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BAPTISMAL COMMUNICANT AND CONFIRMATION RECORDS

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FROM - 1768 - 1830

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The Hamilton Township Church Record, is a large leather bound volume 13 X 8 $\frac{1}{4}$ X 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ inches in size. At the time of copying Summer and Fall of 1936, it is in good condition. The Volume contains ³⁶⁶ 366 pages, with only a few blank pages. It contains over 2700 baptismal entries, besides many communicants and confirmation records.

The copying was made possible by the wholehearted concert of the present Lutheran Pastor, the Rev. Strasser. He found the volume in a closet in the church during the process of renovating the church. He further consented that the copy after being finished with the original volume be sent to Prof Wm. J. Hinke to identify the handwritings of the different pastors.

We are deeply indebted to Dr. Hinke for the work which he donated. Through his efforts the early pastors have been definitely established. The later pastorates can be established through the minutes of the Lutheran Ministerium and the minutes of the Reformed Synod and Classis.

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PASTORATES

I. REFORMED PASTORS.

Of the Reformed Pastors, serving the congregation, can be recognized by their handwriting in the record.

1. John Egedius Hecker, 1769 - 1770.
(Perhaps longer, but there is proof for these 2 years)
2. John William Weber, 1776 - 1782
(Rev. Weber began in Plainfield in 1774. On page 20 of the record are two baptisms by Weber in 1776. They seem to run to 1782 when he left Plainfield.)
3. John William Ingold, perhaps 1783 - 1786.
(Rev. Ingold was in Plainfield from 1783 - 1786. At Hamilton his hand writing occurs only in 1784, on page 27 of the original volume.)
4. Lebrecht Frederick Herman, perhaps 1787 - 1789 or 90.
(His handwriting occurs only in 1788 - 1789, on pages 46 and 49, of the original volume.)
He was pastor at Plainfield from 1786 - 1790.
5. John Henry Hoffmeier, perhaps 1794 - 1796.
(His communicant lists at Hamilton extend from 1794-1806. He was pastor of the Friedens Church of Lower Saucon from 1794-1806.)
6. Nicholas Pomp 1799 - 1804.
(His baptismal entries extend from 1799 - 1804, but he may have preached at Hamilton longer than that. There is a communicant list by N. Pomp of 1799 Page 351 of the record)
7. Who followed Rev. Pomp cannot be made out, but in 1812 begins a new set of entries.
8. Theodore Ludwig Hoffeditz, 1812 - 1830 and perhaps later.
(The handwriting of Hoffeditz begins in 1812, he was licensed in 1812, See p.130 of record. He was still pastor in 1830. See note on p.339

II. LUTHERAN PASTORS.

1. John Andrew Friderichs, 1768 - 1777 & 1782-1787.

(There are no entries by Friderichs from 1777-1782. This is especially true in the communicant lists. They stop in 1777, see p.161, and start again 1782, p.162. See original volume.)

2. Friedrich Neimeyer, 1790 - 1800

(His name appears on p.363, in an entry made in 1791. This fixes his handwriting. His baptismal entries begin in Dec.1790, p.52, and run to 1800 p.86. See original Volume.)

3. Christian Frederick Endres. 1802 - 1804.

(He writes his name at the end of a communicant list for Jan.1803, p.177. His communicant lists run to Easter 1804. See p.178.

4. John Casper Dill, 1805 - 1810.

(His name does not appear in the record, but the records of the Minutes of the Ministerium, for 1804, p.342, show that a call was extended to Dill from Hamilton township. The handwriting is the same as in the Mt. Bethel Record.)

5. Carl William Colson. 1811 - 1814.

(Colson's name appears in the communicant list from 1811, see p.181.)

6. Peter Rupert, 1816 - 1819.

(Candidate Rupert from Hamilton was present at the meeting of the Ministerium in 1816 see, p.484.)

7. Henry Kurtz, 1820. See p.191 of the record.

The pastors were identified by Prof. Wm. J. Hinke