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Cumberland County Historical Society
Carlisle, PA**

COLLECTION REGISTER

Name: **First Presbyterian Church of Carlisle, Pennsylvania**

Material: Church records (1734-1983)

Volume: 10.5 linear feet (21 Document Boxes, 2 Oversized Boxes and 4 Oversized Folders)

Donation: On deposit 2016, Previously held at Dickinson College from 1973

Usage: There materials have been deposited with no restrictions on usage.

HISTORICAL NOTE

The First Presbyterian Church of Carlisle ranks with Silver Spring (Mechanicsburg), Big Spring (Newville), and Middle Spring (Shippensburg) Presbyterian Churches as Cumberland County's oldest churches. All four date from around 1734, when Scots-Irish colonists began settling the Cumberland Valley.

The future Carlisle congregation originally worshiped at what is now Meeting House Springs on the Conodoguinet Creek, hence the name. The original building was most likely constructed of logs, although no record exists of its design or exact location. The accompanying cemetery, still in church hands, contains Cumberland County's oldest marked grave: Janet Thompson, deceased September 29, 1744.

In the 1750s, the congregation moved two miles southeastward into the new county seat, Carlisle. The church's limestone building, on the town square's northwestern corner, was projected in 1757 and was completed between 1769 and 1772. Subsequent additions include a chapel (1827), a new chapel and bell tower (1873), the south wing (1952), and the south wing's second floor (1986). This historic structure remains Carlisle's oldest public building.

The church also serves as a public meeting place. In 1774, patriots elected delegates to the First Continental Congress from within its walls. President George Washington worshiped in this church on October 5, 1794 while on his way to the western portion of the state during the Whisky Rebellion. In the 1990s, the church hosted re-enactments of historical events.

James Wilson – signer of the Declaration of Independence, author of Pennsylvania's constitution, and U.S. Supreme Court Justice – belonged to this church, as did many senior Revolutionary War officers, including John Armstrong, Sr. and Jr., Ephraim Blaine, William Irvine, and William Thompson. Among the First Presbyterian Church's notable sons later in American history are General Robert Henderson (Civil War) and Admiral Benjamin Lamberton (Spanish-American War). Prominent pastors include Robert Davidson, 1785-1812, Moderator of

the Presbyterian Church U.S.A.'s General Assembly and second president of Dickinson College; Charles Nisbet, 1785-1804, Dickinson College's first president; George Duffield III, 1816-1835, author of the hymn "Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus"; and Conway Wing, 1848-1875, Cumberland County historian. Altogether, nineteen pastors have served First Church, from Samuel Thomson, 1739-1749, to Jon Black, 1996-present (1999).

In 1773, this congregation founded a Latin grammar school that would become the foundation for Dickinson College. Early Dickinson presidents served as co-pastors of First Church, and the church hosted the first college commencements. The institutional connection between the church and school ended in 1833 when the Methodists took control of the institution. One year earlier, the Second Presbyterian Church of Carlisle grew out of First Church.

In 1816, First Church organized the first Sunday School in the Cumberland Valley. The church continues to offer youth and adult education programs. As of 1999, the congregation numbered 445 people.

Older than both Carlisle and Cumberland County, the First Presbyterian Church has contributed to the community since 1734.

COLLECTION DESCRIPTION

The First Presbyterian Church collection contains the records and related ephemera of the First Presbyterian Church in Carlisle, Pennsylvania that date from 1734 to 1983. The collection consists of 21 Document Boxes, 2 Oversized Boxes, and 4 Oversized Folders, and is arranged into eleven record groups: Board of Trustees, Board of Deacons, Board of Session, Financial Records, Membership, Personnel, Physical Plant, Organizations, Printed Materials, Miscellaneous, and Photographs. More complete descriptions of each Record Group accompany the Collection Inventory of each. Several documents have been transcribed; these transcriptions are filed by page number following the original document.

COLLECTION INVENTORY

RG 1 – BOARD OF TRUSTEES

RG 1 ARRANGEMENT AND DESCRIPTION

Record Group 1, The Board of Trustees, is divided into three series: Correspondence, Minutes, and Miscellaneous Materials. The Correspondence series contains letters pertaining to the activities of the Trustees between 1834 and 1901. The Minutes series contains four bound volumes of the Trustees minutes from 1786 to 1939 and some loose items, which are arranged chronologically. One book, the Minutes of the Trustees from 1844 to 1900, has been transcribed. The Miscellaneous Materials series contains various items pertaining to the Trustees, including a copy of the “Bye-Laws” and the Charter.

RG 1 INVENTORY

RG 1 – BOARD OF TRUSTEES

1.1 Correspondence

1.1.1 Letters received – 1834-1939 (10)

1.2 Minutes

- 1.2.1 Minutes of the acts and proceedings of the Trustees – 1786-1844
- 1.2.2 Transcript of Minutes of the acts and proceedings of the Trustees – 1786 –1844,
pp. 1C-35C
- 1.2.3 Minutes of the acts and proceedings of the Trustees –1844-1900
- 1.2.4 Transcript of Minutes of the acts and proceedings of the Trustees – 1844-1900,
pp. 1-50
- 1.2.5 Transcript of Minutes of the acts and proceedings of the Trustees – 1844-1900,
pp. 51-100
- 1.2.6 Transcript of Minutes of the acts and proceedings of the Trustees – 1844-1900,
pp. 101-150
- 1.2.7 Transcript of Minutes of the acts and proceedings of the Trustees – 1844-1900,
pp. 151-200
- 1.2.8 Transcript of Minutes of the acts and proceedings of the Trustees – 1844-1900,
pp. 201-256
- 1.2.9 Minutes of the Board of Trustees – 1900-1939
- 1.2.10 Loose minutes, resolutions, statements – 1785-1905

1.3.1 Miscellaneous Materials

- 1.3.1 List of board members – 1808-1816
- 1.3.2 “Bye-laws” and Charter of the First Presbyterian Church, with copy – 1841

RG 2 – BOARD OF DEACONS

RG 2 DESCRIPTION AND ARRANGEMENT

Record Group 2, The Board of Deacons, is arranged into two series: Minutes and Deacon's Fund. The Minutes series contains bound minutes of the board from 1873 to 1920; transcriptions of these minutes are also included. The Deacon's Fund series includes a bound account book as well as annual statements of expenditures by the board.

RG 2 INVENTORY

RG 2 – BOARD OF DEACONS

2.1 Minutes

- 2.1.1 Minutes of the Board – 1873-1920
- 2.1.2 Transcript of Minutes of the Board – 1873-1920

2.2 Deacon's Fund

- 2.2.1 Account book of receipts and expenditures – 1838-1958
- 2.2.2 Annual statements – 1899-1907 (5)

RG 3 – BOARD OF SESSION

RG 3 ARRANGEMENT AND DESCRIPTION

Record Group 3, The Board of Session, contains three series: Correspondence, Minutes, and Miscellaneous Material. The Correspondence series includes letters pertaining to the activities of the Session between 1873 and 1900. The Minutes category contains five bound volumes of the Session's minutes from 1816 to 1936, which are arranged chronologically. One book, the Minutes of the Session from 1816 to 1834, has been transcribed. The Miscellaneous Materials series contains a list of committee duties from 1959.

RG 3 INVENTORY

RG 3 – BOARD OF SESSION

3.1 Correspondence

- 3.1.1 Letter sent – 2 Dec. 1901
- 3.1.2 Letters received – 1873-1900 (41)

3.2 Minutes

- 3.2.1 Minutes of the Session of the First Presbyterian Church - 1816-1834
- 3.2.2 Transcript of Minutes of the Session - 1816-1834, pp. 1-50
- 3.2.3 Transcript of Minutes of the Session - 1816-1834, pp. 51-100
- 3.2.4 Transcript of Minutes of the Session - 1816-1834, pp. 101-150
- 3.2.5 Transcript of Minutes of the Session - 1816-1834, pp. 151-200
- 3.2.6 Transcript of Minutes of the Session - 1816-1834, pp. 201-264
- 3.2.7 Minutes of the Session of the First Presbyterian Church - 1834-1879
- 3.2.8 Minutes of the Session of the First Presbyterian Church - 1879-1897
- 3.2.9 Minutes of the Session of the First Presbyterian Church - 1897-1913
- 3.2.10 Minutes of the Session of the First Presbyterian Church - 1913-1927
- 3.2.11 Minutes of the Session of the First Presbyterian Church - 1927-1936
- 3.2.12 Loose minutes and resolutions – 1787-1895

3.3 Miscellaneous Materials

- 3.3.1 Session Committee Assignments – 1959

RG 4 – FINANCIAL PAPERS

RG 4 ARRANGEMENT AND DESCRIPTION

Record Group 4, Financial Records, comprises the bulk of the collection and is divided into seven series: Account Books, Correspondence, Subscriptions/ Pledges, Pew Rental, Receipts, Treasurer's Reports, and Miscellaneous Material. The Account Books series contains the account books of the First Presbyterian Church from 1810 to 1953. They include accounts received and paid, records of donations to the Church, lists of expenses, and monies collected from weekly offering envelopes. The Account Books are arranged chronologically. This series contains four oversized books of Treasurer J. Vance Thompson. The Correspondence series contains letters pertaining to Church financial affairs, mostly that of the treasurers, and is arranged chronologically. The Subscriptions/Pledges series contains material pertaining to the financial standing of the members of the Church, especially information about subscription money due and the amount they pledged to the Church. The Pew Rental series contains materials pertaining to the rental of pews in the Church, including lists of the pew holders' names, lists of members with rent due, and account books containing similar information. Two oversized items belong to this series and are designated as such. The Receipts series contains miscellaneous receipts, vouchers, invoices, canceled checks, etc., for all aspects of the Church's financial affairs except repair and building. The materials are arranged chronologically. The Treasurer's Reports series includes an incomplete run of annual Treasurer's Reports ranging from 1844 to 1956. The Miscellaneous Materials series contains a "Subscription of the Ladies for pulpit ornaments" (c1785), a blank collection card, and an agreement between two churches to pay a stipend to their joint minister.

RG 4 INVENTORY

RG 4 – FINANCIAL RECORDS

4.1 Account Books

- 4.1.1 Funds collected for repairs, pew rentals and Dr. Davidson's salary – 1810-1820
- 4.1.2 Transcript of Funds... – 1810-1820, pp. E1-50
- 4.1.3 Transcript of Funds... – 1810-1820, pp. E51-100
- 4.1.4 Transcript of Funds... – 1810-1820, pp. E101-150
- 4.1.5 Transcript of Funds... – 1810-1820, pp. E151-198
- 4.1.6 Accounts received and paid – 1811-1828
- 4.1.7 Transcript of Accounts received and paid – 1811-1828, pp. E198-250
- 4.1.8 Transcript of Accounts received and paid – 1811-1828, pp. E251-300
- 4.1.9 Transcript of Accounts received and paid – 1811-1828, pp. E301-350
- 4.1.10 Transcript of Accounts received and paid – 1811-1828, pp. E351-393
- 4.1.11 Amount paid on pledges by church members – 1860-1862
- 4.1.12 Receipt book of Lewis L. Lyne – 1864-1866
- 4.1.13 Books listing subscribers to the Memorial fund – 1871-1872 (6)
- 4.1.14 Salaries and cash paid out by the church – 1872
- 4.1.15 Expenses, with annual financial reports and/or auditor reports – 1900-1909
- 4.1.16 Money collected by the church and expenses (treasurer Merkel Landis) – 1909-1924

- 4.1.17 Amount pledged by church members and money due on subscriptions (treasurer Merkel Landis) – 1910-1922
- 4.1.18 Payments received from weekly collection envelopes (treasurer J. Vance Thompson) – 1918
- 4.1.19 Payments received from weekly collection envelopes (treasurer J. Vance Thompson) – 1920-1923
- 4.1.20 Receipts from envelopes and plate collections of (treasurer J. Vance Thompson) – 1924-1926
- 4.1.21 Money received (treasurer J. Vance Thompson) – 1926-1927 (oversized)
- 4.1.22 Money received (treasurer J. Vance Thompson) – 1927-1928 (oversized)
- 4.1.23 Money received (treasurer J. Vance Thompson) – 1928-1929 (oversized)
- 4.1.24 Money received (treasurer J. Vance Thompson) – 1929-1930 (oversized)
- 4.1.25 General account book – 1948-1953

4.2 Correspondence

- 4.2.1 Robert [Adams] to J. D. Halbert – 27 May 1859
Charles Brown to Rev. Dr. Wing – 13 Dec. 1862
Charles Brown to Charles Ogilby – 23 Dec. 1862
- 4.2.2 Robert [Adams] to Charles Ogilby – 28 Apr. 1863
Robert [Adams] to Charles Ogilby – 4 May 1863
John W. Dulles to J. C. Hoffer – 27 July 1863
John C. Farr to Charles Ogilby – 5 Feb. 1867
H. Kingsbury to J. C. Hoffer – 23 Nov. 1869
A. N. Brown to J. C. Hoffer – 7 Jan. 1870
- 4.2.3 A. H. Blair to Mr. Coyle – 19 April 1873
J. A. Murray to J. C. Hoffer – 1 Sept. 1873
W. Sterling to Charles Ogilby – 6 Nov. 1875
J. W. DeWitt to Charles Ogilby – 20 Nov. 1875
R. L. Sibbet to J. C. Hoffer – 29 Mar. 1878
- 4.2.4 Earl W. Killinger to J. Vance Thompson – 23 Sep. 1938
Creedin E. Eppley to John McGowan – 18-23 April 1953 (3)

4.3 Subscriptions/Pledges

- 4.3.1 Handwritten list of church members with amount of their subscriptions – undated
- 4.3.2 Unpaid subscriptions to the Meeting House and Minutes of the Trustees – undated (oversized)
- 4.3.3 Subscribers “In the Town” with amount of subscription, amount paid, arrears due and arrears for the meeting house – c1768
- 4.3.4 Subscription of the Ladies for the pulpit ornaments - c1785
- 4.3.5 Transcript of Subscription of the Ladies... – c1785, pp. 40C-41C
- 4.3.6 Report on subscriptions by the Committee on Church Debt – 3 June 1860
- 4.3.7 List of subscriptions to cover cost of raising the minister’s salary – 14 Apr. 1864
- 4.3.8 Booklet of church members, pledge amounts, and payments – 1871-1876
- 4.3.9 Alphabetical listing of church members’ weekly, monthly or annual pledges – 1915
- 4.3.10 Listing of church members’ weekly, monthly or annual payments – 1916
- 4.3.11 All Member Canvasses – 1929-1962

4.4 Pew Rentals

- 4.4.1 Rules for distribution of vacant seats or pews – undated
- 4.4.2 Account book containing “copies of all duplicates given collectors of stipends due by pew holders in the First Presbyterian Church” – 1792-1811
- 4.4.3 Alphabetical list of pew holders’ names – 1795-1796
- 4.4.4 Transcript of Alphabetical list of pew holders’ names – 1795-1796, pp. 58C-67C
- 4.4.5 List of people with pew rent due – 1807
- 4.4.6 Account book containing “the number and the annual rates of the pews of the First Presbyterian Church in Carlisle, and names of the persons holding the same – 1828-1841
- 4.4.7 Transcript of Account book containing “the number and the annual rates of the pews...” - 1828-1841, pp. 265-300
- 4.4.8 Transcript of Account book containing “the number and the annual rates of the pews...” - 1828-1841, pp. 301-337
- 4.4.9 Terms and Conditions for sale and distribution or rental of pews with list of purchasers and prices paid – 10 June 1828
- 4.4.10 Pew purchase agreement of Archibald McCallister – 18 Aug. 1828
- 4.4.11 Seating chart of pew holders – 1855 (oversized)
- 4.4.12 Pew rents due and paid – 1857-1859
- 4.4.13 Pew rents due and paid – 1859-1862
- 4.4.14 Treasurer’s statements of pew revenue – 1874-1878
- 4.4.15 Circular to pew holders with new pew rent prices – 1876

4.5 Receipts

- 4.5.1 Receipts, bills, invoices - undated
- 4.5.2 Receipts, canceled checks, vouchers - 1827-1845
- 4.5.3 Receipts, canceled checks, vouchers - 1845-1849
- 4.5.4 Receipts, canceled checks, vouchers - 1850-1854
- 4.5.5 Receipts, canceled checks, vouchers - 1855-1859
- 4.5.6 Receipts, canceled checks, vouchers - 1860-1864
- 4.5.7 Receipts, canceled checks, vouchers - 1865-1869
- 4.5.8 Receipts, canceled checks, vouchers - 1870-1874
- 4.5.9 Receipts, canceled checks, vouchers - 1875-1879
- 4.5.10 Receipts for expenses of the delegates to the General Assembly - 1875
- 4.5.11 Receipts, canceled checks, vouchers - 1880-1884
- 4.5.12 Receipts of money left to the Church - 1880-1897
- 4.5.13 Receipt – 1904
- 4.5.14 Receipts, bills, invoices - 1924-1925
- 4.5.15 Canceled checks and statements - 1924-1930
- 4.5.16 Receipts, bills, invoices - 1925-1926
- 4.5.17 Receipts, bills, invoices - 1926-1927
- 4.5.18 Receipts, bills, invoices - 1927-1928
- 4.5.19 Receipts, bills, invoices - 1928-1929
- 4.5.20 Receipts, bills, invoices - 1929-1930
- 4.5.21 Receipts, bills, invoices - 1930-1931

- 4.5.22 Canceled checks and statements - 1930-1933
- 4.5.23 Receipts, bills, invoices - 1931-1932
- 4.5.24 Receipts, bills, invoices - 1932-1933
- 4.5.25 Canceled checks and statements - 1948-1952
- 4.5.26 Receipts, bills, invoices - 1955

4.6 Treasurer's Reports

- 4.6.1 Annual Reports – 1844-1900
- 4.6.2 Annual Reports – 1917-1948
- 4.6.3 Annual and Quarter reports and budgets – 1952-1954
- 4.6.4 Annual and Quarter reports – 1955-1956

4.7 Miscellaneous Material

- 4.7.1 Agreement between the congregations of Carlisle and Lower Pennsborough to pay jointly yearly stipends for the minister – 27 June 1768
- 4.7.2 Collection card (blank) – June 1875
- 4.7.3 Reports of funds collected from church sources – 1902-1904

RG 5 – MEMBERSHIP

RG 5 ARRANGEMENT AND DESCRIPTION

Record Group 5, Membership, consists of five series: General Records, Registers, Baptismal Records, Marriage Records, and Annual Reports to the Presbytery. General Records contains lists of church members and certificates of membership and dismissal. The Registers series includes an oversized bound ledger of church members beginning in 1756, a bound record of members, marriages, etc., two volumes kept by the pastor, and a guest register. The Baptismal Records series contains bound volumes that record only baptisms performed by the pastor of the church; some baptismal records can also be found in the general record book in the General Records series. Marriage Records contains records of marriages performed as well as a number of marriage licenses. Annual Reports to the Presbytery includes statistical reports delivered to the Carlisle Presbytery from 1888 to 1893; the reports are arranged chronologically. The materials in each series are arranged chronologically.

RG 5 INVENTORY

RG 5 – MEMBERSHIP

5.1 General Records

- 5.1.1 Printed membership list with addresses – undated
- 5.1.2 Certificates of membership and dismissal from the church – undated (5)
- 5.1.3 Records of loss of membership through death or dismissal – 1839-1845 (2)
- 5.1.4 Certificates of membership and dismissal from the church – 1868-1869 (6)
- 5.1.5 Certificates of membership and dismissal from the church – 1870-1879 (40)
- 5.1.6 Minutes of a meeting of church members to elect elders – 18 Dec. 1870
- 5.1.7 Certificates of membership and dismissal from the church – 1880-1889 (61)
- 5.1.8 Certificates of membership and dismissal from the church – 1890-1899 (76)
- 5.1.9 Certificates of membership and dismissal from the church – 1900-1908 (69)

5.2 Registers

- 5.2.1 First Presbyterian Church Register – 1756-1920 (oversized)
- 5.2.2 Transcription of Church Register – 1756-1920, pp. F1-50
- 5.2.3 Transcription of Church Register – 1756-1920, pp. F51-100
- 5.2.4 Transcription of Church Register – 1756-1920, pp. F101-150
- 5.2.5 Transcription of Church Register – 1756-1920, pp. F151-200
- 5.2.6 Transcription of Church Register – 1756-1920, pp. F201-256
- 5.2.7 Bound volume of marriages, baptisms, dismissals, suspensions, and deaths –
1785-1868
- 5.2.8 Transcript of bound volume of marriages, ... – 1785-1868, pp. 49A-70A
- 5.2.9 Pastor's Register book – 1893-1900
- 5.2.10 Pastor's Register book – 1902-1917
- 5.2.11 Guest Register – 1942-1949

5.3 Baptismal Records

- 5.3.1 Bound volume of baptisms by Robert Davidson, and names of heads of families in Presbyterian districts of Carlisle – 1806-1816
- 5.3.2 Transcript of bound volume of baptisms by Davidson – 1806-1816, pp. 1A-20A
- 5.3.3 Baptismal record kept by Thomas Trimble, clerk, in the years without a minister – 1835-1837
List of parents who did not supply enough information about their baptized children , 1837-1843 – 8 Jan. 1843

5.4 Marriage Records

- 5.4.1 Compilation of marriages performed in the First Presbyterian Church – 1780-1817, pp. D66-D108
- 5.4.2 Record of persons married by Robert Davidson in Carlisle and “Persons admitted to the Lord’s Table” with an essay “On Marriage” – 1785-1817
- 5.4.3 Transcript of record of persons married by Robert Davidson – 1785-1817, pp. 21A-49A
- 5.4.4 Marriage Licenses – 1887-1909
- 5.4.5 Marriage Licenses – 1910-1928

5.5 Annual Reports to the Carlisle Presbytery

- 5.5.1 1888
- 1889
- 1890
- 1891
- 1892
- 1893 (with report of benevolent collections)

RG 6 – PERSONNEL

RG 6 ARRANGEMENT AND DESCRIPTION

Record Group 6, Personnel, contains materials pertaining directly to the various personnel of First Presbyterian Church. The record group has been divided into series by individual, and is arranged alphabetically and then chronologically. These materials include journals, biographies, genealogical notes, sermons, obituaries, and correspondence. The Miscellaneous series includes pastoral calls of prospective ministerial candidates.

RG 6 INVENTORY

RG 11 – PERSONNEL

6.1 Anderson, R. Walter

- 6.1.1 Letters and petitions on the subject of the termination of the ministerial contract of the Rev. R. Walter Anderson – 1949-1950

6.2 Duffield, George W.

- 6.2.1 Transcript of Beatty and Duffield's diary of their missionary tour to the West – 1766
- 6.2.2 Sermon preached at the funeral of Rev. Duffield – 1790
- 6.2.3 Biographical address by William T. Swaim – 16 Dec. 1948

6.3 Duffield, George W., III

- 6.3.1 Drawing of Rev. Duffield, III– undated
- 6.3.2 Letter to the Presbyterian Church and Congregation resigning his charge – 1835
- 6.3.3 Newspaper clippings – 1868-1884
- 6.3.4 Notes on four generations of Duffields by Allan D. Thompson – undated
Letter from Dictionary of American Biography with enclosed entry for Duffield –
23 June 1930
Letter from The Presbyterian Church of the United States – 20 Sep. 1957

6.4 Hagerty, Andrew N.

- 6.4.1 Letters received – 1886-1905 (6)

6.5 Smith, E. Charles

- 6.5.1 Letter from Hubertis Cummings – 21 Oct. 1951

6.6 Sprole, William T.

- 6.6.1 List of members of the Paper Town Church who paid a portion of Rev. Sprole's salary – 1842

6.7 Vance, Joseph

6.7.1 Correspondence – 1875-1895 (5)

6.8 Weer, Russell M.

6.8.1 Correspondence – 1969-1971 (12)

6.9 Wing, Conway P.

6.9.1 Book including his diary, copies of early Church minutes, records of marriages and baptisms, library catalog, form of a certificate of marriage – 1848-1888

6.9.2 Letter received – 26 June 1871

6.9.3 Resolution on accepting Wing's request to retire & ephemera – 1875-1879

6.9.4 Statement of his gift to the First Presbyterian Church of his library – 1889
Catalogue book of the titles in Rev. Wing's library – 1889

6.10 Miscellaneous

6.10.1 Pastoral Calls for potential ministers – 1887 (2)

RG 7 – PHYSICAL PLANT

RG 7 ARRANGEMENT AND DESCRIPTION

Record Group 7, Physical Plant, contains materials related to the buildings and grounds owned by the First Presbyterian Church and is arranged into four series: Deeds, Account Books, General Records, and Architectural Drawings. The Deed series contains official documents conveying buildings and grounds to or from the church. The Account Books series contains the bound volumes of financial records pertaining to the construction and renovation of the present meeting house. Loose materials such as records of donations to building funds, and bills and receipts for goods and services provided are contained in the General Records series. The Architectural Drawings series consists of the oversized blueprints devised for the renovation of the meeting house in 1934 by Bobb and Bixler. Materials in these series are arranged chronologically.

RG 7 INVENTORY

RG 7 – PHYSICAL PLANT

7.1. Deeds

- 7.1.1 Warrant to John Lukens to survey the lot appropriated for a Presbyterian meeting house signed by John Penn – 12 Sep. 1766 (oversized)
- 7.1.2 Deed and charter signed by John Penn – 1773 (oversized)
- 7.1.3 Mortgage for glebe farm at Meeting House Springs to Philip Weaver – 1827
- 7.1.4 Mortgage for lot on High St. from M. Elizabeth Cathcart – 1887

7.2 Account Books

- 7.2.1 Account book of John Montgomery – 1769-1776
- 7.2.2 Transcript of Account book of Montgomery – 1769-1776, pp. 41C-57C
- 7.2.3 Account book “Containing the account of John Creigh Treasurer for erecting a gallery and finishing the Presbyterian Church in Carlisle” – 1785-1798
- 7.2.4 Transcript of Account book “Containing the account of John Creigh...” – 1785-1798, pp. D1-D55
- 7.2.5 Account book for the Memorial Building Fund – 1871-1877
- 7.2.6 Account book of building expenses and hours by painters – 1873
- 7.2.7 Account book of the Building Fund – 1908-1909
- 7.2.8 Book of check stubs, invoices, bills, and receipts – 1908-1909
- 7.2.9 Account book of the Building Committee for new chapel improvements – 1908-1909

7.3 General Records

- 7.3.1 Receipts associated with the building of the meeting house – 1761-1771
- 7.3.2 Outside contributors to the building of the meeting house – 1768
- 7.3.3 Bill for carpentry with account of cash paid – 1768
- 7.3.4 Transcript of Bill for carpentry – 1768, pp. 35C-37C

- 7.3.5 Minutes of committee for study of necessary repairs to the church – 1826-1827
- 7.3.6 Estimate of M. Morris for outfitting of gas pipes – 15 Oct. 1856
- 7.3.7 Building receipts, bills, and vouchers – 1857-1858
- 7.3.8 Statement of the Receipts and Expenditures of the repairs on the First Presbyterian Church – 1857
- 7.3.9 Building receipts, bills, and vouchers – 1871-1878
- 7.3.10 “An Exhibit of the receipts and disbursements connected with and incidental to the building of the Memorial Chapel of the First Presbyterian Church” – 1872-1874
- 7.3.11 Report of the committee on the dedication of Memorial Chapel - 1873
- 7.3.12 Estimate by P. Bernheisel for renovation of meeting house – 27 Feb. 1895
- 7.3.13 Two bids for installing furnaces – 1897
- 7.3.14 Canceled checks – 1908-1909
- 7.3.15 Bids for rewiring in the church – 9 Apr. 1928
- 7.3.16 Bid for installing new furnace and other necessary work – 7 Sep. 1934
- 7.3.17 Bids for general contract for alterations and additions to the existing Sunday School Building – 1934
- 7.3.18 Report of the Building Program Committee – 21 Aug. 1939

7.4 Architectural Drawings

- 7.4.1 Plans for renovation of meeting house by Bobb and Bixler – 1934 (oversized)

RG 8 – ORGANIZATIONS

RG 8 ARRANGEMENT AND DESCRIPTION

Record Group 8, Organizations, contains information pertaining to groups formed within the Church as well as those formed with associated institutions and within the community. The record group is divided into fourteen series and is arranged alphabetically: The American Educational Society, Brotherhood of Andrew and Philip, Cumberland County Sabbath School Association, Deaconess Committee, Home Department, Home Missionary Society, Ladies Foreign Aid Society, Music Committee, Presbytery of Carlisle, Sunday School, Volunteer Bible Class, Women's Foreign Missionary Society, Young People's Society of Christian Endeavor, and Miscellaneous Materials. The majority of the series contains such items as membership records, minutes, and financial affairs.

RG 8 INVENTORY

RG 8 – ORGANIZATIONS

8.1 American Educational Society

8.1.1 Account book of the Presbyterian Branch – 1828-1834

8.2 Brotherhood of Andrew and Philip

8.2.1 Book containing history, minutes, constitution and by-laws of the Brotherhood – 1893-1900

8.3 Cumberland County Sabbath School Association

8.3.1 Statistical reports and directories – 1953-1959 (5)

8.4 Deaconess Committee

8.4.1 Minutes of the Committee, including Constitution – 1917-1920

8.5 Home Department

- 8.5.1 Record book – 1913-1924
- 8.5.2 Minute book – 1915-1923
- 8.5.3 Record book – 1918-1931
- 8.5.4 Record book – 1924-1932
- 8.5.5 Membership book – 1932-1938

8.6 Home Missionary Society

8.6.1 Treasurer's statements – 1865-1904

8.7 Ladies Foreign Aid Society

- 8.7.1 Treasurer's Account book – 1902-1915
- 8.7.2 Minutes of Ladies Aid Society meetings – 1937-1942
- 8.7.3 Minutes of the Ladies Aid Society and the Church Guild – 1948-1953
- 8.7.4 Report of the missionary treasurer of the Society – 1953-1957

8.8 Music Committee

- 8.8.1 Letter from George R. Goodridge – 26 Aug. 1896

8.9 Presbytery of Carlisle

- 8.9.1 Complaint of John Turner against Board of Session of First Presbyterian Church –
10 April 1871
- 8.9.2 Correspondence – 1897-1905 (3)
- 8.9.3 Actions of Presbytery pertaining to Covenant Church, Harrisburg – 1893-1899
- 8.9.4 Mortgage from Presbytery to Presbyterian Church of the U. S. – 16 June 1899
Mortgage of R. L. Zimmerman and Jacob Cramp – 16 June 1899
Bequest of Mary Biddle – May 1901
- 8.9.5 Action of the Presbytery relating to the purchase of St. Paul=s Lutheran Church,
Carlisle, Pa. “for our Colored Mission” – 11 Apr. 1900
- 8.9.6 Selection of John Landis as Commissioner for East Liberty Church, Pittsburgh –
17 Oct. 1901
- 8.9.7 Minutes of the Presbytery – 1939-1946
- 8.9.8 Manual of the Presbytery of Carlisle – 1944-1957 (4)
- 8.9.9 Minutes of the Presbytery – 1946-1954
- 8.9.10 Minutes of the Presbytery – 1955-1959 (4)
- 8.9.11 “Presbytery Echoes” Presbytery newsletter, Vol. 6, No. 4 – Nov. 1964 (2)

8.10 Sunday School

- 8.10.1 Constitution and by-laws – undated
- 8.10.2 “The High-Born English Boy” – 1848
“The Presbyterian Leeper Lesson Pictures” – Oct.-Dec. 1902
“The Sunbeam” – 5 Oct. 1879
“Westminster Lesson Leaf” – 1874-1894
- 8.10.3 Classbook of Sunday School teacher James Coyle – 1863
- 8.10.4 Bound minutes from the meetings of the officers and teachers – 1875-1903
- 8.10.5 Minutes of the Sunday School teachers' meetings – 1883-1888
- 8.10.6 Statistical reports to the Presbytery from the Sunday School – 1889-1893
- 8.10.7 Annual Report – 1903
- 8.10.8 Record book with attendance, membership, and pledge cards of the Temperance
Union of the First Presbyterian Church – 1913-1914
- 8.10.9 Programs for the 100th and 125th anniversaries of the Sunday School – 1916
Program for 200th anniversary of Sunday Schools – 1980

8.10.10 “An Hundred Years: Historical Sketch of the First Presbyterian Sunday School, 1816-1916” – 1916

8.10.11 “The Church Record,” with reports of the Sunday School attendance, enrollment, and finances – 1924-1948

8.11 Volunteer Bible Class

8.11.1 Treasurer’s receipts – 1863, 1901-1905 (3)

8.12 Women’s Foreign Missionary Society

8.12.1 Bound minutes – 1893-1899

8.12.2 Bound minutes – 1900-1907

8.12.3 Treasurer’s receipts – 1903-1905

8.12.4 Bound minutes – 1913-1919

8.12.5 Bound minutes – 1924-1930

8.12.6 Bound minutes – 1930-1940

8.13 Young People’s Society of Christian Endeavor

8.13.1 Membership Record book – 1889-1900

8.13.2 Treasurer’s Reports – 1901-1904 (2)

8.13.3 50th Anniversary Program – 26 Feb. 1939

RG 9 – PRINTED MATERIALS

RG 9 ARRANGEMENT AND DESCRIPTION

Record Group 9, Printed Materials, consists of published documents and is divided into five series: Pamphlets, Programs, Broadside, Newspaper Clippings, and Images. The Pamphlets series contains short printed pieces such as funeral sermons for prominent individuals and biographical and historical sketches of the Church and the Carlisle area; these materials are arranged alphabetically by author's last name. The Programs series includes several service programs for First Presbyterian Church ranging from 1895 to 1983, including services for anniversaries and installations of new pastors, as well as miscellaneous programs. The Broadside series contains a historical sketch of the First Presbyterian Church buildings. The Newspaper Clippings series consists of undated miscellaneous articles and images mostly from unknown sources. The Images series contains an undated print of the church.

RG 9 INVENTORY

RG 9 – PRINTED MATERIALS

9.1 Pamphlets

9.1.1 Anonymous

9.1.1.1 “Biographical Sketch of Rev. George Duffield, Jr., D.D., with Funeral Sermon” – undated

9.1.1.2 “Funeral Address and Memorial Notices of Mrs. Isabella Graham Duffield of Detroit, Mich.” – 1872

9.1.2 Davis, Rev. Charles H.

9.1.2.1 “Heritage: 1776” – 23 May 1976 (2)

9.1.3 Duffield, D. Bethune

9.1.3.1 “Rev. George Duffield, D.D. Commemorative Discourse” – 28 Jan. 1883

9.1.4 Duffield, George, Jr.

9.1.4.1 “The Pastor and Inquirer; or, What is it to Repent and Believe the Gospel?” – undated

9.1.4.2 “A Cumberland County Yankee Doodle” – 1876

9.1.5 First Presbyterian Church

9.1.5.1 “Some Noted Men Connected with the Early History of the First Presbyterian Church, Carlisle, PA” – undated

“Manual for the Use of the Presbyterian Church of Carlisle, Pa” - 1834

9.1.5.2 “First Church” – a publication on Church history – 1884-1886

9.1.5.3 “A Step Forward” – 1951 (2)

9.1.5.4 “Presbyterian Patriots: Leaders in Liberty” – 1976

9.1.6 Landis, John B.

9.1.6.1 “The Old Stone Meeting House” Historical Sketch, 1757-1832 – 1904

9.1.7 La Roe, Wilbur, Jr.

9.1.7.1 “The Ruling Elder Today” – 25 May 1942

9.1.8 Thompson, Allan D.

9.1.8.1 “The Meeting House Springs Graveyard” – 1927

9.1.9 Wing, Rev. Conway P.

9.1.9.1 “A Discourse on the Life and Character of Rev. Geo. Duffield, D.D.” – 1868

9.2 Programs

9.2.1 Service program – 1 Dec. 1895

9.2.2 Service programs – 1950-1955 (9)

9.2.3 Service program for 225th Anniversary – 20 and 23 Sep. 1959 (5)

9.2.4 Service program for 230th Anniversary – 20 Sep. 1960 (2)

9.2.5 Service program for 235th Anniversary – 21 September 1969 (8)

9.2.6 Service programs – 1979-1983 (3)

9.2.7 Miscellaneous programs – 1953 and undated (6)

9.3 Broadsides

9.3.1 “First Presbyterian Church - Galley One & Two: Sketches of the Old Stone Meeting House” – undated

9.4 Newspaper clippings

9.4.1 Miscellaneous – undated

9.5 Images

9.5.1 Print of First Presbyterian Church building – undated (5)

RG 10 – MISCELLANEOUS

RG 10 ARRANGEMENT AND DESCRIPTION

Record Group 10, Miscellaneous, consists of materials that pertain to miscellaneous church affairs and are arranged into five series: General, Anniversaries, Correspondence, Other Churches, and Scrapbooks. The General series consists of materials such as music catalogues and records of church items on deposit. These materials are arranged chronologically. Anniversaries contains papers and memorabilia relating to the anniversaries of the church beginning with the 200th in 1934. These materials include correspondence and minutes of committees which were created to organize and arrange the festivities, as well as scrapbooks and other materials commemorating the various anniversaries. Programs for the church services held in honor of the anniversaries can be found in the Programs series of Record Group 9, Printed Materials. The materials are arranged chronologically by the date of the anniversary. Correspondence contains letters between associates of the Church pertaining to general church affairs. These letters are arranged alphabetically by the author's last name. The Other Churches series consists of materials pertaining to other churches in the area with which the First Presbyterian Church has had contact. The types of materials included in this series include minutes of meetings of church groups, printed materials, and historical data. The series is divided into sub-series by church, and are arranged alphabetically. Scrapbooks consists of a bound volume of miscellaneous clippings and memorabilia.

RG 10 INVENTORY

RG 10 – MISCELLANEOUS

10.1 General

- 10.1.1 Book with names of delegates, showing at whose homes they were entertained in Carlisle – undated
- 10.1.2 Notes on John Creigh – undated
- 10.1.3 Notes on Oliver Cromwell Davidson – undated
- 10.1.4 Catalogue of music of the choir – 1894
- 10.1.5 Inventory of items on deposit in the Farmer's Trust Bank – 1952
- 10.1.6 Certificate of acknowledgement for memoriam to Lillie Houston – 1960

10.2 Anniversaries

10.2.1 1934 – 200th Anniversary

- 10.2.1.1 Minutes of the Bicentennial committee –Mar.-Aug. 1934
- 10.2.1.2 Program of Bicentennial exercises – 16-30 Sep. 1934 (2)
- 10.2.1.3 Scrapbook of miscellaneous clippings, programs, etc.

10.2.2 1957 – 200th Anniversary of the Old Stone Meeting House

- 10.2.2.1 Correspondence – Mar.-Oct. 1957 (20)
- 10.2.2.2 “The Old Stone Meeting House” program of exercises (2)
- 10.2.3 1959 – 225th Anniversary

- 10.2.3.1 Correspondence – Mar.-Oct. 1959 (38)
- 10.2.3.2 Anniversary Celebration Program (3)
- 10.2.3.3 Newspaper clippings
- 10.2.3.4 Miscellaneous materials

10.2.4 1964 – 230th Anniversary

- 10.2.4.1 Correspondence – July-Nov. 1964 (19)
- 10.2.4.2 Newspaper clippings
- 10.2.4.3 Miscellaneous materials

10.2.5 1969 – 235th Anniversary

- 10.2.5.1 Correspondence – Sep.-Oct. 1969 (4)
- 10.2.5.2 “Two Hundred Years Ago” – 1969
- 10.2.5.3 Commemorative Communion Tokens (16)
- 10.2.5.4 Newspaper clippings
- 10.2.5.5 Miscellaneous materials

10.3 Correspondence

10.3.1 Dashiell, John

- 10.3.1.1 Letter to Dr. McCauley – 19 Nov. 1875

10.3.2 Dashiell, Robert Laurenson

- 10.3.2.1 Letter to R. C. Woodward – 21 Nov. 1875

10.3.3 Farmer, M. F. H.

- 10.3.3.1 Letter to unknown – 11 Oct. 1901

10.3.4 Niles, H. E.

- 10.3.4.1 Letter to R. C. Woodward – 16 Nov. 1875

10.3.5 Spangler, Mrs. Leon

- 10.3.5.1 Thank-you note to unknown, on church stationery – 1955

10.4 Other Churches

10.4.1 Christ Church, Temple, PA

- 10.4.1.1 Communion token – 25 May 1969
- 10.4.2 Donegal Presbytery

10.4.2.1 Transcripts of Donegal Minutes – 1736-1740

10.4.3 General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church of U.S.A., Pittsburgh, PA

10.4.3.1 Circular to pastor and session from Permanent Committee on
Temperance – 1905

10.4.4 Old Pine Street Third Presbyterian Church, Philadelphia, PA

10.4.4.1 Historical sketches
Sunday service program – 9 Aug. 1959

10.4.5 Paxton Presbyterian Church, Paxtang, PA

10.4.5.1 Program for 225th anniversary – 6-11 Oct. 1957
Sunday service program – 19 Jan. 1958

10.4.6 Pine Street Presbyterian Church, Harrisburg, PA

10.4.6.1 Centennial pamphlet - 1958
Centennial Sunday service program – 27 April-1 May 1958 (2)

10.4.7 Silver Spring Presbyterian Church, Mechanicsburg, PA

10.4.7.1 Article on 235th anniversary – 18 June 1969

10.4.8 United Presbyterian Church in the United States of America

10.4.8.1 Form letter to church pastor regarding Christian Education Week,
27 Sep.-4 Oct. – July 1964

10.5 Scrapbooks

10.5.1 General

10.5.1.1 Scrapbook containing calendar clippings with strong pro-
temperance quotes – 1882

RG 11 – PHOTOGRAPHS

RG 11 ARRANGEMENT AND DESCRIPTION

Record Group 11, Photographs, is divided into two series: People and Places. These two series are further divided into sub-series by subject matter, and are then arranged alphabetically. The existence of negatives for a particular photograph is indicated by a parenthetical note (w/ negative).

RG 11 INVENTORY

RG 11 – PHOTOGRAPHS

11.1 People

11.1.1 Weer, Russell

- 11.1.1.1 Weer and Historical Marker – undated
- Weer, Allan Thompson, and M.W. Allen – undated

11.1.2 Wing, Conway

- 11.1.2.1 Portrait taken at Smith's Photo in Carlisle – undated

11.2 Places

11.2.1 First Presbyterian Church, Carlisle, PA

- 11.2.1.1 Tower – undated
- Congregation outside after the ceremony – undated (2)
- Church from across the square – undated
- Church from across the square with snow – undated (2)
- Church front with flag (color) – undated
- 11.2.1.2 Etching and photo of church (w/ negative) – undated
- 11.2.1.3 Interior: Communion Set – undated
- Interior: Gas Lights – undated
- Interior: Stained Glass Window – undated (2)
- Interior: Organ and altar – undated (2)

11.2.2 Meeting House Springs Cemetery, Meeting House Springs, PA

- 11.2.2.1 Cemetery at Meeting House Springs – undated (2)
- Unknown headstone – undated
- Revolutionary War Soldier grave marker – undated
- Revolutionary Soldier Memorial – undated
- Three headstones in Denny family plot – undated (3)

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