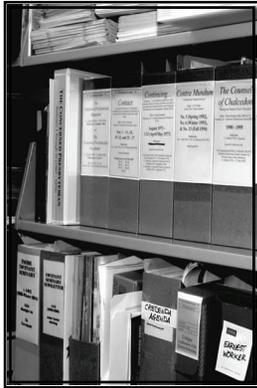


## ORAL HISTORY PROGRAM

The PCA Historical Center conducts an active oral history program, particularly interviewing individuals who have been instrumental in founding and leading the PCA and its predecessor denominations.

Interviews are recorded in digital format for greatest flexibility, and a transcription of the interview is also usually prepared. A number of significant individuals have already been interviewed in this program, a partial list of interviews is shown below.

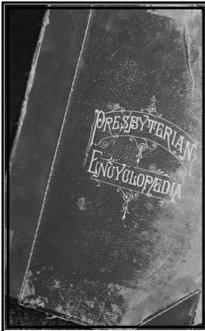
- Rev. James Baird
- Dr. J. Oliver Buswell
- Dr. Edmund P. Clowney
- Mr. Presley Edwards
- Dr. R. Laird Harris
- Rev. William E. Hill
- Dr. D. James Kennedy
- Mr. Kenneth S. Keyes
- Dr. John Richards
- Dr. Morton H. Smith
- Dr. Cornelius Van Til



## DONATION OF HISTORICAL MATERIALS

The PCA Historical Center welcomes donations of historical materials from individuals, institutions and churches.

Items of special interest are minutes, correspondence, published volumes and periodicals, journals, diaries, photographs and audio recordings. Anyone desiring to contribute items to the Center should contact the archives staff and ap-



## FUNDING AND SUPPORT

The PCA Historical Center was established to serve the testimony of God's work among us, to all generations. The Center is supported entirely by voluntary contributions from presbyteries, congregations and individuals. Because of the significant cost of operations, the Stated Clerk has asked churches to consider donations to the archives as a regular part of their annual budgets.

## VISITING THE PCA HISTORICAL CENTER

### HOURS OF OPERATION

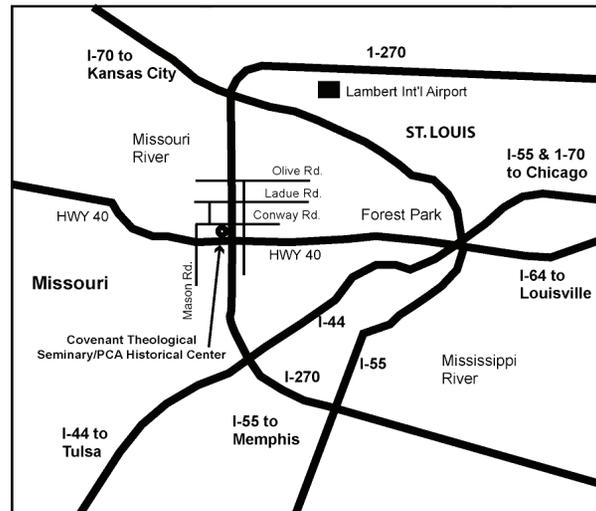
The PCA Historical Center is open to the public by special arrangement, Monday through Friday and is closed on weekends and holidays. We advise researchers to call or write in advance of any visit, to make sure that needed materials will be available for use during their visit.

### ACCESS TO THE COLLECTIONS

All collections are open to general public use except those specifically restricted by the donor. Session and Presbytery records are restricted to members of respective bodies for a period of fifty years from the date of the documents. Other church agency and local church records, as well as some personal papers may also be under a viewing restrictions as designated by the donor, though in general, only about five percent of the Center's holdings are under such viewing restrictions.

### DIRECTIONS

From I-270 and Highway 40 (aka, I-64). Exit Highway 40 at Ballas and proceed north one block to the Ballas/Conway Road intersection. Go west on Conway Road and proceed under the I-270 overpass. Then make an immediate left turn onto the North Outer Forty service road and look for the Seminary entrance on the right. The Buswell Library is the first building to the right.



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# PCA HISTORICAL CENTER

*Archives and Manuscript Repository  
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The Presbyterian Church in America has assigned the Stated Clerk of General Assembly responsibility for the preservation of its significant records. In 1984, the Twelfth General Assembly adopted the Stated Clerk's recommendation that a denominational archives be established on the campus of Covenant Theological Seminary in St. Louis, MO. The new archives was staffed in January of 1985 and processing began on the initial set of transferred records .

FUNCTIONS AND SERVICES

- Permanent repository for all official, non-current records of the denomination including those of the denomination's committees, agencies, and presbyteries.
- Collection and preservation of personal papers and manuscripts documenting the lives and activities of individuals significant to American Presbyterianism.
- Professional consultation to congregations, presbyteries, and denominational agencies in areas regarding local records management and preservation.
- Providing access and research services involving materials housed at the Historical Center, both within the denomination and outward to the general population of genealogists, biographers, statisticians, pastors, students, professors and church historians.
- Service to individual congregations through the administration of the PCA Local Church History Program.
- Online access to collection indexes, PCA and RPCES position papers, selected documents and other important resources at [www.pcahistory.org](http://www.pcahistory.org)

DENOMINATIONAL RECORDS

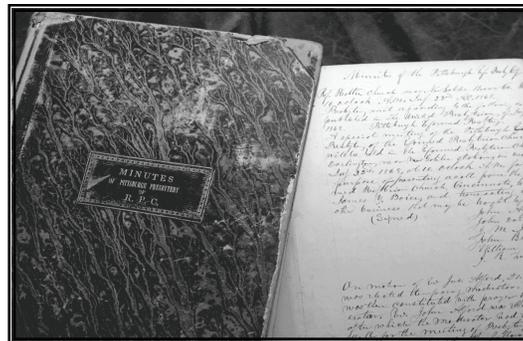
Our first task is to preserve and make accessible the records of the Presbyterian Church in America, its agencies and related organizations. But the Historical Center is also the repository of record for another five conservative Presbyterian denominations:

- Bible Presbyterian Church [1938-1956]*
- Bible Presbyterian Church, Columbus Synod [1956-1961]*
- Covenant Presbytery (unaffiliated), [1971-1984]*
- Evangelical Presbyterian Church [1961-1965]*
- Reformed Presbyterian Church, Evangelical Synod [1965-1982]*
- Reformed Presbyterian Church, General Synod [1833-1965]*

Beyond these materials, the Center seeks to gather basic information on all other American Presbyterian denominations, including Minutes and reports at the national and presbytery levels.

RESEARCH LIBRARY

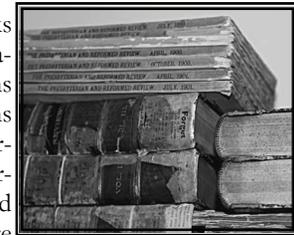
To provide context for these organizational records and manuscript collections, the Center also has its own research library focusing on all aspects of American Presbyterianism. Currently the library houses about 5,000 volumes, together with over 160 periodical titles. Works authored by PCA pastors and laity are of first priority, and we always welcome notice of new publications.



Through published and unpublished writings, correspondence, photos, minutes, journals and related materials, the collections form powerful display of how Christ changes lives and are real testimony of living faith in a living Savior. Manuscript collections housed at the Historical Center includes the papers of :

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| Max Belz [___ - 1978]              | Donald J. MacNair [1922-2001]  |
| Lorraine Boettner [1901-1990]      | Allan A. MacRae [1902-1997]    |
| Carl W. Bogue, Jr. [1939 - ___]    | J. Barton Payne [1922-1979]    |
| J. Oliver Buswell, Jr. [1895-1977] | Robert G. Rayburn [1915-1990]  |
| David Bays Calhoun [1937-___]      | Paul G. Settle [1935 - ___]    |
| Gordon Haddon Clark [1902-1985]    | C. Gregg Singer [1910-1999]    |
| Franklin S. Dyrness [1905-1990]    | G. Aiken Taylor [1920-1984]    |
| R. Laird Harris [1911 - ___]       | Robert Dick Wilson [1856-1930] |
| George P. Hutchinson [1938-___]    | T. D. Witherspoon [1838-1898]  |
| Kenneth S. Keyes [1896-1995]       | John M.L. Young [1912-1994]    |

The Center's staff also works to develop resources for notable American Presbyterians whose manuscript collections may be held by other archives. These holdings, normally built around published works, may also include rare pamphlets and other items. Holdings in this category of collection include O.T. Allis, Roy T. Brumbaugh, J.J. Janeway, J. Gresham Machen, Samuel Miller, Cornelius Van Til, and Benjamin B. Warfield, and others.



LOCAL CHURCH HISTORY PROGRAM

The Historical Center collects and maintains the histories of local PCA churches. Under this program, each congregation is asked to write an annual historical account of its activities. These histories, supplemented by church bulletins, newsletters, membership directories, sample Sunday bulletins, news clippings, promotional literature, photographs and other items, are placed in special collections which are then made available for research. The program encourages the appointment of local church historians whose task becomes the compilation, maintenance, and submission of this information. The denominational archivist is able to assist historians with research and writing, and is also available to provide church history workshops upon request. As a proactive measure against potential loss, churches may also elect to store non-current Session minutes at the PCA Historical Center for safe-keeping.