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Summary Information

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The primarily African American congregants who remained renamed the building the First Baptist Congregational Church of Chicago. Both parishes continue to operate today. The Union Park church register contains membership records including baptismal records, marriage records, membership transfers, and lists of deacons and other officers.

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- Baptismal records.
- Chicago (Ill.) -- Church history.
- Church records and registers -- Illinois -- Chicago.
- Marriage records.
- Union Park Congregational Church (Chicago, Ill.)
- New First Congregational Church (Chicago, Ill.)

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