

Scots Presbyterian Church, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

According to the *Historical Directory of Presbyterian Churches and Presbyteries of Greater Philadelphia*, by Kenneth A. Hammonds (Philadelphia: PHS, 1993), the Scots Presbyterian Church had its roots in the Associate Presbyterian (the “Seceders”) Church of Philadelphia organized in 1768. In 1770, the congregation divided into “Burgher” and “Antiburgher” factions, and in 1779, the Antiburgher faction was separately incorporated as the Scots Presbyterian Church. The congregation joined the Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church when it was organized in 1782 and was known officially as the First Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church in Philadelphia. In 1822, the parent denomination merged with the Presbyterian Church in the USA, and the church became officially the Eighth Presbyterian Church, although it was still known popularly as the Scots Church. They officially changed their name to the Scots Presbyterian Church in 1844. Records from this congregation have been deposited with the society. Because the records of Scots Presbyterian Church eventually incorporated the records of seven other congregations, some records of the merged congregations appear in volumes catalogued under the names of the earlier churches. They include:

Scots Presbyterian Church, Philadelphia, PA

Session minutes, 1768–1866, 1885–1941 (accession 95-0725, Box 1)

Register of baptisms and burials, 1767–1806 (accession 95-0725, Box 2)

Register of baptisms, 1822–1864 (accession 95-0725, Box 2)

Church register including baptisms, 1880–1893 (accession 95-0725, Box 2)

Church register including baptisms, 1880–1902 (accession 95-0725, Box 2)

Church register, c.1880–c.1910 (accession 95-0725, Box 2);

Church register, c.1910–c.1925 (accession 95-0725, Box 2);

Church register, 1920 (accession 95-0725, Box 2)

Pew rent and pledge records, 1800–1865, 1890–1900, 1905–1935 (accession 95-0725, Boxes 4, 5, 6).

The accessioned records also include trustee minutes, property and financial records, men’s association, women’s association minutes, and Sunday school records (see archives database accession 95-0725). Cataloged records include deeds and charters (cat one), published directories, church newsletters, and a congregational history (CALVIN).

Scots Presbyterian Church received by merger the South Broad Street Presbyterian Church (organized 1883) in 1885. Records from this congregation have been deposited with us. They include:

South Broad Street Presbyterian Church, Philadelphia, PA

Session minutes, 1883–1885 (accession 95-0725, Box 1).

Cataloged records include deeds, charters, and notes on congregational history (cat one).

Scots Presbyterian Church received by merger the Atonement-South Presbyterian Church in 1910. This congregation was the result of a merger between the Cedar Street (South Street) Presbyterian Church (organized 1838)—after 1881 known as the Presbyterian Church of the Atonement—and the South Presbyterian Church (organized 1849) in 1906. Records from these churches deposited with the society include:

Cedar Street Presbyterian Church, Philadelphia, PA.

Session minutes and records, 1838–1882, 1 vol. (call no. Vault MI46 P462s)
includes marriages, 1837–1874.

Church Records, 1837–1847, 1 vol. (call no. Vault MI46 P462cr)
Roll of members, 1837–1906, 1 vol. (call no. Vault MI46 P462r)
Baptism register, 1837–1910, 1 vol. (call no. Vault BX 9211 .P49146 C322)
includes baptisms at Cedar Street, 1837–1874; Atonement, 1874–1906; South,
1875–1882; Atonement-South, 1906–1909; Scots, 1909–1910.

Cataloged records also include deeds and charters, trustee minutes and records (cat one).

South Presbyterian Church, Philadelphia, PA

Session minutes, 4 vols., 1849–1906, (call no. Vault MI46 P5364ms).
includes register

Registers, 2 vols., 1882–1906, (call no. Vault MI46 P5364c)

Pew rent ledger, 1 vol., 1868–1909, (call no. Vault MI46 P5364pr).

Cataloged records also include congregational meeting minutes, financial records, trustee minutes and records, missionary society records (cat one).

Presbyterian Church of the Atonement, Philadelphia, PA.

Atonement-South Presbyterian Church, Philadelphia, PA

Session Minutes, 1882–1909, 3 vols. (call no. Vault MI46 P453)
includes Atonement-South, 1906–1909.

Session Register, 1906–1933, 1 vol. (call no. Vault MI46 P453ca).
Atonement-South baptisms, 1906–1909, marriages, 1907–1909; deaths, 1906–
1909; membership, 1906.
Scots baptisms, 1910–1933; marriages, 1910–1929, deaths, 1910–1933.

Cataloged records include deeds and charters, trustee minutes and records (cat one), published directories, church newsletters, and a congregational history (CALVIN).

In 1941, the Scots Presbyterian Church merged with the Harriet Hollond Memorial Presbyterian Church (organized 1882) to become the Hollond-Scots Presbyterian Church. Records of the Harriet Hollond Memorial Church deposited with the society include:

Harriet Hollond Memorial Presbyterian Church, Philadelphia, PA.

Minutes and Registers, 1881–1941 (accession 95-1020, 1.25 cubic feet)

Cataloged records include scrapbooks, charter, deeds, financial and Sunday school records (cat one), published directories, church newsletters, and a congregational history (CALVIN).

In 1953, the Holland-Scots Presbyterian Church merged with the Third Presbyterian Church of Philadelphia to form the Third and Scots Presbyterian Church (see Third Presbyterian Church of Philadelphia records finding aid). Records of the Hollond-Scots Church have been deposited with us.

Hollond-Scots Presbyterian Church, Philadelphia, Pa.

Session Minutes, 1 vol., 1941–1953 (call no. Vault BX 9211 .P49148 H61).

Session Register, 1 vol., 1941–1953 (call no. Vault BX 9211 .P49148 H62).

Baptisms, 1941–1952; Marriages, 1941–1942; Membership, 1941–1953.

Dismissal and reception certificate stubs, 2 vols., 1927–1957 (call no. Vault BX 9211 .P49148 H620).

v.1. Scots, 1927–1941; Hollond-Scots, 1941–1945.

v.2. Hollond-Scots, 1945–1953; Third and Scots, 1953–1957.

Cataloged records include charter, and notes on congregational history (cat one), published directories, and church newsletters (see CALVIN).

In 1959, the Third and Scots Presbyterian Church merged with the Mariners Presbyterian Church to form the Third, Scots, and Mariners Presbyterian Church. The Third, Scots, and Mariners Presbyterian Church (“Old Pine Street”) continues as an active congregation of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.).

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