

BAY ROAD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH COLLECTION

A Guide to the Records

OVERVIEW OF THE RECORDS

- Repository:** Crandall Public Library
Center for Folklife, History, and Cultural Programs,
Glens Falls, NY.
- Creator:** Kirkpatrick, Karen, collector.
- Title:** Bay Road Presbyterian Church Collection.
- Dates:** 1849-2003 (bulk 1997-2003).
- Abstract:** This collection consists of research materials collected by Karen A. Kirkpatrick for use in her book, *The Thistle and the Eagle: The Story of the Scottish Founders of the Bay Road Presbyterian Church* (2000). There is considerable information on the Scottish families involved in founding this church: Allen, Alston, Bell, Burnett, Hanna, Kirkpatrick, Laing, Lauder, Lockhart, and Orr.
- Quantity:** 1 box. (0.4 cubic feet)
- Identification Number:** Archives & Manuscripts: Churches

HISTORICAL BACKGROUND

The Bay Road Presbyterian Church was founded in 1853 by nine families who emigrated from Scotland between 1838 and 1853. The church is located on Bay Road in the Town of Queensbury, Warren County, New York.

SCOPE AND CONTENT OF THE RECORDS

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There is considerable information on the Scottish families involved in founding this church: Allen, Alston, Bell, Burnett, Hanna, Kirkpatrick, Laing, Lauder, Lockhart, and Orr.

Information about the church includes: the pastors, the Presbyterian denomination, the church building and land, the Scotch cemetery, the Larger Parish (of First Presbyterian Church of Glens Falls), and the 20th century history of the church. Also included is material on the Heritage Weekend celebration, June 2001, marking the 150th anniversary of the Bay Road Presbyterian Church.

The collection contains photographs gathered during the preparation of *The Thistle and Eagle*, along with news articles and publicity concerning its publication. Included is material specifically concerning publication of the book: graphics, correspondence and an appendix.

INDEX TERMS

- People:** Kirkpatrick, Karen.
Alston family.
Bell family.
Burnett family.
Kirkpatrick family.
Lauder family.
Lockhart family.
Orr family.
- Topics:** Presbyterian Church—New York (State)—Queensbury—History.
Religious institutions—New York (State)—Queensbury—History.
Scottish Americans—New York (State)—History.
- Places:** Queensbury (N.Y.)—Churches—History.
- Organizations:** Bay Road Presbyterian Church (Queensbury, N.Y.)
- Form/Genre:** Photographs.

ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

- Preferred Citation:** Bay Road Presbyterian Church Collection,
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- Accession Information:** Accession number: 2004-022.
Gift of Karen Kirkpatrick, 2004.
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DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE RECORDS

Series 1. Families

Alston family
Bell family
Burnett family (loose-leaf notebook)
Burnett family (folder)
Hanna family
Kirkpatrick family
Laing family
Lauder family
Lockhart (and Allen) family
Orr family
Scottish founders – general, miscellaneous

Series 2. History of Bay Road Presbyterian Church

Pastors of Bay Road Presbyterian Church
Denomination
Building, land, deeds
Scotch Cemetery
Census, land transaction information
The Larger Parish (of First Presbyterian Church, Glens Falls)
20th Century Bay Road Presbyterian Church

Series 3. Heritage Weekend

Heritage Weekend
Heritage Weekend Sunday Service
Heritage Weekend – press, media
Bay Road Presbyterian Church History display

Series 4. Publication of *The Thistle and The Eagle* and related material

The Thistle and The Eagle – news articles, publicity
Graphics
Appendix
21st Century descendants publication
Letters (including to the newspaper)

Series 5. Photographs

Photographs (and copies)
Photographs – Cemetery walkthrough

ORDER IN WHICH THE RECORDS WERE RECEIVED

Burnett notebook – family information (photocopies of documents, ca. 1910)

Graphics

Pastors of Bay Road Presbyterian Church

Correspondence and newspaper articles, 1997.

Heritage Weekend, June 2001 (150th anniversary of Bay Road Presbyterian Church)

Photographs (some are photocopies)

Family files:

Bell

Kirkpatrick (and Hanna)

Lauder

Lockhart (and Allen) – includes photographs

Orr

Appendix

Denomination

Building (also land and deeds)

Scotch Cemetery

Census information on Scottish families, land transactions

The Larger Parish (of First Presbyterian Church, Glens Falls)

21st Century Descendants Publication

Thistle and Eagle – news articles, publicity

Photographs – cemetery walkthrough

Heritage Weekend

Heritage Weekend Sunday Service

20th Century, Bay Road Presbyterian Church

Bay Road Presbyterian Church history display

Scottish founders – general, miscellaneous

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