

Finding Aid

Powells Point Christian Church Record Book 1887-1917

Repository: Currituck County Library
4261 Caratoke Hwy
Barco, NC 27917

Title: Powells Point Christian Church Record Book 1887-1917

Creator: members of Powells Point Christian Church

Collection No.:

Extent: One bound Church Record and Register book, 236 pages with text, 7 loose sheets with text

Restrictions: Copies may be made for personal use

Provenance: The original record book is owned by the Powells Point Christian Church of Harbinger, NC. The current holders have allowed the library to make an archival copy.

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Abstract

The record book is, according to the title page, *The Standard Church Register and Record*, published by Standard Publishing Company, Cincinnati, OH. On the end sheet, in handwriting, is written "Church Register May 31st 1887-1910; however, meeting records extend to 1917. The endsheet also mentions the church covenant on p. 215, but that page has been excised from the book. A note in another hand indicates that there is "no such thing as a church covenant in the scripture." Interestingly, in the minutes of the church meetings, a covenant was indeed written and ratified in February 1891. The book contains the records indicated in the container list below.

Historical Note

According to the records, a "meeting house" was erected in 1885 and that building was moved to become a residence. The current Powells Point Christian Church was erected in 1910. The members of the congregation had begun meeting in a schoolhouse in 1879. A more complete history of the church may be found on its website:

<http://www.powellspointchristianchurch.org/HistoricalArchives.dsp>.

Chronology

This record book covers the years of 1887-1917

Scope and Content Note

There is only one record book with membership records covering the period of about 1887-1917. Records include membership, baptisms, deaths, marriages, lists of elders, lists of deacons, list of organists, and church meeting minutes.

Arrangement of Collection

The record book is first organized alphabetically with each member listed in the appropriate section. Following that are lists of elders, deacons, clerks, ministers, baptisms, deaths, and marriages, each in chronological order. This is followed by minutes of church meetings in chronological order.

Controlled Access Terms

Container List

Endsheet says this church register covers May 31st 1887-1910. The book contains the following:

1. Alphabetical listing of members with the date of admission, how they were admitted, their town of residence, the date of removal and reason, and transfer information. The transfer column often contains marriage information
2. Register of elders, including date of appointment, date and reason for leaving office.
3. Register of deacons, including date of appointment, date and reason for leaving office.
4. Register of trustees—blank
5. Register of clerks, including date of election, date of leaving office
6. Registry of ministers including place of former ministry, date ministry begins, date ministry closes, and memoranda
7. Record of baptisms, including date of birth, date of baptism, by whom baptised, place of membership
8. Record of deaths, including date of death, place of death, place of burial
9. Record of marriages, including man's name and residence, woman's name and residence, by whom married, when married, names of witnesses
10. Church record including record of building of church, subscribers to building the church, proceedings of meetings from March 5, 1887-Oct. 18, 1916
11. Financial report—blank
12. Loose sheets—Sunday School attendance and collection record dated Sept. 11, 1911, a printed reminder about the State Convention of the Disciples of Christ, a message from the state secretary of the North Carolina Christian Missionary Convention dated Nov. 3, 1939 with a request for and offering, a letter from C. C. Ware to Mr. Grover Sawyer dated Nov. 3, 1939, notes of a business meeting held Oct. 22, 1922, a record of money paid by D. L. Griggs for items for the building, minutes from a meeting held Oct. 18, 1916 (written on the back of an envelope)/
13. List of three women appointed organists Jan. 17, 1903.
14. Record of a meeting held on Jan. 10, 1917 (written on the endsheets)