

## First Presbyterian Church, Pittsburgh, PA

According to *The Church that Kept on Being Born Again*, by Ernest Edwin Logan, Presbyterians began conducting services in Fort Pitt (later known as Pittsburgh) as early as 1762. Presbyterian missionaries from New England under the backing of the Synod of New York and Philadelphia arrived in Pittsburgh around 1772 and began holding regular services. The First Presbyterian Church of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, was officially formed by the Presbytery of Donegal in April, 1773. When the Presbyterian Church in the U.S.A. split into Old School and New School factions, the First Presbyterian Church of Pittsburgh became an Old School congregation. In 1897, it received by merger Central Presbyterian Church (Central Chapel).

Records on deposit from the First Presbyterian Church of Pittsburgh, Pa., which are relevant to genealogists, include:

Session Minutes, 1818-1834. Typed. bd. Includes: v.1, 1818-1834. v.2 1834-1866. (Call No: F MI46 P68s)

Roll of Membership of the First Presbyterian Church of Pittsburgh, January, 1891 (Call No: PAM. BX 9211 .P45222 F504 1890)

The Society also holds the following additional records:

Trustee minutes

Most of the church records are available on microfilm:

First Presbyterian Church, Pittsburgh, PA. Records, 1797-1984 microform. Includes: Session minutes, 1818-1866, 1884-1980; Roll books, 1797-1965; Trustee minutes, 1801-1825, 1887-1934, 1937-1984. (Call No: MF POS. 269 r. 1-5)

The Genealogical Society of Utah (GSU) has microfilmed some of the records of the First Presbyterian Church, and they are available through the Family History Centers of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. To use the microfilm, you may visit their website, [www.familysearch.org](http://www.familysearch.org), and search for a center near you.

The Society also holds the following records from the Central Presbyterian Chapel Mission.

Pastor's records, 1948-1965, Includes; Baptisms, 1949-1964, Membership Records, 1948-1965. (Call No: F MI46 P687cpr).

The First Presbyterian Church of Pittsburgh is an active congregation. For further information, please contact:

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Sources:

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