

Hull Memorial Presbyterian Church records

Descriptive Summary

Repository:	Georgia Historical Society
Creator:	Hull Memorial Presbyterian Church (Savannah, Ga.)
Title:	Hull Memorial Presbyterian Church records
Dates:	1908-1988
Extent:	11.5 cubic feet (12 boxes)
Identification:	MS 1473

Biographical/Historical Note

The Hull Memorial Presbyterian Church was located on 2020 Bull Street in Savannah, Georgia. It was established in 1868 as a mission of the Independent Presbyterian Church also in Savannah and later became an organized church in 1884. The church had been known at various times as Anderson Street Church, Second Presbyterian Church, and Westminster Church. It was named Hull Memorial Presbyterian Church in 1914 in memorial of Mary Elizabeth Blue Hull, the mother of Joseph Hull who donated land and funds for the church in 1913.

In the 1960s, Hull Memorial and the Eastern Heights Presbyterian Church in Savannah withdrew from the Presbyterian Church, U.S.A. As a result of this withdrawal, the Presbyterian Church claimed rights to both churches' property, which led to a series of court cases in both the Georgia Supreme Court and the U.S. Supreme Court. By a unanimous decision on 19 January 1970, the Supreme Court upheld the Georgia Supreme Court's decision that Hull Memorial and Eastern Heights rightfully owned their properties. This court case decision then caused other churches to withdraw from the Presbyterian Church, eventually leading to the formation of the Presbyterian Church in America. Hull Memorial was one of the original churches in the formation of the Presbyterian Church in America denomination. The Hull Memorial Presbyterian Church was dissolved in 1990 after a steady decline in membership which began in the mid 1940s.

Scope and Content Note

This collection contains church records regarding the operation of the Hull Memorial Presbyterian Church in Savannah, Georgia from 1908-1988. Included are church bulletins and newsletters, attendance records, financial records, minutes, correspondence, certificates, reports, and other miscellaneous materials relating to the Church and the various groups that operated within the church. Of particular interest are the records regarding the Supreme Court case that Hull Memorial was a part of in the 1960s, which determined that the Presbyterian Church, U.S.A. had no right to Hull Memorial or other Presbyterian churches' property.

Arrangement

This collection is arranged into 12 boxes:

Box 1: Bulletins, attendance records, W.I.C. meeting minutes, finance record book, annual reports, minutes, church rolls, correspondence, treasurer reports, 1939-1979

Box 2: Bulletins, Layman's Service Club minutes, correspondence, and treasurer ledgers, Sunday School construction account book, guest registers, Men of the Presbytery and Men's Work Committee of the Savannah Presbytery records and communications, church rolls, treasurers reports, Board of Deacons minutes, correspondence, 1921-1968

Box 3: Bulletins, Diaconate meeting minutes, rosters, and reports, 1969-1984

Box 4: Newsletters, 1968-1985

Box 5: Newsletters, 1959-1966

Box 6: Certificates of membership and dismissal, certificates of reception, certificates of installation for deacons, certificates of ordination for deacons, baptism certificates, resignations of deacons and elders, Diaconate meeting minutes, guest registers, account books, check registers, framed photograph, photograph album, 1946-1985

Box 7: Minutes, 1957-1986

Box 8: Administrative files, transcripts of congregational meeting, session records, financial reports, rolls of communicants, photographs, guest registers, historical sketch of the church, correspondence, 1921-1988

Box 9: Attendance records, scrapbook, Baker Memorial Bible Class minutes and correspondence, financial reports, photograph album, Church rolls, Constitution and bylaws of Women of Hull Memorial Presbyterian Church, property appraisal, property contracts, newspaper clippings and correspondence about court case, published U.S. Supreme Court decisions, agreement between Joseph Hull and Savannah Trust Company, 1912-1980s

Box 10: Programs, bulletins, invitations, Liberty magazine, sermons, newspaper clippings, church rolls, minutes, brochures, correspondence, statistics, financial records, memoranda, Presbytery reports, membership file and certificates, assignment of districts for deacons and elders, scrapbook, budget, 1936-1986

Box 11: Church rolls, reports and statements on the church organ, financial records, correspondence, Board of Deacons minutes, report and recommendations by Director of Christian education, Diaconate minutes, secretary's minute and roll book of Philathea Class of West Minister Sunday School, repair fund account book, 1908-1985

Box 12: Minutes, correspondence, 1916-1957

Index Terms

Account books.
Annual reports.
Attendance records.
Bylaws (administrative records)
Certificates.
Church buildings--Georgia--Savannah.
Church bulletins.
Church history--Georgia--Savannah.
Church records.
Financial records.
Georgia--Religion.
Hull Memorial Presbyterian Church (Savannah, Ga.)
Hull, Joseph J., 1849-1920.
Hull, Mary Elizabeth Blue, 1829-1891.
Ledgers (account books)
Letters (correspondence)
Minutes (administrative records)
Newsletters.
Photograph albums.
Photographs.
Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)
Presbyterian Church in America.
Presbyterians--Georgia--Savannah.

Registers (lists)
Reports.
Scrapbooks.
Women of Hull Memorial Presbyterian Church (Savannah, Ga.)

Administrative Information

Processing information

This collection is processed at the Basic Level (or collection level). There is no detailed inventory for this collection as it is not fully processed. To request that this collection be added to our priority list of collections to be fully processed as staffing and funding allow, please contact the Library and Archives staff.

Restrictions

Access restrictions

The collection is open for research.

Sponsorship

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