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.
Sprunt, Alexander, b. 1852.
First Presbyterian Church (Charleston, S.C.)
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:**

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**Papers, 1814-1874. 23 items.**