

## First Presbyterian Church, Newark, New Jersey

According to the "Inventory of the Church Archives of New Jersey: The Presbyterians," (Newark, NJ: Historical Records Survey, 1940), the First Presbyterian Church in Newark, New Jersey, was organized around 1668, when it was voted to erect a meeting house at 820 Broad Street. The church was incorporated in 1753. In 1945, according to *Hall's Index of American Presbyterian Congregations*, it may have received by merger High Street-Sixth Presbyterian Church, and in 1951, the Olivet Presbyterian Church (though former merger information may be incorrect). In 1959, it changed its name to Old First Presbyterian Church.

A search of our catalogs shows records of the First Presbyterian Church, Newark, New Jersey, deposited in our holdings:

Records from 1781-1956, consisting of seventy-nine volumes. Call Number: UPPER VAULT V MI46 N51fbg; V MI46 N51fp+. The following records are relevant to genealogists:

Cemetery records, A-B; C-I; n.d. (2 vols.)

Diary of attendance at church services during the pastorate of Rev. William T. Hamilton, 1824-1825; including resumes of sermons (1 vol.)

Diaries of attendance at church services during the pastorate of Dr. J.F. Stearns, 1849-1854; 1869-1876; vol. 2 with Newark Soldiers Aid Society treasurer's records, 1864-1865 (2 vols.)

Family records, 1858-1875 (2 vols.)

Register of baptisms, 1824-1881; and marriages, 1825-1882 (1 vol.)

Register of members, 1801-1924; including baptisms (3 vols.)

Session fund records, 1902-1918 (1 vol.)

Session minutes, 1781-1955 (7 vols.)

Pastoral registers from 1899-1959 of Robt. R. Littel (Robert Rolland, 1872-1962), including those of Newark First Presbyterian Church from 1906-1910. Call Number: VAULT BX 9225 .L717 A31

Manual, including lists of members: 1865, 1884, 1891, 1898, 1907, 1911, 1915, 1920. Call number: PAM BX 9211.N57102 F502.

The Genealogical Society of Utah (GSU) has microfilmed the 1781-1901 records of the First Presbyterian Church from our holdings, 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 holds the following records of the Olivet Presbyterian Church, Newark. Call number: UPPER VAULT V MI46 N51o+:

Session minutes, Dec. 28, 1948-Oct. 5, 1951 (1 vol.)

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