

## **First Presbyterian Church of Germantown, Philadelphia, Pa.**

According to the *Historical Directory of Presbyterian Churches and Presbyteries of Greater Philadelphia: Related to the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) and its Antecedents, 1690-1990*, by Kenneth A. Hammonds, the First Presbyterian Church of Germantown began as a splinter group, who wanted services in English. The group split off from the Market Square German Reformed Church. The new congregation began to hold meetings in the home of Rev. Samuel Blair. The church was officially organized in 1811. The Westside Presbyterian Church, also located in Germantown, merged into the First Presbyterian Church in 1972. The First Presbyterian Church of Germantown still stands on West Cheltenham Avenue in Germantown.

The Society does not hold any official records for the church. Publications in our holdings containing genealogical information include:

*Manual of the First Presbyterian Church of Germantown, Philadelphia ...: November 1899*; including membership directory. (PAM. BX 9211 .P49144 F502 1899)

*Year-book of the First Presbyterian Church in Germantown, Philadelphia*; including membership directory for 1902-1915, 1923, 1928, 1931-1932, 1936-1940, 1942-1947, 1949. (BX 9211 .P49144 F502)

*Encyclopaedia of the First Presbyterian Church in Germantown* by John Clark Finney; including pastor histories, burials, removal of bodies, elders, early church members, board of trustee members, board of deacons. (F ML 67.2 F497)

The First Presbyterian Church of Germantown is an active congregation and still has their official records. You may wish to contact them directly:

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