



First Presbyterian Church records, 1814-1937
SCHS 1140.00
Container 11/545

Creator: First Presbyterian Church (Charleston, S.C.)

Description: 0.25 linear ft.

Biographical/Historical Note: First (Scots) Presbyterian Church was founded in 1731.

Scope and Content: Records consist of photocopies of sermons, minutes, correspondence, financial records, and other documents.

Sermons include a (handwritten) sermon delivered in December 1814 at the dedication of the church by pastor Aaron W. Leland, with a printed version (1815) and typewritten transcription; and a handwritten sermon [by Leland] expounding 2 Chronicles 7:33.

Correspondence mainly consists of letters (1828-1855) concerning Dr. John Forrest's character and education.

Financial records consist of accounts of the Sessional Fund and the Minister's Widow Fund (1840s-1880s).

Other photocopied items include a conveyance (1845) of a burial plot in the churchyard to William R. Maxwell; a photograph of the church (1886) and Rev. [W.T. Thompson]; a photograph of the south wall of the church after the 1886 earthquake; clipping of a newspaper article [1937] about the retirement of Rev. Alexander Sprunt; information (1930) concerning the South Carolina Christian Endeavor Union (organized 1892); extracts from a meeting (1832) of the Presbytery of Edinburgh (Scotland) concerning Rev. John Forrest's appointment as pastor of the First Presbyterian Church in Charleston (S.C.); John Forrest's class cards (1815-1822) from the University of Edinburgh; programs; and an address (1853) "written for the opening of the new Sabbath school."

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Search terms:

Forrest, John, 1799-1879.

Leland, Aaron W. (Aaron Whitney), 1787-1871.

Maxwell, William Rivers, 1794-1873.

Sprunt, Alexander, b. 1852.

Thompson, W.T. (William Taliaferro), 1840-1920.

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University of Edinburgh -- Students.

Presbyterian Church -- South Carolina -- Charleston -- Clergy.

Charleston (S.C.)
South Carolina -- History.
Genre Clippings.
Financial records.
Letters (correspondence)
Minutes.
Sermons.

Container listing:

11/545/1-7 First (Scots) Presbyterian Church, Charleston, 1814-1874

Papers, 1814-1874. 23 items.

Charleston church. Copies (1814-1873) of sermons, correspondence, notes, and financial matters. Sermons (1814) of Rev. Aaron W. Leland. Notes and clippings regarding history of the church. Extracts from the church minutes. Correspondence and notes (1832) regarding Rev. John Forrest's calling to the pastorate from Edinburgh, Scotland. Address 91852) written for the opening of the Sabbath School in the new Sabbath School room. Sessional fund record (1840-1873).