

Congregational Library & Archives
 Everett, Mass. First United Parish of Everett records, 1848-2013.
 RG5220

Summary

Creator: First United Parish (Everett, Mass.)
 Winthrop Congregational Church (Malden, Mass.)
 First Congregational Church (Everett, Mass.)
 United Church of Christ (First Congregational) (Everett, Mass.)
 First Federated Parish (Everett, Mass.)
 South Malden Congregational Society (Everett, Mass.)
 First Methodist Episcopal Church (Everett, Mass.)
 First United Methodist Church (Everett, Mass.)

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Dates: 1848-2013

Extent: 2 record storage cartons, 1 half record storage carton, 3 clamshells, 3 short lid boxes (4.95 cubic feet)

Collection ID Number: RG5220

Language: English

Abstract: The First United Parish included the First Congregational Church (ancestor churches going back to 1848) and the First Methodist Episcopal Church (founded 1870). It dissolved in 2013. Records consist of ledgers, reports, minutes, directories, bulletins, histories, photographs and a newsreel.

Collection History and Status

Acquisition Information: Gift to the Congregational Library & Archives by First United Parish in September 2014.

Repository:

Congregational Library & Archives
 14 Beacon Street
 Boston, MA 02108
 617-523-0470
<http://www.congregationallibrary.org>

Processing Information: Processed by Nick Ver Steegh, October 2014, using DACS Second Edition.

Accessing and Using the Collection

Conditions Governing Access: Access to this collection is unrestricted and open to the public.

Technical Access: Newsreel film requires a projector.

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Description

Historical Note:

The Congregationalists of the First United Parish traced their origins back to the founding of the South Malden Sunday School Union by Joanna T. Oliver in 1847. Attendance at this school grew so large that eventually a council was held to institute the Winthrop Congregational Church on March 16th, 1848. The First Congregational Church of Everett was formed in an 1870 merger between the Winthrop and South Malden (established 1858) Congregational Churches. Arthur B. Patten, lyricist of the hymn "Faith of Our Mothers," was minister at this church from 1895-1897. It joined the First Federated Parish in the 1970s along with the First Methodist Episcopal Church. This organization became the First United Parish in 1994, which dissolved in 2013.

List of Congregational and Parish ministers:

J.A. Benton 1848-1849
 Francis G. Pratt 1849-1857
 James Cruikshank 1859-1860
 George B. Denham 1861-1862
 Oliver Brown 1862-1864
 David M. Bean 1864-1868
 Albert Bryant 1869-1874
 Webster Hazelwood 1875-1876
 William Bolster 1876-1881
 George W. Washburn 1882-1889
 Eddy T. Pitts 1889-1894
 Arthur B. Patten 1895-1897
 William J. Sweet 1897-1911
 Cyrus Richardson, D.D. 1911-1912
 Ansel E. Johnson 1912-1919
 Hugh MacCallum 1920-1938
 Arthur M. Ellis, PAD 1938-1939
 Harlin M. Campbell 1939-1942
 Willis E. Smith, Litt. D. 1942-1945
 William G. Fagan 1945-1947
 David Fraser 1947-1948
 Gordon S. Kenison 1948-1958
 George Ratcliffe 1958-1959
 Robert A. Roberts 1959-1967
 James Marks 1967-1968
 Robert E. Stiles 1968-1973
 Forrest White 1973-1979
 Gary Parker 1979-1979
 John Snook 1979-1979
 David Montzingo 1979-1987
 Ruth Douglas Merriam 1987-1993
 Thomas F. Kepler 1993-1993

William J. Fleming Jr. 1993-1997
 George L. Hodgkins Jr. 1993-2003
 Dean E. Benedict 2003-2004
 Nizzi Santos Digan 2004-2006
 Althea V. Jackson 2006-2007
 Marion C. Grant 2007-2013

Scope of Collection: The First United Parish records document the history of the First Congregational and First Methodist Episcopal Churches, including their finances, church life, membership and history. These records consist of ledgers, reports, minutes, directories, bulletins, histories, photographs and a newsreel.

Further Searches

Subject Headings:

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 Church buildings -- Massachusetts -- Everett
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 Patten, Arthur Bardwell
 American Revolution Bicentennial, 1976
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 Scrapbooks -- Church history

Related Materials: Enter any additional resources as described in the DACS application profile.

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Arrangement: The First United Parish records have been divided into a Congregational series and a Methodist series.

Contents

Series I: Congregational Records

Date: 1848-2013

Extent: 2 record storage cartons, 1 half record storage carton, 3 clamshells, 3 short lid boxes

Scope of Series: The Congregational Records series contains the records of the First Congregational Church of Everett, Winthrop Congregational Church, South Malden Congregational Church and their successor churches. Each subseries focuses on a particular aspect of these churches, and is ordered mostly chronologically.

Arrangement: The Congregational Records subseries are:

- Governance
- Membership
- Finances
- Bulletins and Newsletters
- Church Histories
- Church Life
- Photographs
- Newsreel

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| Church records | 1861-1890 | B1/V2 |
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| Church records | 1899-1914 | B2/V2 |
| | Date | Box 3/Volume |
| Church records | 1914-1925 | B3/V1 |
| | Date | Box 4/Volume |
| Church records | 1925-1938 | B4/V1 |
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| First Congregational Church minutes | 1852-1891 | B5 |
| | Date | Box 6/Folder |
| Church committee meeting minutes | 1887-1899 | B6/F1 |
| Church committee meeting minutes | 1899-1910 | B6/F2 |
| Parish council meeting minutes | 1983-1984 | B6/F3 |
| Parish council meeting minutes | 1984-1985 | B6/F4 |
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| Parish council meeting minutes | 1987 | B6/F7 |
| Annual meeting reports, unbound binder | 1938-1961 | B6/F8 |
| Annual reports | 1961-1962, 1986- 2012 (gaps) | B6/F9 |
| Year end report | 1991 December 31 | B6/F10 |
| Parish council quarterly reports | 1993 | B6/F11 |
| By-laws and parish profile inventory | 1870-2008 | B6/F12 |
| Subseries 2: Membership | | |
| Complete member database printout, unbound binder | 2001 | B6/F13 |
| Vital statistics, unbound binder | 1987-1994 | B6/F14 |

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| Federated membership register | Date 1988-1994 | Box 3/Volume B3/V2 |
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| Parish directories | 2006, 2009 | B6/F16 |
| Subseries 3: Finances | | |
| Financial reports | Date 1949-1953 | Box 7/Volume B7/V1 |
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| Financial reports | Date 1964-1994 | Box 8/Volume B8/V1 |
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| Quarterly report to board of business affairs | 1992 | B6/F18 |
| Transactions | 1995 | B6/F19 |
| City assessor's form 3ABC | 2003-2004, 2006 | B6/F20 |
| Memorial committee report | 1969-1985 | B6/F21 |
| Legal documents | Date circa 1870s-1975 | Box 9/Folder B9/F11 |
| Subseries 4: Bulletins and Newsletters | | |
| Anniversary bulletins | Date 1910-2013 | Box 6/Folder B6/F22 |
| Bulletins | 1912-1959 (gaps) | B6/F23 |
| Programs | 1927-2006 (gaps) | B6/F24 |
| Newsletter | 2006 December | B6/F25 |
| Subseries 5: Church Histories | | |
| Church history 1848-1900, unbound binder | circa 1990 | B6/F26 |
| Church history 1900-1924, unbound binder | circa 1990 | B6/F27 |
| Church history 1925-1969, unbound binder | circa 1990 | B6/F28 |
| Church history 1952-1990, unbound binder | circa 1990 | B6/F29 |
| Church history 1970-1991, unbound binder | circa 1990 | B6/F30 |
| E.D. Hengen historical writings | 1982-1983, 1994 | B6/F31 |
| Church history notes and documents | 1914-2009 | B6/F32 |
| W. Fleming papers | 1994, 1997, 2007 | B6/F33 |
| Correspondence | 1956, 2007 | B6/F34 |

Subseries 6: Church Life

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| Sigma Sigma Gamma treasurer's reports | 1920-1933 | B6/F36 |
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| Sigma Sigma Gamma treasurer's book | 1944-1974 | B6/F38 |
| Girl Reserves meeting minutes | 1925-1928 | B6/F39 |
| | Date | Box 9/Folder |
| Delta Alphas meeting minutes | 1962-1981 | B9/F1 |
| World Vision sponsor children information, unbound binder | 1983-1992 | B9/F2 |
| World Vision sponsor children information, separated from unbound binder | 1990-2001 | B9/F3 |

Subseries 7: Photographs

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| Photo album containing past members | 2001 | B7 |
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| Book of memories | 1943 | B8/V3 |
| | Date | Box 9/Volume |
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Subseries 8: Newsreel

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| Newsreel film of bicentennial service | 1976 | B7 |
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Series II: Methodist Records**Date:** 1870-1992**Extent:** 1 record storage carton, 1 half record storage carton, 2 short lid boxes**Scope of Series:**

The Methodist Records series contains the records of the First Methodist Episcopal Church. They are ordered by the aspect of the church they concern, then approximately chronologically.

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| Church register | 1887-1923 | B5 |
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| | Date | Box 7/Volume |
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| | Date | Box 9/Folder |
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| | Date | Box 8/Volume |

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| Church register | 1923-1957 | B8/V5 |
| | Date | Box 5 |
| Church register | 1957-1963 | B5 |
| Church register | 1957-1992 | B5 |
| | Date | Box 9/Folder |
| Vital statistics | 1965-1992 | B9/F7 |
| Financial papers | 1894-1991 | B9/F8 |
| Legal documents | 1870-1957 | B9/F12 |
| Anniversary bulletins | 1898-1991 | B9/F9 |
| "Our church," poem | 1874 | B9/F13 |
| Lay speaker's certificate | 1990 | B9/F10 |