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**Church Records Collection
1807-2010**

OVERVIEW OF THE COLLECTION

Title: Church Records Collection
Dates: 1807-2010
Media: Manuscripts
Quantity: 50 manuscripts, 1 archival box (6 linear feet)
Location: Closed stacks

COLLECTION SUMMARY

This collection includes minute books, financial records, membership records, court records, histories and other manuscript materials from several churches in and around Southwestern Ohio.

SCOPE AND CONTENTS OF THE COLLECTION

The bulk of the Church Records Collection comes from local area Presbyterian churches, most notably the Presbyterian Church of Oxford and Hopewell Church in Preble County. The Presbyterian Church of Oxford was founded in 1818 and has a slightly convoluted history. In 1833 the church changed its name to the First Presbyterian Church of Oxford, and then in 1841 a small faction split from the church and became the Second Presbyterian Church of Oxford. In 1869 the two churches reunited and once again became simply, the First Presbyterian Church of Oxford. Then in 1926 the church officially changed its name to the Memorial Presbyterian Church of Oxford. The collection includes records from each variant of the church.

Hopewell Church in Preble County, which produced four daughter churches (three of which are represented in the collection, Fairhaven Church, United Presbyterian Church in Oxford, Ohio and United Presbyterian Church in Morning Sun, Ohio) has the most extensive selection of records available in the collection.

This collection begins with "A History of the South Carolina Presbyterian Migration, 1800-1833" written in 1939 by Mrs. Ila Lemon from Morning Sun, Ohio. This paper, prepared for the Monday Club of Oxford, Ohio, details the growing discontent in the Presbyterian Churches of Scotland and Ireland over the interference of the State on the church government. The disgruntled members split from the Church to form the Reformed Presbyterians and the Associate Presbyterians (these two branches would later unite to form the Reformed Associate Presbyterians, a

group that worked hard to ban slavery in their denomination) and subsequently immigrated to South Carolina and surrounding regions. Many times entire congregations would follow their pastor to the New World, as was the case with Thomas Clark, who traveled from Ireland with three hundred of his followers. The paper also details the migration of several Presbyterian families from South Carolina to surrounding areas, most notably southwestern Ohio and Indiana, and the ensuing formation of the Hopewell Associate Reformed Church with Rev. Alexander Porter as its first pastor.

Another history found in the collection is volume six of "The Presbyterian Historical Almanac and Annual Remembrances of the Church for 1864" by Joseph M. Wilson, the purpose of which, as stated in Wilson's introduction, is to "Preserve the Current History of the Church as shown in the Acts and Deliverances of her highest courts." Wilson's Almanac provides insight into the workings of the Presbyterian Church, including notes from the 75th General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church of the United States of America, which met in Peoria, Illinois as well as notes on meetings of general assemblies and synods from around the country. The Almanac also features biographies and portraits of recently deceased Ministers and important members of the church, records of students currently enrolled or graduated from different seminaries and personal and financial statistics of the United Presbyterian Church of North America.

Many of the churches included in the collection also have individual histories included in their records. Most of these histories are not meant to be comprehensive, but rather a concise summary of the main historical events. One such history, located in the records for Bath Church, appears to be a speech written for the centennial of the church by Grace Miller. "The Story of the Second Synod of The United Presbyterian Church of North America" starts with a note from the author stating "It is the purpose of the writer that simplicity and brevity shall characterize the story told here." The Oxford United Methodist Church includes a short history in their records including names of the founding members. The Hopewell Church records include several brief histories, including a history written by Rev. Edward Paxton, a history prepared for the Diamond Jubilee in 1951 and a "History of Old Hopewell Congregation" written by Rev. N.C. McDill.

Most of the records available in the collection are minute books, detailing what went on during each session meeting. After its formation the Presbyterian Church of Oxford went through several name changes, divisions and reunions. The minute books in the collection provide firsthand accounts of these events, such as when the church split into the First Presbyterian Church and the Second Presbyterian Church of Oxford in 1841. According to the session minutes of the First Presbyterian Church of Oxford, "The last two or three years, in Which Mr. Graham was our Pastor, a considerable number of the members of the church had almost ceased attendance upon its public ordinances." The congregation tried to keep the church united and had thought the issue was resolved when on the next Sabbath "Mr. Graham...informed the congregation, that all the Elders of the Church, and all the trustees with the exception of one, had resigned, and that about sixty of its members, whose names he read, had withdrawn from us. These who have seceded from us...resolved to form a Second Presbyterian Church of Oxford, attached to the New School Presbyterians." This left the First Presbyterian Church scrambling to elect new officials and find a new pastor. The same event is covered from the other point of view, in the session minutes of the newly formed Second Presbyterian Church of Oxford. "Agreeable to a notice given the following persons met at the house of R.E. Hills and organized a church to be called the Second Presbyterian Church of Oxford." The minutes then go on to describe the election of officials and plans to procure funds to build a new meeting house. It is also recorded in the session minutes for both churches when the two factions decided to reunite in 1869.

The minute books don't just provide insight into significant church events, but also offer details of daily tasks as well. Many entries deal with the election of church officials, such as Elders, trustees, treasurer and moderator. Some entries are records of new members received into the church, while others provide a record of those members dismissed from the church. The Session Book of Bath Presbyterian Church in Franklin County, Indiana starts with this entry dated November 1st 1833, "A Communication came before the session signed by 19 members of the church, two of whom were Elders; in which they request a dismissal from the church and a certificate of their regular standing in it---The reasons they give for this request are, the...departure of many from the primitive

state of Presbyterianism in America...and particularly the evils existing in this church and because they know their views on some important points materially differ from those of the church.”

Minutes from a session on May 29th 1864, from the records of the Presbyterian Church of Harmony Indiana reads “Session met and was constituted by prayer, when Emily Craft appeared before the session and was examined on her religious experience. When having made a satisfactory profession of her faith in her Lord Jesus Christ, was admitted to the sealing ordinances of the Lord’s Supper and Baptism. Closed by prayer.”

The session minutes from the Presbyterian Church of Oxford detail the resignation of their pastor, after becoming ill. The entry for May 3, 1896 reads “Meeting of session was held Sabbath morning before service to consider Mr. Bierce’s resignation...The clerk then read the following communication from Mrs. Bierce: ‘Since in the providence of God my beloved husband was struck down while performing his duties, March 25, and since physician and friends, who are familiar with such cases think that there is no reasonable probability of his resuming pulpit labor soon, I, therefore, on behalf of Mr. Bierce and at his request, ask the officers of the church to regard the pulpit as vacant’...In view of all the facts in the case the above resignation was on motion, unanimously accepted.”

Another resource housed in the collection is account records. Many times financial information was logged in with the session minutes, however the collection includes several treasury books. An entry in the Hopewell Church account records lists various services rendered to the church, such as “to William Bell for taking care of linen” with corresponding compensation, in this case, William Bell received \$3.00, and on Oct. 28, 1873 Rev. J MacHatton received \$10.00 cash. The financial records also contain subscription lists and delinquency lists. The Hopewell Church records contain a number of loose leaf receipts and promissory notes, for instance a slip of paper dated Nov. 19, 1822 tells us that Rev. Alexander Porter received his salary of “\$500 in full for the year ending October 20th 1820.”

There are several areas of the collection that hold information such as baptismal records, death records, marriage records, and membership information. Again, many churches included this information in their minute books. In some cases the information is interspersed throughout and in other cases there are separate sections, usually at the end of the log book, dedicated to this information. However Hopewell Church kept a separate log book of Baptismal records for 1835 to 1870, which includes information such as the child’s name, the parents’ names, date of birth, and date of baptism.

Hopewell Church also has a large section of loose leaf membership information in the collection. Numerous certificates and dismissals make up the bulk of these membership records and show the process of moving between different churches. An example is a note carried by William and Rebecka Ramsey from Ebenezer Church, stating “We do hereby certify that William Ramsey and Rebecka his wife has lived in this congregation for three years past, has behaved in a Christian able way, is in full communion with us, we do hereby recommend them to any Christian church where God in his providence may cast their lot.” With this note in hand the Ramseys were received as members into the Hopewell Church. Robert McQuiston was dismissed from the United Presbyterian congregation of Morning Sun in a similar manner, “That Robert McQuiston is a member in full communion in the United Presbyterian congregation...and is hereby dismissed at his own request is attested this 10th day of August 1877.”

The collection also includes cemetery records for Hopewell Church. These records, compiled in 1966, contain the names and dates copied from the grave markers of the Hopewell Cemetery and are organized by row.

Court records from Hopewell Church supply more details into Christian life during the 19th century. Records feature cases brought against congregation members for a variety of infractions including adultery, slander, intoxication, gambling and lying. An understanding of the church judicial process is gained through the records, including issuing a libel, gathering evidence and testimony, and rendering judgment and punishment. One such record contains the affidavit of a witness as follows, “Gentlemen, I received some days ago a written citation from you requesting me to meet you on tomorrow to give evidence in a certain case there and then pending against

James Bell. I think it is almost impossible for me to attend, but I would say to you, and I would say to the young man that I could not make oath that he drank liquor of any kind on the day referred to, for I did not see him, but I would say that he certainly appeared to me to be guilty of very unchristian conduct, insomuch that the people about generally supposed that he was intoxicated, and that he was attempting to cheat Mr. Wilson out of his horse. This friends, is about the amount of my evidence, if I was present and under oath, signed Joseph Patten.”

There are also records on proceedings to determine the truthfulness of the witnesses, as in the case of Thomas Paxton. After hearing testimony from several people, the session “retired to consider the testimony. And with the testimony which the accused had brought forward in support of his challenge of her being witness...the session decided that their opinion... she ought not to be admitted to give her testimony in the case of the libel preferred against Thomas Paxton.”

Information on church societies was also sometimes included in the church minute books, as is the case with the United Presbyterian Church in Morning Sun, Ohio. However the collection does include several separate records of church societies. The Women’s Societies of the Memorial Presbyterian Church of Oxford produced small pamphlets listing society members, officers, a calendar of events and committees. The pamphlets from 1942-1947 can be found in the collection. The Men’s League of the Presbyterian Church of Oxford kept their own separate minute book for the year 1905-1906, which is also housed in the collection.

The records for Hopewell Church include the sermons given by Rev. William Edward Paxton between the years 1880-1905. They are the original copies handwritten by Paxton and include many of his revisions and changes as well as notes and questions. One such note has Paxton’s sermon divided into sections A and B and outline the major points he would like to make in both. Under section A is written “Our duty to be careful to maintain good works, strive earnestly. Why? 1. God is glorified, 2. Blessing to us, 3. God remembers them.” The two sections are then followed by a section of notes on what Paxton hopes his congregation will learn from the sermon.

The collection includes a copy of the Journals of Nettie Harper, from the years 1867 to 1876. Nettie was fifteen at the time she began her journal, with the hopes of someday becoming a published writer, and she fully expected her journals to be read by others. Nettie and her family were members of Hopewell Church and her journals include information not only on church life, but also on the daily lives of her family, neighbors and fellow congregation members. An entry dated Jan. 19, 1868 describes the sermon given by Mr. McHatton and Nettie’s reaction. “It was a most excellent sermon, yes, and solemn too. Mr. McHatton seems so earnest...Sometimes when he fixed his eyes upon me with such a yearning and earnest look, as if he longed for my salvation (and I know he does) I could not stand it, and was obliged to cast my eyes down.” The entry for April 19, 1868 supplies more insight into church membership, stating “twelve were received as members of this congregation today. On certificate, two...on examination, ten.” Another entry, from Jan. 24, 1868, offers Nettie’s thoughts on her own life: “What a thing this book will be. Always what I have been doing, like as though I ever did anything. I think at the end of a year it would pay to count how many times I have ironed the family linen.”

ORGANIZATION OF THE COLLECTION

This collection of church records is organized first by type of church, in alphabetical order by name of church. Then, items are listed by type of records for each church, in chronological order.

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Series VII: Reformed Presbyterian Church, Israel Township
Sub-Series I: Minute Books
Sub-Series II: Account Books

Series VIII: Rising Sun Seminary
Sub-Series I: Account Books

Series IX: Second Presbyterian Church of Oxford
Sub-Series I: Minute Books

Series X: Synod of Cincinnati
Sub-Series I: Minute Books

Series XI: Third Presbyterian Church of Oxford
Sub-Series I: Account Books

Series XII: United Presbyterian Church of Morning Sun, Ohio
Sub-Series I: Minute Books

Series XIII: United Presbyterian Church of Oxford
Sub-Series I: Minute Books

Baptist

Series XIV: Indian Creek Baptist Church

Sub-Series I: Minute Books

Sub-Series II: Account Books

Methodist

Series XV: Oxford United Methodist Church

Sub-Series I: Minute Books

ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

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DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE COLLECTION

Note to Researchers: To request materials, please note both the box and folder numbers shown below.

Series I: Multiple Churches**Sub-Series I: Minute Books**

Title	Summary of Contents	Date
Presbyterian Church, Oxford, Ohio Records	Constitution and session minutes of First Presbyterian Church of Oxford, manual for members, a list of members, and session minutes of Second Presbyterian Church of Oxford, session minutes and membership list of Third Presbyterian Church of Oxford (typed)	First Presbyterian Church of Oxford, 1833-1841 and 1907-1916. Second Presbyterian Church of Oxford, 1841-1869. Third Presbyterian Church of Oxford, 1850-1901.

Sub-Series II: History

Title	Summary of Contents	Date
Sycamore Presbyterian Church (Cincinnati, OH) Miscellaneous Material	Manuscript letter signed (photocopy) from Dr. Theodore W. Kalsbeek, Pastor Emeritus Sycamore Presbyterian Church, to David C.	2010

Title	Summary of Contents	Date
	Hodge, Miami University President, about the historical connections between his church and the University (with accompanying print references). Notes on related materials in the library's collection added.	
The South Carolina Presbyterian Migration, 1800-1838	Paper prepared for the Monday Club of Oxford, Ohio detailing the history of Presbyterian migration (typed)	1939
The Story of the Second Synod of the United Presbyterian Church of the North America, 1858-1933	By John Armstrong Henderson, brief history of the Second Synod (printed pamphlet)	1933
The Presbyterian Historical Almanac and Annual Remembrances of the Church, for 1864, vol. 6	By Joseph M. Wilson, includes officers, institutions, portraits of ministers, histories of churches, biographies, and meetings of general assemblies.	1864

Series II: Bath Presbyterian Church

Sub-Series I: Minute Books

Title	Summary of Contents	Date
Bath Congregation Record	Session minutes, financial information, diagram of church (Handwritten, mostly blank)	1828
Session Book of Bath Presbyterian Church, No. 2	Session Minutes, membership information, baptism lists (handwritten)	1833-1893

Sub-Series II: Account Books

Title	Summary of Contents	Date
Bath Church Record	Accounting and financial information, expenses, church forms (handwritten)	1821-1958

Sub-Series III: History

Title	Summary of Contents	Date
Later Historical Items, Bath Springs Church and Cemetery	A history written for the centennial of the church, by Grace Miller (typed)	1921

Series III: Fairhaven Church

Sub-Series I: Minute Books

Title	Summary of Contents	Date
Fairhaven Church, Israel Twp. Preble County Ohio, 1834-Present	Session minutes (typed copy)	1834-1980

Series IV: Harmony Church, Indiana

Sub-Series I: Minute Books

Title	Summary of Contents	Date
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Minutes of Session, Presbyterian Church, Harmony Church Indiana, may 1837-Oct. 1943	Session minutes, financial information (handwritten)	1837-1943
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Series V: Hopewell Church

Sub-Series I: Minute Books

Title	Summary of Contents	Date
Hopewell Church Minutes, 1839-1916	Session minutes (handwritten)	1839-1916
Session Minutes of Hopewell Church, 1850-1872	Session minutes, marriage records (handwritten)	1850-1872
Session Minutes of Hopewell Church, 1872-1916	Session minutes, register of Elders, register of communicants, register of baptisms, register of marriages, register of deaths (handwritten)	1872-1916

Sub-Series II: Account Books

Title	Summary of Contents	Date
Hopewell Church Accounts, 1850-1912	Account records (handwritten)	1850-1912
Hopewell Church Accounts, 1877-1907	Account records (handwritten)	1877-1907

Sub-Series III: Baptismal Records

Title	Summary of Contents	Date
Hopewell Church Baptismal Record, 1835-1870	Baptism records (handwritten)	1835-1870

Sub-Series IV: Court Records

Title	Summary of Contents	Date
Hopewell Court Record, 1815-1850	Judicial proceedings (handwritten)	1815-1850

Sub-Series V: Cemetery Records

Title	Summary of Contents	Date
Records of the Hopewell Cemetery	Cemetery records, who is buried where and birth and death dates (typed)	1838-1915

Sub-Series VI: Sermons

Title	Summary of Contents	Date
Sermons of William Edward Paxton, Hopewell Church, 1880-1905	Copy of the sermons Paxton gave at Hopewell Church (handwritten)	1880-1905

Sub-Series VII: Journals

Title	Summary of Contents	Date
Journals of Nettie Harper, 1867-1876	Photocopy reproduction of the handwritten personal journals of Hopewell Church member Nettie Harper (superior copy)	1867-1879
The Journals of Nettie Harper, May 12, 1867-August 31, 1876	Photocopy reproduction of the handwritten personal journals of	1867-1879

	Hopewell Church member Nettie Harper	
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Sub-Series VIII: History

Title	Summary of Contents	Date
History of Hopewell Church	History of the church written by Rev. Edward Paxton (typed)	unknown

Sub-Series IX: Loose Leaf Papers**Sub-Subseries I: History**

Box	Folder	Summary of Contents	Date
1	1	"History of Hopewell United Presbyterian Church, 1876-1951" by Lucile Lukens. Brief history of Hopewell Church prepared for the Diamond Jubilee, May, 1951. (Photocopy of printed pamphlet)	1951
	2	"History of Old Hopewell Congregation, First Ohio Presbytery" by Rev. N.C. McDill, D.D. (16pages typed, double spaced)	No date

Sub-Subseries II: Minutes

Box	Folder	Summary of Contents	Date
1	3	Session Minutes (1 page, handwritten)	Aug, 1814
	4	Session Minutes(1 page, handwritten)	April 12, 1839
	5	Handwritten note, states "Records, Original Session Papers, John Ramsey"	No date
	6	Hopewell Session minutes (photocopy of handwritten original, 110 pages, 2 copies)	May 24, 1850- Sept. 2, 1872

Sub-Subseries III: Correspondence

Box	Folder	Summary of Contents	Date
1	7	Letter from James Paxton to Hopewell Congregation (3 pages, handwritten)	1829
	8	Envelope with postmarks from Hamilton, Ohio and Morning Sun, Ohio	Sept. 1883
	9	Letter to Hopewell Church from David Presley (4 pages, handwritten)	Oct. 21 1834
	10	Letter to Hopewell Church from Geo W. Gray (3 pages, handwritten, envelope)	Sept. 17, 1888
	11	Envelope addressed to William Caskey	May 29, no year
	12	Letter to Trustees from John Pinkerton (1 page, handwritten)	No date
	13	Envelope addresses to Benjamin Elliot, College Corner, OH	No date

Sub-Subseries IV: Membership Records

Box	Folder	Summary of Contents	Date
1	14	Certification of William and Rebecka Ramsey (1 sheet, handwritten)	Nov. 15, 1805
	15	Certification of William and Martha Ramsey (1 page, handwritten)	Sept. 7. 1806
	16	Certification of Ebenezer and Esther Elliot (1 page, handwritten)	Sept. 20, 1806
	17	Certification of William and Martha Ramsey (1 page, handwritten)	Sept. 4, 1807
	18	Subscription list (2 pages, handwritten)	April 2, 1814
	19	Certification of Sarah Brient (1 page, handwritten)	Feb. 6, 1815
	20	Certification of "Sprig" and Phillis (1 page, handwritten)	Oct. 22, 1822
	21	Certification of Elizabeth and Margaret McQuiston (1 page, handwritten)	Oct. 24, 1829
	22	Recommendation for Catharine E. McCracken from the Presbyterian Church of Oxford (1 page, handwritten)	April 17, 1833
	23	Dismissal of Mrs. Henrieta Elliot (1 page, handwritten)	May 20, 1837
	24	Dismissal of James Pressly and John Rock (2 pages, handwritten)	Sept. 28, 1844
	25	Members of Hopewell Church who formed the Unity Church,	Aug. 17, 1849

Box	Folder	Summary of Contents	Date
		College Corner, Ohio (3 pages, typed)	
1	26	Dismissal of James and Caroline Ferris (1 page, handwritten)	March 20, 1875
	27	Dismissal of Robert S. Brown and family (1 page, handwritten)	April 3, 1875
	28	Dismissal of Mary C. McDill (1 page, handwritten)	Dec. 30, 1875
	29	Certification of Sister E.B. Kenkner (handwritten)	March 10, 1876
	30	Dismissal of Jonathon T. Atkins (1 page, handwritten)	Aug, 19, 1876
	31	Dismissal of Robert McQuiston (1 page, handwritten)	Aug. 10, 1877
	32	Dismissal of Eliza and Sarah Campbell and Mary and Maggie Cumfibell (1 page, handwritten)	Nov. 6, 1877
	33	Dismissal of Martha Paxton (1 page, handwritten)	Nov. 27, 1877
	34	Certification of Ann Herlyson (1 Page, handwritten)	Dec. 22, 1877
	35	Dismissal of Caroline McDill (1 page, handwritten)	Dec. 31, 1877
	36	Dismissal of Joseph C. and Mary Jane Steel (1 page, handwritten)	Jan. 8, 1878
	37	Dismissal of Ellen Brown (1 page, handwritten)	March 25, 1878
	38	Members of Hopewell received and dismissed on certification (1 page, handwritten)	April 1, 1879
	39	Dismissal of R.S. Paxton (1 page, handwritten)	May 26, 1879
	40	Dismissal of W.A. Douglas and his wife (1 page, handwritten)	Sept. 20, 1879
	41	Membership of Hopewell Church (2 pages, handwritten)	March 1880
	42	Roll of Hopewell Congregation (2 pages, handwritten)	Jan. 31, 1881
	43	Roll of Hopewell Congregation (2 pages, handwritten)	Jan. 20, 1882
	44	Roll of Hopewell Congregation (2 pages, handwritten)	March 1, 1883
	45	Roll of Hopewell Congregation (2 pages, handwritten)	July 28, 1884
	46	Dismissal of Maggie Hudson (1 page, handwritten)	Nov. 15, 1884
	47	Dismissal of Robert and Margaret Ann Miller (1 page, handwritten)	Dec. 5, 1886
	48	Certification of R. Reed (1 page, handwritten)	Feb. 1, 1887
	49	Dismissal of Sarah Paxton (1 page, handwritten)	Nov. 16, 1887
	50	Dismissal of Benjamin and Martha Elliot (1 page, handwritten)	July 1, 1893
	51	List of members relinquishing seats in Hopewell, pews sold to Fair Haven (2 pages, handwritten)	No date
	52	Requests for Certificates to join Morning Sun Church (2 pages, handwritten)	No date
	53	Requests for certificates to join Morning Sun Church (2 pages, handwritten)	No date
	54	Thomas Sutton's request for Certification (1 page, handwritten)	No date
	55	Roll of Hopewell Congregation (4 pages, handwritten)	No date
	56	Certification of Nettie Fessenden (1 page, handwritten)	No date
	57	Certification of David Gray and his daughter (1 page, handwritten)	No date
	58	Certification of George and Sarah Briant (handwritten)	No date
	59	Record of Marriages and Deaths (10 pages, photocopies of original handwritten records)	1864-1872

Sub-Subseries V: Financial Records

Box	Folder	Summary of Contents	Date
1	60	Receipt for payment of salary, paid by John Pinkerton to Rev. A. Porter(1 page, handwritten)	March 29, 1819
	61	Account records, (32 pages, handwritten)	Jan. 27, 1820-July 1825
	62	Delinquency list (1 page, handwritten)	No date

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1	63	Rev. A. Porter's receipt of salary up to Oct. 20, 1820, paid by John Pinkerton to Rev. A. Porter(1 page, handwritten)	Nov. 19, 1822
	64	Rev. A. Porter's receipt of salary up to Oct. 20, 1822, paid by John Pinkerton (1 page, handwritten)	April 1, 1825
	65	Rev. A. Porter's receipt of salary (1 page, handwritten)	No date
	66	Collection list (1 page, handwritten)	1825
	67	Promissory note from Hopewell Church to Robert Simson (1 page, handwritten)	Nov. 14, 1826
	68	Collection List (3 pages, handwritten)	1826
	69	Collection list (4 pages, handwritten)	1828
	70	Collection List (4 pages, handwritten)	Oct. 20, 1829
	71	Collection List (4 pages, handwritten)	1830
	72	Collection List (4 pages, handwritten)	1831
	73	Collection List (4 pages, handwritten)	1832
	74	Subscription list (3 pages, handwritten)	Sept. 10, 1834
	75	Contract for sale of land from Samuel McDill to Andrew Bower (1 page, handwritten)	May 18, 1835
	76	Promissory note from David Gray to Robert Pinkerton (1 page, handwritten)	Jan. 23, 1837
	77	Promissory note from Hopewell Church to Samuel Werd (handwritten)	Jan. 23, 1837
	78	Receipt to Robert Pinkerton (handwritten)	Oct. 9, 1837
	79	Promissory note to Mr. McCreary from Robert Pinkerton (handwritten)	April 21, 1838
	80	Promissory note from Hopewell Church to David McQuiston (handwritten)	Jan. 28, 1839
	81	Promissory note from Hopewell Church to David McQuiston (handwritten)	Jan. 27, 1840
	82	Receipt to Hugh Elliott (handwritten)	June 14, 1841
	83	Receipt to Hugh Elliott (handwritten)	No date
	84	Bill to be paid to Joseph Brown (1 page, handwritten)	Nov. 23, 1841
	85	Promissory note from Hopewell Church to David McQuiston (handwritten)	Nov. 11, 1844
	86	Promissory note from Hopewell Church to Henry Blake (handwritten)	Nov. 18, 1844
	87	Promissory note from Hopewell Church to H.C. Blake (handwritten)	Dec. 9, 1844
	88	Payment to Elliott Family (handwritten)	Aug. 6, 1845
	89	Budget, produced by William Smith (1 page, handwritten)	Nov. 9, 1846
	90	Promissory note from Hopewell Church to John Graham (handwritten)	Jan. 25, 1847
	91	Promissory note from Hopewell Church to David McQuiston (handwritten)	Jan. 25, 1849
	92	Certification of \$10 from Rev. E.H. Huston (handwritten)	Dec. 14, 1888
	93	Appraisals completed by J.M. Payton (6 forms, filled out by hand)	May 11, 1900
	94	Commitment by subscribers to pay an annual fee for Pastor's salary (1 page, handwritten)	No date

Sub-Subseries VI: Court Records

Box	Folder	Summary of Contents	Date
1	95	Summary of evidence against Mr. Ramsey and Mrs. Hammers (1 Page, handwritten)	No date
	96	Testimony against John Ramsey (4 pages, handwritten)	No date
	97	Trial of John Ramsey (4 pages, handwritten)	Feb. 13-14 and March 20, 1815
	98	Case of John Ramsey (1 page, handwritten)	April 6, 1815
	99	Testimony of Thomas McDill and William Ramsey in the case against John Ramsey (2 pages, handwritten)	No date
	100	Case of John Ramsey (8 pages, handwritten)	Aug. 8, 1815
	101	Testimony of Mrs. Brian in case against John Ramsey (1 page, handwritten)	No Date
	102	Trial of unknown (2 pages, handwritten)	March 20, 1815
	103	Testimony of Nathan Brown (1 page, handwritten)	March 27, 1815
	104	Case of William McKain (1 page, handwritten)	Sept. 11, 1817
	105	Case of William McKain (9 pages, handwritten)	Sept. 11, 1817
	106	Case of Andrew Martin (1 page, handwritten)	July 19, 1819
	107	Case of Andrew Martin (2 pages, handwritten)	Aug. 5, 1819
	108	Case of Andrew Martin (3 pages, handwritten)	Aug. 5, 1819
	109	Case of Andrew Martin (1 page, handwritten)	No date
	110	Libel case against Robert Pressly (1 page, handwritten)	July 23, 1821
	111	Case of Robert Pressly (1 page, handwritten)	No date
	112	Case of Alexander McCracken (1 page, handwritten)	Aug. 22, 1823
	113	Case of Alexander McCracken (1 page, handwritten)	Aug.22, 1823
	114	Case of Alexander McCracken and William Ramsey (8 pages, handwritten)	Sept.1, 1823
	115	Libel case against John Wilson (1 page, handwritten)	Sept. 9, 1823
	116	Libel case against Nancy Miller (1 page, handwritten)	July 1, 1824
	117	Trial of Robert and Nancy Miller (1 page, handwritten)	July 1, 1824
	118	Libel case against Samuel Wiley (1 page, handwritten)	July 1, 1824
	119	Case of Samuel Wiley, Case of Nancy Miller (4 pages, handwritten)	July 10, 1824
	120	Case of Nancy Miller (4 pages, handwritten)	July 26, 1824
	121	Case of Samuel Wiley (2 pages, handwritten)	July 26, 1824
	122	Libel against Robert and Jane Douglas (6 pages, handwritten)	July 18 and 27, 1825
	123	Case against Robert Douglas (1 page, handwritten)	July 28, 1825
	124	Case of Michael and Polly Harris (2 pages, handwritten)	Feb. 12, 1827
	125	Libel against Michael and Polly Harris (2 pages, handwritten)	July 18, 1829
	126	Case against Michael and Polly Harris, Case against James Paxton (4 pages, handwritten)	July 18, 1829
	127	Case against James Paxton (4 pages, handwritten)	July 30, 1829
	128	Case against James Paxton, case against Michael and Polly Harris (1 page, handwritten)	August 6 and 10, 1829
	129	Case against James Paxton (1 page, handwritten)	Aug. 17, 1829
	130	Resolutions (1 page, handwritten)	Nov. 23, 1830
	131	R.G. Graham's case against John Giles (1 page, handwritten)	Aug. 4, 1832
	132	Case against John Giles (7 pages, handwritten)	Aug. 5, 1832
	133	Decision in the case against John Giles (1 page, handwritten)	Sept. 5, 1832
	134	Testimony of Thomas McDill	April 6, 1836
	135	Order of Summons for James Bell (1 page, handwritten)	Aug. 5, 1836

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1	136	Case against James Bell (3 pages, handwritten)	Aug. 5, 1836
	137	Joseph Patten's testimony against James Bell (1 page, handwritten)	Aug. 15, 1836
	138	James Elliott's testimony against James Bell (1 page, handwritten)	Aug. 25, 1836
	139	James McQuiston's testimony in case against David McQuiston (1 page, handwritten)	1836
	140	Testimony of case against David McQuiston (30 pages, handwritten)	1837
	141	Charges against David McQuiston (1 page, handwritten)	March 6, 1837
	142	Case against David McQuiston (5 page, handwritten)	March 6, 1837
	143	Libel against David McQuiston (3 pages, handwritten)	No date
	144	Testimony of Nathan Brown (1 page, handwritten)	April 4, 1837
	145	Testimony of Thomas McDill (2 pages, handwritten)	April 6, 1837
	146	Case of Thomas Paxton (1 page, handwritten)	April 13, 1839
	147	Libel against Thomas Paxton (1 page, handwritten)	May 6, 1839
	148	Summons for Thomas Paxton Case (1 page, handwritten)	May 6, 1839
	149	Case against Thomas Paxton (1 page, handwritten)	May 6, 1839
	150	Case against Thomas Paxton (3 pages, handwritten)	No date
	151	William G Paxton apology (2 pages, handwritten)	Dec. 4, 1841
	152	Case of Paxton and Brown (4 pages, handwritten)	Jan. 22, 1900
	153	Case against Henry Bell (4 pages, handwritten)	No date
	154	Case against John Wilson (2 pages, handwritten)	No date
	155	Decision in the case against Sarah Briant (1 page, handwritten)	No date
	156	List of witnesses for a case, sent to Rev. A Porter (1 page, handwritten)	No date
	157	List of witnesses (1 page, handwritten)	No date
	158	Signed statement (1 page, handwritten)	July 10, 1815

Sub-Subseries VII: Miscellaneous

Box	Folder	Summary of Contents	Date
1	159	Constitution revision (2 pages, handwritten)	Jan. 1836
	160	Report on seat regulations (6 pages, handwritten)	1837
	161	Report of committee on flooring the meeting house (4 pages, handwritten)	No date
	162	Listing of family names associated with Hopewell Church, 1819-1833 (7 pages, typed)	No date
	163	Harper Family biographical information(1 page, typed)	No date
	164	Alexander Porter biographical information (3 pages, typed)	No date
	165	Paxton family biographical information (20 pages, handwritten, photocopies)	1971
	166	Hopewell items from recent services (4 typed pamphlets)	1982

Series VI: Presbyterian Church of Oxford/First Presbyterian Church of Oxford/Memorial Presbyterian Church of Oxford

Sub-Series I: Minute Books

Title	Summary of Contents	Date
Presbyterian Church, Oxford Minutes, 1825-1850	Session minutes, list of members (handwritten)	1825-1850

Title	Summary of Contents	Date
First Presbyterian Church, Oxford Ohio, Session Minutes, 1825-1850	Typed copy of "Presbyterian Church, Oxford Minutes, 1825-1850"	1825-1850
Minutes of the Session, Presbyterian Church of Oxford, Ohio, Nov. 1869-Mar. 1895	Session minutes (handwritten)	1869-1895
Minutes of the Session, Presbyterian Church of Oxford, Ohio, June 1895- April 1907	Session minutes, financial information, member information (handwritten)	1895-1907
Minutes of the Session, Presbyterian Church of Oxford, Ohio, 1907-1925	Session minutes, rules for keeping session minutes, membership information, statistical information, financial records (handwritten)	1907-1925
Records of the First Presbyterian Church of Oxford Ohio, Feb. 1882-May 1885; Mar. 1897-July 1907, Book 1	Session minutes (handwritten)	1882-1885, 1897-1907
Records of the First Presbyterian Church of Oxford Ohio, Sept. 1907-Feb. 1933, Book 2	Session minutes, receipts, proposed budgets (handwritten)	1907-1933
Minutes of the Men's League of the Presbyterian Church, Oxford Ohio, 1905-1906	Meeting minutes, constitution of league, membership list (handwritten)	1905-1906

Sub-Series II: Society Books

Title	Summary of Contents	Date
The Women's Societies of the Memorial Presbyterian Church, Oxford Ohio, 1942-1948	Lists societies, members and committees	1942-1948

Series VII: Reformed Presbyterian Church, Israel Township

Sub-Series I: Minute Books

Title	Summary of Contents	Date
Minutes of Session of Reformed Presbyterian Church, Israel Township, 1823-1870	Session Minutes (handwritten)	1823-1870

Sub-Series II: Account Books

Title	Summary of Contents	Date
Israel Township, Accounts, 1824-1845	Account records (handwritten)	1824-1845

Series VIII: Rising Sun Seminary

Sub-Series I: Account Books

Title	Summary of Contents	Date
Rising Sun Seminary Treasurer's Book, 1833-38	Account records including tuition paid and attendance (handwritten)	1833-38

Series IX: Second Presbyterian Church of Oxford**Sub-Series I: Minute Books**

Title	Summary of Content	Date
Secretary Book of Presbyterian Church, Oxford Ohio, 1841-1869	Session minutes, member names, elected Elders and trustees, expenses (handwritten)	1841-1869

Series X: Synod of Cincinnati**Sub-Series I: Minute Books**

Title	Summary of Content	Date
Synod of Cincinnati Records, 1844-1864	Session minutes (handwritten)	1844-1864

Series XI: Third Presbyterian Church of Oxford**Sub-Series I: Account Books**

Title	Summary of Contents	Date
Records of the Third Presbyterian Church	Financial and account records, bills paid and received, receipts, small number of session minutes (handwritten)	1861-1878

Series XII: United Presbyterian Church of Morning Sun, Ohio**Sub-Series I: Minute Books**

Title	Summary of Contents	Date
Congregation Records of the United Presbyterian Church, 1870-1918	Session minutes, constitution, society reports, financial records (handwritten)	1870-1918
Minutes of the Session of the United Presbyterian Congregation of Morning Sun Ohio, 1870-1893	Session minutes (handwritten)	1870-1893
Minutes of Session of United Presbyterian Church, Morning Sun Ohio, 1893-1923	Session minutes (handwritten)	1893-1923
Minutes of Session, Presbyterian Church, Morning Sun Ohio, 1923-1958	Session minutes (handwritten)	1923-1958

Series XIII: United Presbyterian Church of Oxford**Sub-Series I: Minute Books**

Title	Summary of Contents	Date
United Presbyterian Church, Oxford Ohio, Session Minutes, 1851-1917	Session minutes (typed)	1851-1917

Series XIV: Indian Creek Baptist Church**Sub-Series I: Minute Books**

Title	Summary of Contents	Date
Indian Creek Baptist Church Records, 1816-1850	Session minutes, rules of decorum (handwritten)	1816-1850
Indian Creek Baptist Church Records, 1845-1920	Session minutes, rules of decorum, member list (handwritten)	1845-1920
Indian Creek Baptist Church Records, 1851-1879	Session minutes (handwritten)	1851-1879

Title	Summary of Contents	Date
Minutes of the Indian Creek Baptist Church, Butler County, Ohio, 1810-1850	Volume 1 of a typed reproduction of the handwritten minute books	1810-1850
Minutes of the Indian Creek Baptist Church, Butler County, Ohio, 1851-1879	Volume 2 of a typed reproduction of the handwritten minute books	1851-1879

Sub-Series II: Account Books

Title	Summary of Contents	Date
Indian Creek Baptist Church Records, 1880-1962	Treasury records (handwritten)	1880-1962

Series XV: Oxford United Methodist Church

Sub-Series I: Minute Books

Title	Summary of Contents	Date
Methodist Church, Oxford Ohio, Records	History, session minutes, membership (typed)	