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St. Andrew Presbyterian Church Records

### **St. Andrew Presbyterian Church Records**

Papers, 1854 – 2008

6 record center cartons=6.0 cubic feet

Bound volumes of photocopied records SC 285.177769

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#### **Collection Overview**

**Acquisition:** The papers were loaned by Rev. Dr. Anne-Marie Hislop upon the closing of the church in December 2008 due to a small membership. Reproductions were made to keep in Special Collections. Originals were returned and according to Dr. Hislop are stored in Philadelphia PA at the Presbyterian Historical Society. [October 2014]

**Access:** The collection is open for research.

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#### **History**

The Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church was a conservative denomination formed in 1782 in Pennsylvania. The Davenport effort began in October 1854. In 1858, there was a merger, forming the United Presbyterian Church of North America. This helps explain the name change in 1858 of the Davenport mission station to United Presbyterian Church of Davenport. The UPCNA was ethnically

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predominantly Scottish although it grew more diverse over time. A look at the Davenport register indicates this was true in Davenport as well with names like MacDonald, etc.

The Congregation became known as McClellan Heights United Presbyterian Church when they completed their new building in May of 1906 at the corner of Jersey Ridge Road and Fulton Avenue.

After years at that location a new church building was again proposed and in 1960 the process was completed. The new location, on East Pleasant Street, made the name of the church inappropriate, and the name New Covenant United Presbyterian Church was chosen. That name was changed in March of 1965 to St. Andrew Presbyterian Church which has sustained itself until its closing in December 2008 due to its small membership.

### **Scope and Content Note**

St. Andrew Church Records (Unofficial ) date from \_\_\_\_ to 2008 and measure 6 linear feet. Official Records were photocopied and bound, and consist of \_\_\_\_\_ linear feet on the public shelf in 17 volumes.

St. Andrew Church Records (Official) are arranged in five series:

Congregational Meeting Minutes – Business of the congregation is limited to electing elders, deacons and trustees, calling of a pastor, pastoral relationship (the terms of a call), buying, mortgaging or selling real estate, and permissive powers of the congregation. Usually annual meeting, however special meetings can be called under certain circumstances.

Book 1 1890-1905 [4 year gap recognized]

Book 2 1909-1922 [2 year gap recognized]

Book 3 1924-1927 [no book 4 recognized]

Book 5 1935-1939

Book 6 1939-1953

1954-1958

1959-1963

Session & Congregational Minute & Record Book

1854-55, 1883-1901 with some entries to 1904

Session Minutes – Elders elected by the congregation comprise the “Session” – the governing body that handles the majority of church business.

1906-1930

1930-1943

1943-1948

1948-1952

1952-1959

1960-1976

1976-2001

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Baptism Records – both adults and infants

1940-1969

1953-1964

1953-1968

1970-1996

Membership Records – lists dates and names

1961-1963

1964-1969

1967-1972

Church Register – contain handwritten histories of congregation, lists pastors, communicants, members, some deaths, marriages and births

1906-1957

1957-1964

1961-2008