book	1882-1894	



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12	4	Presbytery Home missions and Freedman's Association Treasurer's Book	1894-1900	
12	5	Presbytery Home Missionary Society Treasurer's Book	1907-1912	
13	1	Presbytery Home Missions and Freedman's Association Treasurer's Book	1922-1925	Treasurer's Book on behalf of the constituent churches recording donations and monies spent from the giving of Sunday School Classes.
13	2	Presbytery Missions Treasurer's Book	1925-1929	Treasurer's Book on behalf of the constituent churches recording donations and monies spent from the giving of Sunday School Classes.
13	3	Presbytery Foreign Missions Society Treasurer's Book	1908-1913	An accounts Book recording the gifts of various church agencies.
13	4	Presbytery Foreign Missions Society Treasurer's Book	1914-1922	An Accounts Book recording the gifts of many people including names and addresses from the Indianapolis area.
13	5	Presbytery Missions Society Treasurer's Book	1901-1907	An accounts Book recording the gifts of area people including names and addresses.
13	6	Presbyterial Society	1926-1927	Lists of supporters
14	1	Presbytery Society Notes of Meetings	1933-1938	The secretary's notes of meetings of the executive board recording the discussions and decisions of the board. Correspondence is read, information shared and monetary issued addressed.
14	2	Notes of the Presbytery Society	1951-1961	discussions and decisions of the board.
14	3	Notes of the Presbytery Society	1962-1969	discussions and decisions of the board.
14	4	Annual Meeting Minutes of the Presbytery Society	1941-1961	Minutes of the Society's annual meetings
14	5	Annual Meeting Minutes of the Presbyterial Society District 1	1962-1968	Minutes of the Society's annual meetings
14	6	Annual Meeting Notes of Meetings of the Presbyterial Society District 1	1942-1961	Meeting minutes, discussions and decisions of the meetings, publications, roll calls, flyers, programs, and songs.



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14	7	Annual Meeting Notes of the Meetings of the Presbyterial Society District 1	1962-1968	Meeting minutes, secretary's notes of the programs including date, officers attending lists of people attending.
15	1	Annual Meeting Notes of the Presbyterial Society District 2	1941-1962 1963-1968	Meeting minutes, secretary's notes of the programs including date, officers attending lists of people attending.
15	2	Annual Meeting Notes of the Presbyterial Society Missions District 3	1936-1961	Meeting minutes, secretary's notes of the programs including date, officers attending lists of people attending.
15	3	Annual Meeting Notes of Meetings of the Presbyterial Missionary Women District 3	1962-1968	Meeting minutes, roll calls, names of officials, discussions, decisions and special programs and workshops.
15	4	Presbyterial Assorted Documents	1969-1971	minutes, by-laws, publications, Bible studies, programs, and lists.
15	5	Presbyterial Publications	1928-1935	publications including programs, agendas, by-laws, and notes.
16	1	Presbyterial Correspondence and publications	1923-1943	Letters, news accounts, notes, and official documents.
16	2	Presbyterial Annual Reports	1926-1944	listing churches, statistics, and assessments
16	3	Presbyterial Annual Reports	1938-1943	listing churches, statistics, and assessments
16	4	Presbyterial Reports of Foreign Missions in local churches.	1938-1941	Statistical reports and printed assessments of foreign mission efforts in local churches.
16	5	Mission Work Assessments in the Presbyterial	1932-1834	Completed local mission work assessment forms
16	6	Presbyterial correspondence and Publications	1932-1971	Reports and publications
16	7	Presbyterial Foreign Missions Reports	1935	

