

CHRIST CHURCH

A Guide to Records

OVERVIEW OF THE RECORDS

- Repository:** Crandall Public Library – Folklife Center
Glens Falls, NY.
- Creator:** Christ Church (Glens Falls, N.Y.)
- Title:** Christ Church Records.
- Dates:** 1856 –1938.
- Abstract:** Four volumes of original church records from Christ Church (United Methodist) of Glens Falls, N.Y. were microfilmed. An accompanied CD ROM was produced as well. The records consist mainly of membership lists, baptism records, marriage records, probationers lists, and class lists. Print-out from the CD-ROM is shelved in 4 volumes at 929.3747 Chr in the Folklife Research Room.
- Quantity:** Microfilm (1 roll) and CD ROM (1 disk).
- Identification:** Archives & Manuscripts: Churches and Cemeteries

HISTORICAL BACKGROUND

Methodists first came to the town of Queensbury in 1798. By 1824 a group of 12 people organized to form a church. The first church building was erected in 1829, which was sold and a new building erected in 1848 due to an increase in membership. This building was destroyed by fire in 1864, and was replaced in 1865 by a larger building to accommodate the growing membership. The present stone structure on Bay Street was erected to meet the growing needs of the changing programs. Dedication of the building occurred September 20, 1907.

SCOPE AND CONTENT OF THE RECORDS

Four volumes of original church records were microfilmed. The actual volumes are original church records in the possession of the Christ Church. The records consist mainly of membership lists from 1858 - 1908, baptism records from 1859 - 1938, marriage records from 1856 - 1917, and probationers lists from 1854 – 1908. Other records include lists of Officials, board members, class lists, historical narrative, pastoral and statistical information. The dates for the volumes are as follows: Volume 1,

1856 – 1879; Volume 2, 1872 – 1885; Volume 3, 1885 – 1899; and Volume 4, 1896 – 1938. The records for the most of the series in these volumes are within their dates. An exception occurs in Volume 4, where only the records of baptism were kept from 1917 – 1938. All other records ceased after 1917.

A CD ROM disk was also made from the microfilm at the same time the microfilm was being produced. The disk has the capability to be searched in various ways. The 4 volumes of records can be viewed and rearranged in many ways as well. Though the series are arranged alphabetically, the content is the same as the microfilm.

INDEX TERMS

- Topics:** Church records and registers—Glens Falls (N.Y.)
Methodist Church—New York (State)—Glens Falls—
History.
Religious institutions—New York (State)—Glens
Falls.
- Places:** Glens Falls (N.Y.) – History.
- Organizations:** Christ Church United Methodist of Glens Falls (N.Y.)

ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

- Preferred Citation:** Christ Church United Methodist of Glens Falls,
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DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE RECORDS

Microfilm

The church records provided the following series titles. The series pages are numbered to assist in navigation and reference.

Volume 1: 1856 – 1879

Record of Baptisms, 1859 – 1879, pp. 1, 9 – 25.
[History of the Church], 1870; pp. 1 – 7.
Record of Marriages, 1856 – 1873, pp. 26 – 52.
Record of Probationers, 1854 – 1873, pp. 53 – 88.
Alphabetical List of Members, pp. 89 – 148.
Officiary of the Church, revised March 1872, pp. 149 – 179.
Record for the Classes Severally, pp. 180 – 208.
Official Board April 1858, p.208
List of Members April 1858, pp. 208 – 220.
List of Members April 1862, pp. 221 – 224.
Members by Letter 1861, p. 225.
Alphabetical List of Members 1862 – 63, pp. 226 – 237.
List of Probationers 1863, pp. 238 – 240.
Class Lists, pp. 241 – 262.

Volume 2: 1872 – 1885

Introduction, pp. 3 – 4.
Historical Record, 1870, pp. 5 – 11.
Probationers' Record 1874 – 1887, pp. 12 – 54.
Class Records, pp. 55 – 116.
Alphabetical Record of Members in Full Connection, pp. 117 – 202.
Chronological Record of Official Members, 1873 – 1878, pp. 203 – 212.
Pastoral and Statistical Record, 1872 – 1881, pp. 213 – 215.
Record of Baptisms, 1872 – 1884, pp.216 – 236.
Marriage Record, 1872 – 1885, pp. 237 – 277.

Volume 3: 1885 – 1899

Pastoral and Statistical, 1893, p.1.
Probationers, 1886 – 99, pp. 2 – 14.
Alphabetical Record of Members in Full Connection, pp. 15 – 53.
Marriage Record, 1885 – 1893, pp. 54 – 65.
Record of Baptisms, 1890 – 96, pp. 66 – 70.

Volume 4: 1896 – 1938

Index for Baptisms
Probationers' Record, 1898 – 1908, pp. 1 – 13.
Alphabetical Record of Members in Full Connection, pp. 44 – 82.
Record of Baptisms, 1896 – 1938, pp. 83 – 100, 14 – 43.
Marriage Record, 1896 – 1917, pp. 101 – 120.

CD ROM

Volume 1: 1856 – 1879

Alphabetical List of Members
List of Members 1862 – 63
List of Members April 1862
List of Probationers 1863
Members by Letter 1861
Official Members March 1872
Official Members March 8, 1869
Record for Probationers
Record for the Classes Severally
Record of Baptisms
Record of Marriages

Volume 2: 1872 – 1885

Introduction
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Volume 3: 1885 – 1899

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Volume 4: 1896 – 1938

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