

PRESBYTERIAN FINDING TOOL

THE COLLEGE OF WOOSTER
SPECIAL COLLECTIONS

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PRESBYTERIAN MATERIALS

Much of the material once held at The College of Wooster was turned over to the Presbyterian Historical Society in Philadelphia, PA. The two web sites <http://www.pcusa.org> or <http://www.history.pcusa.org/contents.html> may be helpful in searching archival information on the Presbyterian Church (USA) and the Presbyterian Historical Society.

The Department of Special Collections holds both processed and unprocessed materials on the Presbyterian Church. The finding tool contains lists of both materials. General categories are listed below.

Locations:

1. Processed materials in other Finding Tools -- A list of categories is shown in this finding tool under "Processed."
2. Processed books/periodicals in special collections -- call number order: Printout in this manual was searched on CONSORT by words: Presbyterian or Presbytery and Ohio located in Special Collections closed stacks.
3. Processed Independent Studies with Presbyterian in the title -- These are located in call number order (Spec Coll LD6221.8), not listed here.
4. Processed Missionary collections -- See Compton Collection Finding Tool: Rice, Herbert and Mary See also: the fall 1997 *NOBS Newsletter*, vol. XIV, no. 4, page 8. A photocopy of that page is included in this finding tool.
5. Processed Oral Histories in special collections: Refer to the Oral History finding tool located in the Reading Room.
6. Processed materials on the Free Presbyterian Church (anti-slavery) are now in CONSORT, and located in Special Collections. E. B. Welsh (class of 1901) compiled most of these.
7. Unprocessed box -- oversized shelves: Located in a box marked "P" for Presbyterians. A list of items in this box is located in this finding tool and on the box.
8. Unprocessed -- Missionary collections -- See Box "M" (missionaries), See Box "N" (Noyes)

**Unprocessed "P" materials:
Presbyterian box:**

100th anniversary of the First Presbyterian Church Lowellville, OH 1849-1949
Map of Synod of Ohio 1944
Other Presbyterians and their schools 1804-1966 (69 pg. mss)
Record Book (mostly blank pages)

Folders:

Mission yearbook for prayer and study 1977
Presbyterian church - history (2 folders)
Presbyterian church – synod – Ohio 1959
Presbyterian church in the South 1938
Presbyterian college newsletter 1956-59
Presbyterian Historical Society
Presbyterian Historical Society of the Upper Ohio Valley, Sept 1957
Presbyterian Home for the Aged – Pittsburgh 1951
Presbyterian mission causes of presbytery of Wooster 1973
Presbyterian restoration fund 1952
Presbyterian Union, 1952-58
Presbyterian war-time service commission 1945

Paper by Rev. Wm McClelland – “Ohio Presbyterians and Their Schools in
the 19th century.”

Processed Presbyterian materials:

ALUMNI DIRECTORY 2010:

College Pastors, Pastors of Westminster Church or Campus Ministers

College Pastors

Thomas K. Davis, DD	1879-80 (faculty)
Edgar W. Work, DD	1890-95 (faculty)
Oscar A. Hills, DD	1898-1907
John Tate, DD	1909-10
William F. Weir, DD	1912-16
George N. Luccock, DD	1917-27
Curtis R. Douglass, DD	1929-44
C. John L. Bates, DD	1945-51
James R. Blackwood, DD	1952-62

Pastors of Westminster Church

Beverly A. Asbury, BD	1962-66
George Buttrick, DD	1966-67
Raymond H. Swartzback, DD	1967-72
J. Barrie Shepherd, MDiv	1973-76
Cynthia Jarvis, MDiv	1976-77
Gordon C. Stewart, MDiv	1977-83
Barbara Dua, MDiv	1984-88
R. David Hoffelt, PhD	1990-94
Carroll C. Meyer, DMin	1995-2008
Andries J. Coetzee MDiv	2010—

Campus Minister

Barbara Battin, DMin	1993-96
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Chaplain

Linda Morgan-Clement, DD	1996-
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BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS FILES:

Memorial Chapel

McGaw Chapel

Missionary Homes

See Also:

Bennett Residence

Buchanan Place

Calvin Mateer Missionary Home

Fitch Missionary Home

Henderson Memorial Home for Missionaries

Hunter Corbett Missionary Home

Noyes Missionary Home

Rankin House

Scott Cottage

Westminster Cottage
Westminster Church House

COMPTON COLLECTION FILES: re: missionaries
Rice, Herbert and Mary

MISCELLANEOUS FILES:

Board of Christian Education (Presbyterian Church USA)
Clergy Academy of Religion
Lay Academy of Religion
Presbyterian Church (USA)
Presbyterian Scholarship
Synod of Ohio (Presbyterian Church USA)
Wooster Sunday (Presbyterian Church USA)

PRESIDENTS' FILES:

There are addresses and correspondence regarding the church/college relations throughout the early records.

TRUSTEES' FILES:

There is documentation on policies of the church/college relations throughout the files.

Wooster of the Middle West by Lucy Lillian Notestein is a valuable resource tool. Use the index to find Presbyterian sources.

RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE SYNOD OF OHIO AND THE COLLEGE OF WOOSTER: (see: "Important Dates" page)

MISC. FILES:

Religious Dimensions Committee (1968 --)
Synod of Ohio (late 1960's --)
Synod Task Force (1969 --)
Synod of the Covenant (1980's --)

History of Westminster Presbyterian Church

<http://westminsterpresbyterianwooster.org/>

The following is an excerpt from the 1924 pamphlet, *Semi-Centennial Celebration of the Organization of Westminster Presbyterian Church, Wooster, Ohio*. [call number: Spec Coll BX8949.W66 1924]

The following text is from the section titled "Historical Sketch of the First Fifty Years of Westminster Presbyterian Church" by Prof. Henri G. Behoteguy

"It was on the **10th day of May, 1874**, in the Chapel of the old University building that went up in flames on that fateful morning of the 11th of December 1901, that a committee composed of three ministers and one elder met at four o'clock of the Sabbath afternoon, and under the direction of Presbytery proceeded to organize a second Presbyterian Church in Wooster. The ministers on this occasion were Rev. S.W. Miller, pastor of the Presbyterian Church of Mansfield, Ohio, Rev. T.C. Seer, Rev. A.A.E. Taylor, at the time president of the University, as the College was then called and James L. Weaver, an elder. After preliminary devotional exercises, the organization was effected by the reception of 36 members into membership, and the election of four ruling elders.

Of those 36 persons enrolled, 32 were received by letters from other churches, and the remaining four, all students in the University, admitted upon profession of their faith, one of these receiving the sacrament of baptism from the hands of President Taylor. 25 of the 32 coming in by certificate were from the First Presbyterian Church of Wooster, which Church, therefore, may rightly be called the Mother Church of Wooster Westminster. The remaining seven were from churches in various parts of the State."

In 1974 Westminster Presbyterian Church held its centennial. The pamphlet for that occasion is *The Centennial of Westminster Church 1874-1974*. [call number: Spec Coll BX8949.W66C4 1974]

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Presbyterian and Missionary Periodicals

The Foreign Missionary of the Presbyterian Church

1878 May, 1878 August, 1878 December, 1880 December, 1881 June,
1881 August, 1881 November, 1882 February, 1882 June, 1882 September,
1882 December

The Gospel in All Lands

1880 July, 1880 August, 1880 October, 1880 November, 1881 January,
1881 April, 1881 May, 1881 August, 1881 September, 1881 November,
1881 December

Monthly Edition

1882 March 2, 1882 April 6, 1882 July 6, 1882 September 7, 1882 October 5,
1882 November 2

Weekly Edition

1882 January 5, 1882 January 12, 1882 February 2, 1882 February 9,
1882 February 16, 1882 February 23, 1882 March 2, 1882 March 9,
1882 March 16, 1882 November 30

The Missionary Herald

1881 September

Presbyterian Home Missions

1882 April

The Presbyterian Monthly Record

1881 November, 1882 January, 1882 March, 1882 December

Woman's Work for Woman

1877 January, 1877 February, 1877 May, 1877 November, 1878 February,
1878 March, 1878 November, 1879 February, 1879 April, 1879 July,
1879 November, 1879 December, 1880 March, 1880 October, 1881 January,
1881 September, 1882 March, 1882 April, 1882 September, 1882 October