

Presbytery of Washington City Records

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Collection Summary

Title: Presbytery of Washington City Records

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Creator: Presbyterian Church in the U.S.A. Presbytery of Washington City

Extent: 21 items; 11 containers; 4.4 linear feet

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Abstract: Regional association of Presbyterian churches in Washington, D.C., and vicinity in Virginia and Maryland. Proceedings of the Presbytery of Washington City and its predecessors, the Presbytery of the District of Columbia and the Presbytery of the Potomac, concerning the administration and establishment of churches in the Washington, D.C., region. Includes an historical volume summarizing proceedings and the history of the presbyteries.

Selected Search Terms

The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the Library's online catalog. They are grouped by name of person or organization, by subject or location, and by occupation and listed alphabetically therein.

Organizations

Presbyterian Church in the U.S.A. (New School). Presbytery of the District of Columbia

Presbyterian Church in the U.S.A. Presbytery of Potomac.

Presbyterian Church in the U.S.A. Presbytery of Washington City.

Subjects

Depressions--1929.

Influenza Epidemic, 1918-1919--United States.

Presbyterian Church--Maryland.

Presbyterian Church--Virginia.

Presbyterian Church--Washington (D.C.)

World War, 1914-1918--Religious aspects.

World War, 1939-1945--Religious aspects.

Locations

Maryland--Church history.

United States--Economic conditions--1918-1945.

United States--History--Civil War, 1861-1865--Religious aspects.

Virginia--Church history.

Washington (D.C.)--Church history.

Administrative Information

Provenance:

The records of the Presbytery of Washington City, a regional association of Presbyterian churches in Washington, D.C., and vicinity in Maryland and Virginia, were given to the Library of Congress by the Presbytery in 1941 and 1956.

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Scope and Content Note

The records of the Presbytery of Washington City span the years 1823-1950 and include records of two predecessor organizations, the Presbytery of the District of Columbia, 1823-1870, and the Presbytery of the Potomac, 1858-1870. The two presbyteries combined in 1870 to form the Presbytery of Washington City, a precursor of the present presbytery, the National Capital Presbytery.

These records consist of the proceedings of the presbyteries. Churches documented in Maryland include congregations in Bethesda, Bladensburg, Darnestown, First Constitutional Church in Baltimore, Granite, Lisbon, Mount Airy, Poolesville, Quarries, Ridge (Carroll County), Rockville, and the United States Naval Academy at Annapolis. Virginia churches documented include those in Alexandria, Falls Church, and Lewinsville. Several Presbyterian churches in the District of Columbia are also documented.

The proceedings record the response of the presbyteries to the Civil War, World War I, the influenza epidemic of 1918-1919, the Great Depression, and World War II. An historical volume at the end of the collection summarizes the events and trends reflected by the proceedings.

Arrangement of the Papers

This collection is arranged chronologically.

Container List

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BOX 2	Presbytery of the Potomac, Oct. 1858-June 1870
BOX 3	Presbytery of Washington City
BOX 3	June 1870-Oct. 1884 (2 vols.)
BOX 4	Apr. 1884-Dec. 1890 (2 vols.)
BOX 5	Apr. 1891-June 1901 (2 vols.)
BOX 6	Oct. 1901-Oct. 1913 (2 vols.)
BOX 7	Oct. 1913-Mar. 1920 (2 vols.)
BOX 8	Apr. 1920-Mar. 1927 (2 vols.)
BOX 9	Apr. 1927-June 1936 (2 vols.)
BOX 10	Sept. 1936-Nov. 1950 (2 vols.)
BOX 11	Historical volume, undated