



Archival and Manuscript Collections Finding Aid

ACCESSION No.: HRHS- 97

COLLECTION TITLE: First Presbyterian Church/B. F. Wilson Collection

DATES: 1904 - 1981

SIZE: 2 folders

DONOR: Unknown

PROCESSED: Processed 04/15/2014

BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE:

According to the Harrisonburg Daily News, March 6, 1905: Reverend Benjamin F. Wilson is a native of South Carolina, born at Sumpter (1869-1932). He received an A.B. degree in 1884 from Davidson College, N.C. and then graduated from Princeton Theological Seminary. Wilson's only pastoral charge prior to accepting the call to Harrisonburg was at First Presbyterian Church at Spartanburg, SC for three years. He was pastorate at the Presbyterian Church on Court Square in Harrisonburg from 1905-1931. Wilson's wife was Fannie Gist Farrar, born in Charleston, S.C.

SCOPE AND CONTENT:

This collection contains miscellaneous letters and documents relating to Reverend Benjamin F. Wilson and the First Presbyterian Church of Harrisonburg.

COLLECTION INVENTORY:

Folder 1:

Letters dating from 1904, 1905 (4), 1930 (20), 1945, 1946, 1949 (2), 1950 (3), 1964 (4), 1977.

Envelope written "B.J Wilson papers" full of newspaper clippings

Folder 2:

Miscellaneous bulletins, pamphlets, member lists:

Twenty-fifth Anniversary note from congregation

Twenty-fifth Anniversary Service honoring Dr. B. F. Wilson, Pastor

The Bedside Banner, Vol.7 No.2, Rockingham Memorial Hospital, May 1981

Historic Harrisonburg 1798-1908, brochure with photos

Church brochure February 10, 1957 (3)

One Hundred Seventy Fifth Anniversary of The First Presbyterian Church, 1789-1964 (2).

“This is Our Finest hour” church pamphlet
“Budget Challenge for the Year Beginning January 1, 1974” church pamphlet
“Budget Challenge for the Year Beginning January 1, 1975” church pamphlet
“This is Your Church” Invitation for October 28, 1973
Inactive Church membership list
Statement by Rollin H. Wampler to the church Session regarding his arrest March 15, 1971.
Proposed Budget for year beginning January 1, 1976
Historical Program commemorating 175th Anniversary of the church April 24, 1964 (2).
The Piper, 175th Anniversary Program April 19-26, 1964.
Note to Mr. Price from Albert G. Edwards regarding 175th church anniversary
1962 Communicants’ Class bulletin.
Church bulletin December 3, 1944
Church bulletin Order of Service, Oct 4, 1942, Oct 11, 1942, December 6, 1959, April 3, 1966, May 29, 1966.
Charles Stewart Weaver Service of Worship and Ordination July 23, 1966.
Remodeling-Extension program
2 copies of Address by Grattan Price, Oct 28, 1978.
Laying of the corner-stone for First Presbyterian Church Sanctuary Addition August 3, 1980.
First Presbyterian You Are The Church pamphlet
1977 Suggested Budget sheet
April 22, 1977 Recommend Your Nominees for church Officers Class of 1980 form
Active Resident Membership directory April 22, 1977

Arrangement:

Folder 1: Church Correspondence

Folder 2: Church materials (i.e. Bulletins, pamphlets, programs, budget sheets, directories, member lists)