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Records, 1860-[ongoing]. 27.50 linear ft.



Abstract

Organized in 1854, records of Hope Church include minutes and financial records of the consistory and other church organizations, bulletins, directories, anniversary booklets, women's organizations, membership records, and photographs.

Accession No.: W91-1034
Provenance: Hope Church
Donor: Hope Church
Photographs: 550 images (Boxes 5, 7, 10, and 12)
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History

The first services of Hope Church were held in 1854, and the church was formally organized in 1862 as "Hope Church, a Reformed Protestant Dutch Church of Holland, Michigan." It was the first English-speaking Reformed Church in Holland.

The first church building, a wooden structure, was erected on the present site, 77 West 11th Street, in 1864. This building was destroyed in the fire of 1871. A new brick building was dedicated in 1874, and the present sanctuary was built in 1902. The educational wing was added in 1962.

Scope and Content

The collection includes consistory minutes from 1897 to 1985 and minutes and financial records of other organizations of the church. The Publications series includes bulletins, directories, booklets, and copies of the Hope Church News. The Topical File contains materials relating to property and building projects, membership records, and the financial records of the church. The Photograph series includes images of individuals, groups, and building projects in progress.

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