Title
Minutes of the First Presbyterian Church of Eastern Liberties of Cincinnati, 1828-1839.

Author
First Presbyterian Church of Eastern Liberties (Cincinnati, Ohio).

DESCRIPTION:

General Remarks
This is a manuscript of the First Presbyterian Church of Eastern Liberties.

Binding
This is a suede binding with a fore edge flap and wrap around tie. It is decorated with blind tooling. There are two gilt leather spine labels. The upper spine leather is red and reads "Minute Book" in gold tooling. The lower spine label is blue and reads, “ of 4th Presbyterian Church.”

Textblock
The textblock is sewn onto cords and is decorated with dark red or purple speckling. There are no endbands.

Primary Support
The textblock is comprised of light beige wove paper. The paper is ruled with light blue lines.

Medium
Brown handwritten ink.

Attachments| Inserts
None

Housing
None

CONDITION:

Summary
Overall, this binding is in fair condition due to deteriorated leather and paper damage. The tightback is pulling away from the spine at the head which has caused the fly leaf and first page to tear along the gutter.

Binding
The suede is suffering from red rot. The leather spine labels are curling away from the suede around the edges of the labels. The leather tie is cracking along the grain side.

Textblock
The sewing appears to be strong and intact. The head and tail edges of the textblock are darkened from engraained dust. The fore edge of the textblock has been protected by the fore edge flap and is less discolored.

**Primary Support**
The paper has discolored from light beige to brown. The ruled lines are severely faded.

**Medium**
The manuscript ink has faded intermittently throughout; however there is no sign of iron gall ink corrosion.

**Housing**

**Housing Narrative**
N/A

**Attachments| Inserts**
N/A

**Previous Treatment**
There is no evidence of previous treatment.

**Materials Analysis**
No analysis conducted at this time.

**TREATMENT:**

**Proposal**
1. Strengthen binding attachment to textblock.
2. Surface clean and repair tears in first few leaves.
3. Reattach flyleaf.

**Housing Need**
Cloth clamshell

**Factors Influencing Treatment**
When handled, the suede sheds red powder. However, consolidating the suede would drastically alter the appearance and flexibility of the leather. As an alternative to consolidating, the cloth covered box was lined with Volara foam to protect the leather from abrasion when it is lifted and placed back into the enclosure.

**Performed Treatment**
1. The textblock was dry surface cleaned with Absorbene soot sponge erasers. Debris was brushed from the gutters with a soft bristle brush.  
2. Creases in the fly leaf were relaxed with local humidification and flattened by drying under light weight.  
3. An Uso Mino kozo tissue, toned with Golden Acrylics, was adhered with Zen Shofu wheat starch paste along the gutter tear of the first page that spanned over the spine lining and onto the inside of the cover. This repaired both the tear in the leaf and helped strengthen the attachment of the leather spine. Wheat starch paste was used as dry as possible and was not directly applied to the leather.  
4. In a similar fashion to step 3, a toned Uso Mino hinge was adhered to the detached flyleaf and the inside of the cover with wheat starch paste. Once dry, paper losses in the gutter were further filled with Uso Mino tissue and wheat starch paste. The fly leaf was then slightly tipped to the adjacent page with wheat starch paste.

[AS, 4 hrs total]
Housing Provided
Cloth clamshell

Housing Narrative
The cloth covered clamshell was adhered together with Jade 403 PVA. The enclosure was constructed to include Volara foam around all sides of the binding. [CV, 7.25 hrs]

Storage Recommendations and Handling notes
Open the fore edge flap as little as possible. To prevent cracking and breaking of the leather fore edge, do not open the fore edge farther than necessary. Use a cradle with supports when reading. When placing the book back in the enclosure be mindful of the leather tie. Wrap the tie carefully around the book so it does not become crushed.

TOTAL Treatment Time
11.25 hrs
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i77460972_855_D2N, cover secured to textblock and fly leaf reattached, After Treatment
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i77460972_855_A3N, detail of head, Before Treatment

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i77460972_855_D4N, After Treatment