

## Study Center for Early Religious Life in Western New York

The Study Center for Early Religious Life in Western New York was established at Ithaca College in July 1978. The chief purpose of the Study Center was to collect primary sources documenting religious life in the first half of the nineteenth century in central and western New York State. The Center was funded for three years with the provision that the resulting collections be transferred to this division for preservation and use. In September 1981 295 collections, mainly on microfilm, came to Cornell. The church records collected include minute books, sermons, membership registers, subscription books, trustee records, Sunday school records, circuit books, and Bible society records from numerous denominations. In addition there are papers of families and individuals including diaries, journals, letters, and account books.

Not all of these collections have been described and catalogued in detail. Instead, the attached guide has been prepared. It lists collections by county of origin, using current county boundaries. Sixteen counties are represented, some more extensively than others. They are [Cayuga](#), [Cortland](#), [Erie](#), [Genesee](#), [Livingston](#), [Monroe](#), [Onondaga](#), [Ontario](#), [Oswego](#), [Schuyler](#), [Seneca](#), [Steuben](#), [Tompkins](#), [Wayne](#), [Wyoming](#), and [Yates](#). The order of information given in the entry is: accession number, collection title, terminal dates, quantity of material, restriction (if any), and kinds of genealogical information given. Brackets around dates indicate the time period covered by the bulk of the records.

Abbreviations used to designate genealogical information:

Ad = Admissions  
Bapt = Baptismals  
Bur = Burials  
C1 = Classes  
Corn Communicants  
Con Confirmations  
D = Deaths  
Dis = Dismissions  
Fu = Funerals  
M = Marriages  
Mb = Memberships  
Pr = Probationers  
Sub = Subscriptions  
Sus = Suspensions  
tr or tsc = transcript copy

Although most of the records were microfilmed, seventeen collections comprise original documents or photocopies. All material is available for use in the Division. Thirty-seven collections are restricted. In order to use these records, the visiting researcher must sign a form agreeing that information obtained from them will not be published or otherwise released in such form that any individual mentioned can be identified. Positive copies of non-restricted Church film may be borrowed. We do not search any of this film for mail inquirers. Requests for the loan of selected reels must be submitted through Interlibrary Services, Olin Library. Both the collection number and the title of each should appear on the request form. Address Interlibrary Loan Requests to: Interlibrary Services, Cornell University Library, Olin Library, Ithaca, NY 14853-5301. Phone: 607-255-5293. Acceptable methods of transmission: RLIN (NYCX), OCLC (COO), ALA or IFLA (mail, fax or ariel).

For additional Church related materials, please see the following lists:

[Tompkins County Church, and Related Area Records](#)

listing from the Reports of the Curator and Archivist, 1942-1966. (in process)

## SCHUYLER COUNTY HOLDINGS

[\(see also: Tompkins County Church and Related Area Records List\)](#)

- #6004 Simpson, Maude, Collector. [Hector Falls, NY]. Miscellaneous accounts, 1822-1825. 2 vols. on 1 reel positive (+) microfilm.
- #6005 Hosner, Adeline C., 1809-1882. Papers, 1833-1882. (2v. 1 item; transcript copy).
- #6015 Helen Nichols, Collector. Papers, 1845, 1860, 1864-1865. 3v. on 1+.
- #6016 Hector, NY. Miscellaneous records, 1835-1863. 2vol.on 1+.
- #6029 White, Hiram, 1791-1857, Family. Papers, 1851-1861. 9 items (photocopies).
- #6039 First Baptist Church of Watkins Glen, NY. Records, 1848-1892. 3vol.on 1+.
- #6054 Methodist Episcopal Church of Mecklenburg, NY. Records, [1849-1893]-1963. 3vol.on 1+ (Bapt, Cl, D, M, Mb, Pr).
- #6059m First Baptist Church of Peach Orchard (Hector), NY. Records, 1837-1839. 3 items (photocopies). (Sub).
- #6060 Methodist Episcopal Church of Montour Falls, NY. Register, 1850-1874. 1vol. on 1 + (Bapt, D, M, Mb, Pr).
- #6061 Baptist Church of Catlin and Dix, NY. Record book, 1860-1896. 1vol. on 1+ (Bapt, D).
- #6067 Cordelia H. Smith, 1815-1856. Diaries, 1835-1843. (tsc.). 2vol.on 1+.
- #6069 Mead, Edwin D., 1829-1906. Papers, 1822-1905. Originals and 13 +.
- #6073 Baptist Church of Mead's Creek (Monterey), NY. Records, 1837-1857. 2vol.on 1 + (Mb).
- #6075 Baptist Church of Tyrone and Jersey, NY. Record book, 1848-1872. 1vol. on 1+ (Mb).
- #6082 Methodist Episcopal Church of Catherine, NY. Records, 1819-1882. 3vol.on 1+.
- #6083 First Presbyterian Church of Havana (Montour Falls), NY. Records, 1829 1888. 4vol.on 1 + (Mb, Sub).
- #6084 St. Paul's Episcopal Church of Havana (Montour Falls), NY. Records, 1847 1938. 3vol.on 1+ (Bapt, Com, Bur, M).
- #6090 Baptist Church of Altay (Tyrone), NY. Records, 1817-1935. 3vol.on 1+ (Mb).
- #6093 St. Mary of the Lake Roman Catholic Church of Watkins Glen, NY. Records, 1848-1869. (mostly in Latin). 2vol.on 1+ (Bapt, M).
- #6099 First Presbyterian Church of Hector, NY. Records, 1809-1924. 8vol.on 1+. **Restricted.**

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[\(see also: Tompkins County Church and Related Area Records List\)](#)

#6014 Joy Family. Journals, 1812-1813, 1844. 3vol.on 1+.

#6053 William Olney - Hubert Wattles. Indenture, 1864. 1 item (photocopy).

#6055 First Congregational Church of Christ, Danby, NY. Records, 1807-1878. (see also #6113). 2vol.on 1+ (Bapt, Mb).

#6056 Methodist Episcopal Church of Danby, NY. Records, 1831-1915. 3vol.on 1+ (Mb).

#6057 Christian Church of Trumbull's Corners (Newfield), NY. Record book, 1854-1920. 1vol.on 1+ (M, Mb, Fu).

#6058 St. John's Episcopal Church of Ithaca, NY. Records, 1822-1906. 3vol.on 1+ (Bapt, Mb, M, Bur).

#6066 First Methodist Episcopal Church of Trumansburg, NY. Records, 1831-1904. 7vol.on 1+ (Bapt, M, Pr).

#6070 Congregational Church of West Groton, NY. Records, 1817-1900. 2vol.on 1+ (Mb).

#6071 Methodist Episcopal Church of Lansing, West Dryden, and Asbury, NY. Register, 1850-1880. 1vol.on 1+ (Bapt, M, Mb, Pr).

#6113 First Congregational Church of Christ, Danby, NY. Record book. (Partial copy of #6055).

#6172 First Presbyterian Church of Ulysses, Trumansburg, NY. Records, 1853-1903. 3vol.on 1 + (Dis, J 880-83; Mb).

#6180 Grove Cemetery, Trumansburg, NY. Register of interments, 1847-1930. 1vol.on 1+.