

Second Presbyterian Church, Newark, New Jersey

According to the *Inventory of the Church Archives of New Jersey: Presbyterians* by the Works Projects Administration, the Second Presbyterian Church, Newark, New Jersey, began when members from the First Presbyterian Church in Newark wanted a congregation in the northern end of the city. The Second Presbyterian was incorporated in 1811.

From 1838 to 1870, the Presbyterian Church in the U.S.A. divided into New School and Old School factions. According to *Hall's Index of American Presbyterian Congregations*, the Second Presbyterian Church was a New School congregation.

A second church building was erected in 1886 and a third building erected in 1932. The congregation dissolved in 1995.

Official records of the Second Presbyterian Church deposited with the society relevant to genealogists include:

Session and Trustee Records, Including Pew Rent Records, 1838-1855 (04 0910)

Please note that many of the records of the Second Presbyterian Church, Newark, New Jersey, suffered from severe water damage, mold and mildew growth and heavy insect infestation. The society has microfilm copies of the original records available for genealogical research. Records on microfilm available to genealogists include:

Session minutes, 1810-1928 (MF POS. 1185, reel 1)

Session and Congregational Minutes, 1928-1962 (MF POS. 1185, reel 2)

Session and Congregational Minutes, 1962-1984 (MF POS. 1185, reel 3)

Session and Trustee Minutes, 1984-1990 (MF POS. 1185, reel 4)

Membership Rolls, 1811-1890 (MF POS. 1185, reel 4)

Marriages and Baptisms, 1811-1890 (MF POS. 1185, reel 4)

Pastoral Records, 1842-1888 (MF POS. 1185, reel 4)

Registers, 1889-1993 (MF POS. 1185, reel 5)

If you are interested in borrowing the microfilm, please have the interlibrary loan (ILL) librarian at your local public or academic library submit the request on your behalf. We charge a \$20.00 per reel fee for this service and \$5.00 for shipping and handling, which your local library may pass on to you. We loan a maximum of three reels per request for a four-week loan period. This material will be held on reserve for you and may only be used within the borrowing library. Please provide your ILL librarian with the catalog information provided above when making your request.

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50 years old, we require that they secure written permission from the records' owners. Please note that reels 4 and 5 of the microfilm mentioned above contain restricted records.

When the Second Presbyterian Church was dissolved in 1995, its records became the property of the Presbytery of Newark. It will be necessary for you to obtain permission from the Stated Clerk:

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The Society also holds the following records of the Second Presbyterian Church which do not necessarily contain genealogical information:

Postcards of the church interior and exterior
Sermons
Session and trustees proceedings in connection with Jay Street Memorial Church, 1889
Sunday School Association minutes, 1885-1908
Trustees Minutes, 1889-1912
Young People's Union minutes, 1889 – 1905
Pulpit Committee minutes, 1950
Church secretary files, 1953-1956
Photographs, 1886 – 1950 and undated
Correspondence, published sermons and anniversary bulletins, 1886-1907

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