Baptism, Marriage and Membership Search Request Form

This service provides a record of a baptism, marriage, or membership for living persons. Information on deceased persons is only provided when necessary for the settlement of an estate or survivor benefits. Please read the information below carefully before sending us your search request.

To begin the search, we require the signature of the person whose record we are looking up. For marriages, we need the signature of one of the two individuals in the marriage; in the case of minor children or other guardianship situations, the signature of the legal guardian is accepted. If we have the records for the church you specify, we will search the records for a baptism, marriage, or membership and mail you a letter reporting the information found and bearing the seal of the Presbyterian Historical Society. If we cannot locate a record, we will notify you in writing. Our letter of attestation is generally acceptable to church and legal authorities. We do not make photocopies of the actual records due to their unique and fragile nature.

For the society to provide you with a letter of attestation, you must first supply us with the correct name and location of the church. There are no centralized denominational registers of church baptisms, marriages, or memberships for Presbyterian churches.

For baptisms, you must supply us with the name and date of birth of the person baptized; the name of the father and mother and the approximate date of the baptism are also useful. For membership, we require a name of the member and approximate date the member joined the congregation. Please note that a membership attestation is used for a record of confirmation. For marriages, you must supply us with the names of the bride and groom and approximate date of marriage.

Occasionally there may be discrepancies between what you expect to find and the information as it was recorded, such as a given date or the spelling of a name. We are obliged to transcribe the information exactly as it was entered into the official records. We are not authorized to change information.

Please mail your request to:
Presbyterian Historical Society
425 Lombard St.
Philadelphia, PA 19147
Or fax to: 215-928-3870
www.history.pcusa.org
refdesk@history.pcusa.org

Name of the Church: _______________________________________________
Location of the church (City, State): __________________________________

*For a baptism:*  
Name of person: ___________________________________________________
Date of birth: _____________________________________________________
Name of father: ___________________________________________________
Name of mother: _________________________________________________
Date of baptism: __________________________________________________

*For a marriage:*  
Name of groom: ___________________________________________________
Name of bride: _____________________________________________________
Date of marriage: __________________________________________________

*For a membership:*  
Name of member: _________________________________________________
Date of confirmation/membership: _________________________________

Address where the letter of attestation should be sent (please print clearly):
Name: ___________________________________________________________
Street Address: __________________________________________________
City, State, Zip Code: _____________________________________________

Your signature: ___________________________________________________

If we need to contact you, please provide your phone number: __________________________
and your email address: ______________________________________________