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Manuscript Collections

Name of collection:

First Baptist Church of Christ (Dover, N.Y.),
Records, 1757-1844

Location:

Microform Room

Size of collection:

1 microfilm reel

N.U.C.M.C. number:

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Sources of information on collection:

For a history of the First Baptist Church of Dover, see Frank Hasbrouck, ed., *History of Dutchess County, N.Y.* (Poughkeepsie, N.Y.: S.A. Matthieu, 1909), p. 288.

Source of collection:

Gift of Mrs. Nathaniel Roe Feagles, Sr., and Mrs. Elmer L. Nelson, 1950

Collection description:

The First Baptist Church of Christ, Dover, N.Y., was organized in 1757 and is the oldest church in the town of Dover (known as Pawlingstown during the eighteenth century). Its first minister was Samuel Waldo (1731-1793), and the first meetinghouse was built in 1759.

This collection is a microfilm of a typescript copy of the records, 1757-1844, of the Dover, N.Y., First Baptist Church of Christ, in Dutchess County. The original records are in the possession of the church. Included are lists of new members, "particular votes" recorded, members dismissed and excommunicated (with a statement of reasons), dealings with offending members, especially those involved in disputes, and complaints recorded against specific members. In addition to the earliest "solemn covenant," the records also contain a list of baptisms, membership lists for 1804 and 1823, and minutes of church meetings during the nineteenth century.

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