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Historical Society of Frankford Hosts Carol Smith, Christ Church Archivist, At December Meeting, Speaking On *Digitizing the Records of Philadelphia's Historic Congregations*

Philadelphia, PA — [Month Day, Year] — The Historical Society of Frankford (HSF) is hosting Carol Smith, the archivist for both Christ Church and its Preservation Trust, at its meeting and lecture on December 9, 2025, at 7:30 PM. She will demonstrate the *Digitizing Philadelphia's Historic Congregations* website, and discuss individual records found during the project.

The *Digitizing the Records of Philadelphia's Historic Congregations* project demonstrates that dissension, political unrest, and social reform initiatives are not without past precedent. Vestry minutes, sacramental registers, account books, sermons and more from Philadelphia's earliest congregations help interpret the social and political world Philadelphia's 18th and 19th century worshippers at 17 congregations inhabited. A grant from CLIR, the Council for Library and Information Resources, funded by the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation, supported this multi year project. Supplemental funds from other sources and harvesting of previously scanned materials brought in other records and today there are more than 141,000 records online.

Carol W. Smith is an independent curator and archivist who has worked with the Christ Church Archives since 2005. She has a BA in American Civilization and an MA in Material Culture from the University of Pennsylvania and is a certified archivist. In 2022 she received the Sister M. Claude Lane award from the Society of American Archivists for the *Congregations* project.

The meeting and lecture will occur at the HSF library/museum at 1507 Orthodox St, Philadelphia. The event is free and open to the public. Light refreshments will be served.

About the Historical Society of Frankford

Founded in 1905, the Historical Society of Frankford preserves and interprets the history of Frankford and vicinity through its collections, exhibitions, and educational programs.

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