

ARCHIVES AND SPECIAL COLLECTIONS



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Library



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The Pittsburgh Theological Seminary is the result of several mergers following the founding of its earliest antecedent, Service Seminary, in 1794 by the Associate Presbyterian Church. The documents recording those mergers as well as the records of seminaries past and present, are housed in the Pittsburgh Theological Seminary Archives. The primary purpose of the Pittsburgh Theological Seminary Archives is to provide for the efficient and systematic control of the creation, receipt, maintenance, use, and disposition of records. Records administration covers the management of records, regardless of age, to meet the administrative, financial, legal, and historical needs within the Pittsburgh Theological Seminary's offices and departments.

The PTS Archives contains Seminary and antecedent seminary institutional records, manuscript collections, personal papers, photographs, and artifacts. Other materials housed in the Archives document the histories of the Associate, Associate Reformed, United Presbyterian, and Presbyterian (U.S.A.) congregations, synods, and general assemblies.

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ARCHIVES?

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Materials from the special collections and archives may be viewed Tuesday 2:00–4:00 p.m., Thursday 9:00–11:00 a.m., or by appointment. To schedule an appointment, contact Reference and Instruction Librarian Mark Russell at mcrossell@pts.edu or **412-924-1393**.

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SPECIAL PROJECTS

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SPECIAL COLLECTIONS

The Library also houses a variety of special collection materials, the most significant being:

- > The John M. Mason Memorial Collection, consisting of rare theological works dating from the Reformation.
- > The Warrington Collection, comprised of several thousand valuable hymnals and song books from the estate of James Warrington of Philadelphia, and provides rich research materials for scholars of American and British hymnody.
- > The Louis N. Grier Collection, received in 1975 and containing approximately 1,120 titles including two incunabula, early 16th century imprints, 17th and 18th century British publications, first editions of British literary volumes, books on bookbinding, and examples of fine bookbinding.

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