

HIGHLAND PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH RECORDS, 1838-1865

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HISTORICAL SKETCH

Highland Presbyterian Church was founded in 1838, one of many results of the split in the Presbyterian Church in 1837-1838 between New School and Old School. The two sides differed on church government, theology, and slavery. The New School, to which the Highland Church belonged, emphasized free will and the importance of revivals.

The church was located in southwestern Johnson County, Indiana, just north of Amity, and on the line between Blue River and Needham Townships. It served the villages of Amity and Smiley Mill. It remained a small congregation, and was dissolved in 1866, some of its members having split off to form the New Pisgah church in northern Needham Township, and others to form the Second Presbyterian Church in Franklin.

Source: *Illustrated Historical Atlas of Johnson County, 1820-1900* (reprinted 1983), pages 258-259
Materials in collection

SCOPE AND CONTENT

This collection consists of one small bound volume, covering the years 1838-1865, and three sheets photocopied from a history of the Presbyterian Church in Franklin, published in 1946. The church notebook records meetings of the governing body of the church, and the administration of baptism and communion, appointment of delegates to meetings of the presbytery, and the admission and disciplining of members. The most colorful section, dated 1847, deals with the disciplining of Andrew Ritchey, who admitted keeping bad company but denied having had unlawful intercourse with a girl. Meetings were infrequent, thirty-seven years taking up only forty-six pages.

CATALOGUING INFORMATION

MAIN ENTRY: Highland Presbyterian Church (Johnson County, Ind.)

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