

New Brunswick, NJ, First Presbyterian Church

According to the *Works Progress Administration* survey, The First Presbyterian Church, New Brunswick, New Jersey, was organized in 1726. The church building was erected in 1727 and was located on George and Patterson Streets in New Brunswick. A second, larger building was erected on the same site in 1784 and a third in 1836. The congregation was part of the Presbyterian Church in the U.S.A. Old School, from 1838-1869. Second Presbyterian Church (New Brunswick, N.J.) organized as an Old School congregation in 1840. Second Presbyterian Church, New Brunswick, merged into First Presbyterian in 1907.

The Presbyterian Historical Society holds the following official church records for First and Second Presbyterian Churches which are of interest to genealogists (Call number: 07 0525):

- v. 1: Session minutes, 1790-Jan. 1840; and Church register including baptisms, 1788-1839, and marriages, 1787-1793
- v. 2: Session minutes, Feb. 1839-April 1880
- v. 3: Session minutes, May 1880-April 7, 1908
- v. 4: Session minutes, April 7, 1908-April 2, 1924
- v. 5: Session minutes, April 17, 1924-Sept. 1943
- v. 6: Session minutes, Oct. 1943-Jan. 1954
- v. 7: Session minutes, Feb. 1954-Feb. 1961
- v. 8: Session minutes, March 1961-Sept. 1971
- v. 9: Session minutes, Oct. 1971-Jan. 15, 1975
- v. 10: Session minutes, Jan. 21, 1975-Sept. 1981
- v. 11: Session minutes, Oct. 1981-Jan. 1992
- v. 12: Session minutes, Feb. 1992-July 1998
- v. 13: Session minutes, Sept. 1998-June 2003
- v. 14: Church register, 1790-1867, including baptisms and marriages, 1797-1869
- v. 15: Church register, 1800-1864, including baptisms, 1825-1864, and marriages, 1842
- v. 16: Membership roll, 1802-1875
- v. 17: Pastoral register of Rev. Robert Davidson, 1843-1859, including lists of members, baptisms, marriages [Marriages, 1851-1859, include age and occupation]
- v. 18: Membership roll, 1862

- v. 19: Church register, 1864-1867, including baptisms, 1864-1867, and marriages, 1863-1867
- v. 20: Church register, 1881-1918, including baptisms, 1875-1919, and marriages, 1875-1918
- v. 21: Church register, 1879-1925, including baptisms, 1918-1934, and marriages, 1918-1932
- v. 22: Church register, 1870-1959, including baptisms and marriages, 1934-1959
- v. 31: Grave-site list--graves transferred to Van Liew Cemetery, n.d.
- v. 36: Second Presbyterian Church: Session minutes, 1851-1873, including historical sketch, 1840-1851, and list of members

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The above records are also available on microfilm, call number: MF/POS./1438/r.1-10.

(We also hold trustees records, congregation meeting minutes, Sabbath school records, pictures, and etc.)

Sources:

New Jersey Historical Records Survey Project. *Inventory of the church archives of New Jersey: Presbyterians*. Newark, NJ: The Historical Records Survey. Works Progress Administration, 1940. Call number: REF. CD 3380 .H54 P65.

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