Collection Number: C2308

Collection Title: First Presbyterian Church (Columbia, Mo.) Records


Creator: First Presbyterian Church

Abstract: The records contain record books of minutes of session, 1828-1926, which document church members, communicants, church officers, ministers, baptism, marriage, and death records. The records also include documents taken from 1893 church cornerstone, Tenth and Broadway, Columbia, Missouri, and reports of the Church Cornerstone Committee, 1964-1965.

Collection Size: 0.2 cubic feet, 6 oversize volumes
(4 folders)

Language: Collection materials are in English.

Repository: The State Historical Society of Missouri

Restrictions on Access: Collection is open for research. This collection is available at The State Historical Society of Missouri Research Center-Columbia. If you would like more information, please contact us at columbia@shs mo.org. Collections may be viewed at any research center.

Restrictions on Use: The donor has retained copyright.

Preferred Citation: [Specific item; box number; folder number] First Presbyterian Church (Columbia, Mo.) Records (C2308); The State Historical Society of Missouri Research Center-Columbia [after first mention may be abbreviated to SHSMO-Columbia].

Donor Information: The papers were donated to the State Historical Society of Missouri by the First Presbyterian Church on April 19, 1965.

Related Materials: Additional materials related to the First Presbyterian Church (Columbia, Mo.) Records can be found in the following collection:

First Presbyterian Church (Columbia, Mo.) Records, (CA6641)
Historical Note:

The First Presbyterian Church in Columbia was organized on September 14, 1828, in a log house at Christian College Ave. and Walnut Streets in Columbia, Missouri. Rev. William P. Cochran was the first pastor. Initially meetings were held in the personal homes of its members and by 1830 they were moved to the Boone County Courthouse. In the early 1830s a church building was constructed on Walnut Street between 5th and 6th Streets. A new building was constructed in 1845 on the corner of Broadway and 10th Street. As the congregation grew, so did the need for yet another building. The cornerstone was placed on the new structure in the same location on Broadway and 10th Street on November 20, 1893. The new First Presbyterian Church now stands at 16 Hitt Street and was constructed in the mid-1960s.

Arrangement:

The collection has been arranged into the following two series:

Session Minutes
Cornerstone Documents

Scope and Content Note:

Session Minutes

The Session Minutes series includes the minutes of meetings by the church elders and document all activities of the church between 1828 and 1926. Folder four includes additional session minutes that did not get bound with volumes four and five. This material includes a letter dated October 4, 1894, from Benjamin Y. George to the Presbyterian Church, and session minutes for January through April of 1926.

Cornerstone Documents

This series includes the records removed from the church cornerstone on November 20, 1964.

Container List:

v. 1  Session minutes, Sept. 14, 1828–Feb. 1852, church members, baptisms, marriages, and deaths
v. 2  Session minutes, June 19, 1852–April 1877, congregations meeting minutes, 1876, baptisms, church members and officers
v. 3  Minutes, May 20, 1877–May 1892
v. 4  Session minutes, May 14 1892–Nov. 1908, church officers, communicants, baptisms, marriages, and deaths
v. 5  Session minutes, Dec. 14, 1908–April 22, 1926, church officers, communicants, baptisms, marriages, and deaths
v. 6  Session minutes, May 14, 1892–November 25, 1908, register of Deacons, communicants, baptisms, marriages, and deaths.
f. 1-3 Church Cornerstone contents, 1893
  f. 1 Deed filed 1879 by trustees of the Presbyterian Church, list of members in 1852, Fisher Memorial Chapel records
  f. 2 Presbyterianism as a Factor in History, by Walter Williams
  f. 3 May 11, 1965, Cornerstone Committee records, 1964 correspondence regarding building sub-committee, program for laying of the cornerstone, April 25, 1965
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