

**Papers from the Second English Presbyterian Church of West Amwell
(the Mount Airy Church)**

1786-2004

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DESCRIPTIVE SUMMARY:

Creator:	Elders of the Mount Airy Church
Title:	Papers from the Second English Presbyterian Church of West Amwell (the Mount Airy Church)
Collection Number:	120
Dates of Process:	September 2012
Volume:	.25 linear feet
Restrictions:	None
Accession Date:	February 24, 2004
Access:	During open library hours of the Society (12 PM to 4 PM every Thursday; 10 AM to 4PM every 2 nd and 4 th Saturday of each month; and by appointment)
Related Collections:	None
Abstract:	The collection consists of legal documents, deeds, and notes on the Church history. Some of these are foundational documents for this particular church. This collection would be of interest to anyone researching the history of this church or the area of Mt. Airy.
Biographical Information:	The Church was founded in 1754 by a small group of English Presbyterians in the Mount Airy section of West Amwell. The Church exists to this day.
SCOPE AND CONTENT	The collection comprises (i) 3 folders of legal documents, various legal documents of the Church, including an original deed for the property on which the Church stands, dated 1810; a roll for swearing in trustees dated 1786 (including a loyalty oath); and a minute book for the sessions of the church 1802-1861. It also contains notes on the Church's history.

Container List:

Container No	Folder No	Description of Folder	Date or Dates	Detail
1	1	Notes on Church History	N.D.	includes (i) note written by Mary Larason Holcombe found in the Harold Holcombe family Bible, "The old church as I remember it"; (ii) list of pastors 1810 to 1942; (iii) transcript of the long term lease from the church trustees to school trustees for land to be used as a school; (iv) handwritten church history; and (v) post card of Mount Airy Church
1	2	Legal Documents	6/16/1888	Agreement between the church trustees and the heirs of Joseph G. Bowne, Delaware township to sell \$1000 bond bequeathed in trust to the church by Mr. Bowne and invest the proceeds in mortgages
			7/27/1931	Certificate of the trustees regarding money received for the cemetery will be invested securely and only the income will be used
			11/3/1786	Roll for the swearing of the trustees
1	3	Deeds	10/12/1979	copy of deed dated March 23, 1850 between Ambrose and Catharine Holcombe and the church trustees for 4 acres and 45 perches of land in Delaware Township for \$900
			6/12/1810	Deed from Jacob Fisher and Thomas Skillman, administrators of the estate of Benjamin Skillman to the Trustees of the 2nd English Presbyterian Church of Amwell for 1 acre, 1 rood and 23 perches of real property in Amwell Twp. for \$85.72
1	4	Bound Manuscript	1802-1861	Session Minutes 1802-1861