

## Abington Presbyterian Church, Abington, Pennsylvania

According to *Hammond's Historical Directory of Presbyterian Churches of Greater Philadelphia*, the Abington Presbyterian Church in Abington, Pennsylvania, was organized in 1714 by the Presbytery of Philadelphia. In 1838, it changed denominations to the Presbyterian Church in the U.S.A. (Old School), and in 1870, to the Presbyterian Church in the U.S.A.

A search of our catalogs shows the following records of the Abington Presbyterian Church deposited in our holdings which contain genealogical information:

Register, 1713-1821; 1865-1963. 4 volumes. Includes: v.1, Membership, 1735-1820 -- Baptisms, 1713-1820 -- Marriages, 1716-1821 -- transcript of charter on p.1. v.2, Membership, 1865-1928 -- Baptisms, 1904-1928 -- Marriages, 1904-1927. v.3, Membership, 1882-1961 -- Baptisms, 1928-1955 -- Marriages, 1928-1955. v.4, Membership, 1955-1963 -- Baptisms, 1955-1963 -- Marriages, 1956-1963. (Call number: VAULT BX 9211 .P49001 P72).

Session Minutes and records, 1819-1950. 8 volumes. Includes: v.1, 1820-1845 -- Membership, 1823 -- Baptisms, 1819-1864 -- Marriages, 1820-1862. v.2, 1845-1865. v.3, 1865-1882. v.4, 1883-1901. v.5, 1901-1920. v.6, 1921-1932. v.7, 1933-1942. v.8, 1943-1950. (Call number: VAULT BX 9211 .P49001 P71).

The society also holds two pastoral registers kept by former ministers at Abington:

Lutz, Roland Bruce, 1897-1950. Pastoral register, 1928-1946. 2 volumes. Includes: v.1, 1928-1938 (membership, baptisms, marriages) v.2, 1938-1946 (membership, baptisms, marriages). (Call number: VAULT BX 9225 .L8 A31).

Lowrie, Samuel T. 1835-1924. Pastoral register of marriages, 1928-1946. I volume. Includes: Register of marriages kept by Samuel T. Lowrie while pastor of: Presbyterian Church (Alexandria, Pa.), 1859-1863 -- Bethany Presbyterian Church (Philadelphia, Pa.) 1866-1869 -- Presbyterian Church (Abington, Pa.), 1869-1874 -- Presbyterian Church (Ewing, N.J.), 1879-1886 -- Wylie Memorial Presbyterian Church (Philadelphia, Pa.), 1891-1899. (Call number: VAULT BX 9225 .L69 A31)

Some of the church records are available on microfilm:

Presbyterian Church, Abington, PA. Records, 1713-1862 microform. Includes: Session minutes, 1820-1845, including baptisms, 1819-1864, and marriages, 1820-1862; and Church register, 1735-1820, including baptisms, 1713-1820, and marriages, 1716-1821. (Call number: MF POS 802 reel 1.)

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.

The Genealogical Society of Utah (GSU) has also microfilmed the Presbyterian Church Abington records, which include records of marriages between 1708-1800, 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.com](http://www.familysearch.com), and search for a center near you.

Other holdings for the Abington Presbyterian Church deposited with the society include annual reports and weekly calendars.

Sources:

Hammonds, Kenneth A. *Historical Directory of Presbyterian Churches and Presbyteries of Greater Philadelphia : Related to the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) and Its Antecedents, 1690-1990*. Philadelphia, PA: Presbyterian Historical Society, 1993.

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