

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH (FREEPORT, ME.)

Records, 1789-1961.

1-1/2 linear ft. (1 box).

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INTRODUCTION

Series 1-3 available on microfilm (2 microfilm reels : positive ; 35 mm.)

HISTORICAL NOTE

Meeting house erected in 1774 with intermittent services in the Harraseeket District, now the town of Freeport, Maine. Church gathered in 1789 by members dismissed from the parent church in Yarmouth. Freeport, including part of North Yarmouth and the tract of land called Gore, was incorporated in 1789 and constituted a district parish. The old meeting house was dismantled in March 1818, in order to build another; the frame was destroyed by fire July 1818; the new meeting house was completed in 1819. The church building burned in 1894 and a new building was completed in 1895. Extant as Freeport First Parish Church Congregational UCC in 1996. For a list of ministers, see "A History of the First Parish Church Congregational Freeport, Maine, 1774-1959" (printed by Fred L. Tower Companies, 1959).

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

Church records 1789-1961 include: minutes, covenant and articles of faith, members, baptisms, contributions to religious and charitable purposes, benevolences, admissions. Parish records 1809-1877 include: warrants, minutes, copy of deeds of pews and rents, lists of persons polled, clerk's oaths, taxes, abatements, treasurer's accounts. Ministerial fund records 1816-1913 include Board of Trustees of Ministerial Fund minutes and treasurer's book. Young People's Society of Christian Endeavor records 1896-1908 include constitution, bylaws, membership and attendance lists. Miscellaneous papers include: church brochures; insurance policies; property plan, 1960; papers concerning sale of ministerial lands; and mortgage deeds.

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2 linear feet

SERIES I: CHURCH RECORDS

1. Records of Freeport Church, 1789-1830.
Minutes, covenant & articles of faith, members, baptisms.
Early records 1789-1810 reconstructed from remains after a fire.
2. Church Records, 1830-1887.
Minutes, members, baptisms, contributions to religious and
charitable purposes.
3. Records of First Congregational Church, 1887-1948.
Minutes, members, baptisms, benevolences.
4. Congregational Church Records, 1946-1961.
Minutes, baptisms, admissions, members.
(1946-1948 copied from previous book).

SERIES II: PARISH RECORDS

5. Parish Records, 1809-1877.
Warrants, minutes, copy of deeds of pews and rents, lists of
persons polled, clerk's oaths.
6. Parish Tax Book, 1811-1874.
Taxes, abatements, treasurer's accounts
7. Collector's/Treasurer's Book, 1809-1875.
Accounts.

SERIES III: MINISTERIAL FUND

8. Board of Trustees of Ministerial Fund, 1816-1891.
Minutes.
9. Trustees of Ministerial Fund Record Book, 1892-1954.
Minutes.
10. Trustees of Ministerial Fund Account Book, 1827-1913.
Treasurer's Book.

SERIES IV: AUXILIARY ORGANIZATIONS

11. Y.P.S.C.E., 1896-1908
Young People's Society of Christian Endeavor Constitution and
by-laws, membership/attendance lists.

SERIES V: MISCELLANEOUS LOOSE PAPERS

12. Hollinger box containing:
Historical tidbits, church brochures, insurance policies, property
plan (1960), papers concerning sale of ministerial lands, mortgage
deeds.