

**Collection:** 1<sup>st</sup> Presbyterian Church of Passaic Collection    **Accession Number:** 2014.053

## **Finding Aid**

**Date Range:** 1925 –1945

**Bulk Date:** 1925-1945

**Creator:** Rev. George Harold Talbott and officers of the 1<sup>st</sup> Presbyterian Church Office

**Containers:** 2 Flip-top document boxes

**Size:** 10 ¼ x 12 ¼ x 5 (each box)

**Storage Location:** PCHS Library and Archives

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### **Historical Note:**

The 1<sup>st</sup> Presbyterian Church of Passaic had its beginnings as an offshoot of the church at Newark, founded in 1667. The 1<sup>st</sup> Presbyterian Church of Passaic was founded on March 6, 1867 with 22 members. The members were able to purchase a plot of land in 1870, which was located on the corner of Passaic Avenue and Grove Street in Passaic. A new church was built and occupied on the first Sunday of January 1887. In recent years the church building at 15 Grove Street has been occupied by Centro de Adoracion Nuevos Church.

### **Scope Note and Content:**

The two boxes contain a collection of 18 files. The files are numbered 1-17 and 20 because the files that should have been numbered 18 and 19 are missing. Each of the files contains pages with the following information on members of the church congregation:

1. Name and address – names are in usually in alphabetical order

2. Column for “Campaign 1928; Dedication 1932; Local Support; Benevolences” which seem to indicate the amount of money each person pledged to contribute
3. Roll Call and Communion Missed. These numbers seem to have been done by glasses and cards – which are sometimes indicated over the columns on the pages over all the years of the files. It seems there were five communions held each year: January, Sunday before Palm Sunday, June, October and December. The last four columns are blank as far as headings are concerned but do contain “check marks”
4. At the end of the alphabetical pages there are additional pages listing names of friends of the congregation and the amount of contribution made to the church.
5. Listing of participants of the Pastor’s Instruction Class
6. Listing of people who were considered New Members as of a certain date

Each file folder has a cover page attached on the inside cover, containing the following information:

1. Communion Record – for January, Sunday before Palm Sunday, June, October and December – Count by glasses, Count by Cards, and Frs. (abbreviation unknown).
2. Count of Members on Roll
3. Count of those able members present at a minimum of one communion during the year.
4. Excused members not able to attend. Out-of-state, out-of-town, ill, at school, in service, etc.
5. Total of able and excused members to be given credit for attending
6. Able members not present to at least one communion during year. No excuse for not coming.
7. Percentage present

These documents are hand processed and in some cases notations were added in pencil or pen. Some notations would only be relevant to the person

making it or processing the information and only assumed by any other reader.

**Series:**

The collection is organized in pasteboard file folders held together with a small metal strip that holds together. Each folder is numbered beginning with file 1 through 17, 18 and 19 are missing, and file 20 is present. These files are contained in two file archival boxes.