

# Massachusetts Conference Collection records, 1722-2012. RG5335

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# **Summary Information**

**Repository:** Congregational Library & Archives

**Title:** Massachusetts Conference Collection records, 1722-2012.

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**Physical Description:** 38.8 Cubic Feet (46 boxes)

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**Abstract:** The Massachusetts Conference, United Church of Christ, began as

a series of independent regional ministers' associations. Originally these groups met to discuss matters of theology. This record group is comprised of collections that had been seprately organized and described within the Congregational Library & Archives and now is an intentional collection that fall under the umbrella of the Massachusetts

Conference.

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# **Historical Note**

The Massachusetts Conference, United Church of Christ, began as a series of independent regional ministers' associations. Originally these groups met to discuss matters of theology; as they formalized they took on the practice of ordaining clergy (in earlier Congregational polity the province of local churches). The earliest records of this collection date to 1722 from the Plymouth Association of Ministers. One important predecessor of the Massachusetts Conference was the Massachusetts Missionary Society, established in 1799 to send clergy to remote areas of Maine and New York and to establish new churches. The General Association of Massachusetts was established in 1808 to sanction the sending of the first missionaries of the American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions. The General Association and Missionary Society merged in 1927.

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In the twentieth century the Congregational churches, and the Massachusetts Conference, were shaped by denominational mergers, beginning with a union with the Christian Connection in 1931. The Congregational Christian churches spent several decades achieving a merger with the Evangelical and Reformed Church, which was completed in 1957. In the midst of these conversations, the Conservative Congregational Christian Conference (CCCC) separated in 1948; and those who did not wish to merge with the UCC established the National Association of Congregational Christian Churches (NACCC).

For further information about individual Association and Conference, look at collection level for historical notes.

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# **Scope and Contents**

This record group is comprised of collections that had been seprately organized and described within the Congregational Library & Archives and now is an intentional collection that fall under the umbrella of the Massachusetts Conference. There will be state-conference level records, but the majority will be from intrastate regional minister associations, church conferences, or a combination of the two. There will also be some occasions where there will be further divisions within a conference or association: Hampden East and Hampden West, for example.

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# Arrangement

This collection is divided into collections, reperesnting the different associations and/or conferences for a region. Within that there are series. Many merged together or were the merger of separate groups. To simplify the organization any shared town/county group: minister association, church conferences or combination of the two will be in the same series.

The first collection represents the over-arching state-level material of the Massachusetts Conference. The remaining collections are arranged in alphabetical order. For greater details, please review the description at the individual collection and series level.

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# **Administrative Information**

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# **Acquisition Information**

These collections were originally arranged and described separately because they were donated by different groups and people over the course of the archive's history. In 2016, the Congregational Library & Archives decided to consolidate the separate collections into one intentional record group described here. By doing so, it would collate scattered components; update all description to current standards and practices; consolidate space; replace worn containers; and provide a centralized guide for researchers and staff. Researchers should review each individual collection for acquisition information, historical notes, scope, and arrangement.

# **Processing Information**

Re-arranged and re-described 2017-2018, by Jessica Steytler and Zachary Bodnar using DACS Second Edition.

# **Controlled Access Headings**

- Conference proceedings
- Home missions -- Societies, etc. -- Massachusetts.
- City missions.
- Ecclesiastical Council -- Massachusetts.
- Congregational churches -- United States -- Clergy -- Ordination.
- Church finance.
- Associations, institutions, etc. -- Congregational churches.
- Church -- Pictorial works.
- Clergy -- Pictorial works.
- Corporate minutes.
- Corporation reports -- Religious aspects.
- Congregational churches -- Clergy -- Correspondence.
- Congregational churches -- Massachusetts -- History.

# **Collection Inventory**

# Massachusetts Conference, 1799-2012

Creator: United Church of Christ. Massachusetts Conference.

Creator: Massachusetts Home Missionary Society

Creator: General Association of the Congregational Churches of Massachusetts.

Creator: Congregational Church Union of Boston and Vicinity

<u>Creator</u>: Massachusetts Congregational Conference.

Creator: Massachusetts Congregational Christian Conference.

Creator: Massachusetts Congregational Conference and Missionary Society.

Creator: General Association of Massachusetts.

Physical Description: 173 Folders

<u>Abstract</u>: The Missionary Society was organized on May 29, 1799 in Boston, Massachusetts, with thirty-eight charter members, most of them orthodox Calvinists opposed to Unitarianism. The majority of the Massachusetts Conference records are administrative and pertain to the Board minutes and reports.

**Acquisition Information:** 

# **Acquisition Information**

The United Church of Christ offices in Framingham donated records to the Congregational Library several times over the years.

#### **Processing Information:**

# **Processing Information**

Processed by Virginia Hunt, July 1999. Accrual added by Jessica Steytler, January 2010. Accrual and re-description added by Jessica Steytler, November 2013, using DACS Second Edition. Accrual added by Jessica Steytler September 2015, using DACS Second Edition. Re-arranged by Jessica Steytler, 2017, using DACS Second Edition.

## **Historical Note**

The Missionary Society was organized on May 29, 1799 in Boston, Massachusetts, with thirty-eight charter members, most of them orthodox Calvinists opposed to Unitarianism. The Society was created to spread "knowledge of the glorious Gospel of Christ among the poor Heathen and in those remote parts of our country in which the inhabitants had not enjoyed the benefits of a Christian ministry and Christian ordinances"—primarily Maine and New York State. Nathaniel Emmons was the first President of the Society. In 1827 the Massachusetts Missionary Society and the Domestic Missionary Society of Massachusetts Proper (founded in 1818), were united under the name of the Massachusetts Missionary Society; consequently, their work was concentrated specifically in Massachusetts. The Massachusetts Missionary Society became the Massachusetts Home Missionary Society in 1844. The new title emphasized its primary mission of supporting Congregational churches within the United States, and Massachusetts in particular.

The General Association of Massachusetts Proper came into being in 1808 to support the work of the newly formed American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions. This ultimately became the Massachusetts Congregational Conference in 1907. The Conference then merged with the Massachusetts Home Missionary Society in 1927, to become the Massachusetts Congregational Conference and Missionary Society. This merger was the result of twenty-seven years' of agitation by various members, and accelerated by a recommendation of the National Council of Congregational Conferences in 1907. The charter of the Massachusetts Home Missionary Society was used as the basis for the union of the two organizations. In 1953 the name was changed to the Massachusetts Conference of the United Church of Christ, as it remains to the present.

# **Scope and Contents**

The majority of the Massachusetts Conference records are administrative and pertain to the Board minutes and reports.

Massachusetts Missionary Society records -- The Missionary Society records include the organization's constitution and other founding documents, financial records and reports, and materials pertaining to the creation and subscription of their publication, The Massachusetts Missionary Magazine.

## Arrangement

The collection is arranged into series and subseries:

**Series 1:** Massachusetts General Association, 1805-1891.

Series 2: Massachusetts Missionary Society, 1799-1813.

**Series 3:** United Church of Christ Massachusetts Conference, 1930-2012.

Subseries 1: Board of Directors, Minutes and Reports, 1969-2012.

Subseries 2: Black Ecumenical Council, 1969-1971.

Subseries 3: Committees, 1930-1996.

**Subseries 4:** Merger, 1947-1963.

Series 4: Financial, 1868-1993.

Subseries 1: Ministerial Aid, 1868-1959.

Series 5: Congregational Union of Boston and Vicinity, 1896-1972.

#### General

Collection ID Numbers associated with this collection are: RG0023, RG0121, RG0727, RG0757, RG0766, RG1446, RG4362, RG4383, RG5326.

#### **Controlled Access Headings:**

- United Church of Christ. Massachusetts Conference.
- Massachusetts Home Missionary Society
- General Association of the Congregational Churches of Massachusetts.
- Congregational Church Union of Boston and Vicinity
- Massachusetts Congregational Conference.
- Massachusetts Congregational Christian Conference.
- Massachusetts Congregational Conference and Missionary Society.
- General Association of Massachusetts.

# Massachusetts General Association, 1805-1891

**Physical Description**: 34 Folders

**Acquisition Information:** 

# **Acquisition Information**

Gift of Joseph L. Partridge, John H. Quint, and various donors, no dates noted.

#### **Processing Information:**

## **Processing Information**

Originally processed June 1993 by Barbara Austen. Re-described 2017 by Jessica Steytler using DACS Section Edition.

# **Scope and Contents**

This series contains reports, minutes, votes on direct representation, and historical narratives.

#### General

The collection ID numbers originally associated with this collection is: RG0121.

#### Title/Description Instances

Letters from districts forming general association, 1805

box 1

folder 1

Massachusetts Domestic Missionary Society minutes, 1818-1823	box 1	folder 2
Minutes, 1817-1820	box 1	folder 3
Minutes, 1821-1823	box 1	folder 4
Minutes (transcript), 1824-1829	box 1	folder 5
Historical narrative (also in 1824-1829 transcription), 1818	box 1	folder 6
Minutes, 1830-1853	box 1	folder 7
Narratives and reports, 1824	box 1	folder 8
Narratives and reports, 1825	box 1	folder 9
Narratives and reports, 1826	box 1	folder 10
Narratives and reports, 1827	box 1	folder 11
Narratives and reports, 1828	box 1	folder 12
Reports from delegates, 1828	box 1	folder 13
Local delgates to General Association appointed, 1828	box 1	folder 14
Narratives and reports, 1829	box 1	folder 15
Narratives and reports, 1831	box 1	folder 16
Narratives and reports, 1834	box 1	folder 17
Report on exiles Churches, 1836	box 1	folder 18
Reports, resolutions, minutes, 1839	box 1	folder 19
Credentials of delegates, 1839	box 1	folder 20
Delegate letter, cannot attend, 1850	box 1	folder 21
Reports from Worcester North, 1851, undated	box 1	folder 22
Reports from district associations on state of relition, 1862	box 1	folder 23
Ballots from individual churches- vote for direct represntation, 1890-1891	box 1	folder 24
Ballots from individual churches- vote for direct represntation, 1890-1891	box 1	folder 25
Ballots from individual churches- vote for direct represntation, 1890-1891	box 1	folder 26
Ballots from individual churches- vote for direct represntation, 1890-1891	box 1	folder 27
Ballots from individual churches- vote for direct represntation, 1890-1891	box 1	folder 28
Ballots from individual churches- vote for indirect	box 1	folder 29

Ballots from individual churches- vote for no change, 1890-1891	box 1	folder 30	
Ballots from individual churches- vote for no action or an alternative, 1890-1891	box 1	folder 31	
Ballots from Associations, 1890-1891	box 1	folder 32	
Ballots from Conferences, 1890-1891	box 1	folder 33	
Committee on Home Evangelization, minutes, 1864-1869	box 1	folder 34	
Committee on Home Evangelization, minutes, 1869-1888	box 1	folder 35	

# Massachusetts Missionary Society, 1799-1813

**Physical Description**: 13 Folders

# **Acquisition Information:**

# **Acquisition Information**

All records came from the Framingham Conference Center via Joan van der Vliet, Secretary of the Association. The Massachusetts Conference.

# **Processing Information:**

# **Processing Information**

Originally processed by Virginia Hunt, 1999. Accruals added, redescribed by Jessica Steytler, 2017, using DACS Second Edition.

# **Scope and Contents**

Series contains founding documents, financial, reports, correspondence, missionary magazine buisiness. Note that proposal for a periodical publication subscription application is oversized and stored separately in flat files.

#### General

Collection ID Number originally associated with this series: RG4383.

Title/Description	Instances	
Plan for establishing missionaries resident, undated	box 1	folder 36
Founding document, 1799	box 1	folder 37
Constitution, 1799	box 1	folder 38
Financial records, 1799	box 1	folder 39
Document, 1799	box 1	folder 40
Manuscript letter: "To all those who are desirous of the spread of the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ", 1799 May 28	box 1	folder 41

Printed letter: "To all those who are desirous of the spread of the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ", 1799	box 1	folder 42
Committee report regarding the Panoplist with the Massachusetts Missionary Magazine, 1800	box 1	folder 43
Dr. Morse's proposal regarding magazine merger, 1808	box 1	folder 44
Mr. Worcester's preparations regarding magazine merger, 1808	box 1	folder 45
Committee report treasury, 1800	box 1	folder 46
Proposal for a periodical publication, Massachusetts Missionary Magazine, subscription application, Circa 1803	Drawer Oversize Drawer 9	
Memorandum book, 1812-1813	box 1	folder 47

# United Church of Christ Massachusetts Conference, 1930-2012

Physical Description: 59 Folders

**Acquisition Information:** 

# **Acquisition Information**

All records came from the Framingham Conference Center via Joan van der Vliet, Secretary of the Association in 1996; Susannah Baker, 1999; Dawn Hammond, 2013.

#### **Processing Information:**

# **Processing Information**

Processed by staff in 1996, by Virigina Hunt, 1999, and reprocessed by Jessica Steytler, 2017, using DACS Second Edition.

#### **Scope and Contents**

This collection primarily contains annual reports and minutes from the board of directors. Other material includes records from the Black Ecumenical Council, committee work, and information about the 1957 merger between the Congregational Christian and Evangelical and Reformed denominations.

#### General

Collection ID Number originally associated with this series: RG1446, RG4383, and RG5326.

# **Board of Directors, Minutes and Reports, 1969-2012**

**Physical Description**: 39 Folders

# **Scope and Contents**

The reports and minutes span from 1968 to 1994.

Title/Description	Instances
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M	finutes and reports, 1968	box 2	folder 1
M	finutes and reports, 1969	box 2	folder 2
M	finutes and reports, 1970	box 2	folder 3
M	finutes and reports, 1971	box 2	folder 4
M	finutes and reports, 1972	box 2	folder 5
M	finutes and reports, 1973	box 2	folder 6
M	finutes and reports, 1974	box 2	folder 7
M	finutes and reports, 1975	box 2	folder 8
M	finutes and reports, 1976	box 2	folder 9
M	finutes and reports, 1977	box 2	folder 10
M	finutes and reports, 1978	box 2	folder 11
M	finutes and reports, 1979-1980	box 2	folder 12
M	finutes and reports, 1981-1983	box 2	folder 13
M	finutes and reports, 1984	box 2	folder 14
M	finutes and reports, 1985-1986	box 2	folder 15
M	finutes and reports, 1987 January-June	box 2	folder 16
M	finutes and reports, 1987 June-November	box 2	folder 17
M	finutes and reports, 1988	box 2	folder 18
M	finutes and reports, 1989 January-June	box 2	folder 19
M	finutes and reports, 1989 September-November	box 2	folder 20
M	finutes and reports, 1990 January-May	box 2	folder 21
M	finutes and reports, 1990 June-November	box 2	folder 22
M	finutes and reports, 1991 January-May	box 2	folder 23
M	finutes and reports, 1991 June-November	box 2	folder 24
M	finutes and reports, 1992 January-May	box 2	folder 25
M	finutes and reports, 1992 June-November	box 2	folder 26
M	finutes and reports, 1993 January-May	box 2	folder 27
M	linutes and reports, 1993 May-November	box 2	folder 28
M	linutes and reports, 1994	box 2	folder 29
M	finutes and reports, 1995	box 2	folder 30
M	linutes and reports, 1996	box 3	folder 1
M	linutes and reports, 1996-1999	box 3	folder 2

Minutes and reports, 1999-2002	box 3	folder 3	
Minutes and reports, 2003-2007	box 3	folder 4	
Minutes and reports, 2007-2009	box 3	folder 5	
Minutes and reports, 2010-2012	box 3	folder 6	
Introductory information from Mass. Conference director manual, 1979-1980	box 3	folder 7	
Miscellaneous records, 1993-1994	box 3	folder 8	
Actions summary, 1983-1994	box 3	folder 9	
Memoranda, 1994	box 3	folder 10	

# **Black Ecumenical Council, 1969-1971**

Physical Description: 5 Folders

# **Scope and Contents**

This subseries contains records, dialog committee, a file on the NAACP, and a news folder.

Title/Description	Instances	
Records, 1969-1970	box 3	folder 11
Records, 1969-1971	box 3	folder 12
Dialog committee, 1969-1970	box 3	folder 13
NAAP, 1969-1970	box 3	folder 14
News, 1969-1970	box 3	folder 15

# **Committees, 1930-1996**

Physical Description: 10 Folders

# **Scope and Contents**

This is not a complete representation of the committees within the Massachusetts conference. Material includes Planning, Council on Missions, Executive, Ministerial Standards and Polity, Personnel, Property, Task Force on South Africa, and legal documents relating to property sale.

Title/Description	Instances		
Planning committee secretary for formation of the Metropolitan Boston Association, 1961-1964	box 3	folder 16	
Council on missions outreach and social responsibility, 1985-1986	box 3	folder 17	
Evaluation committee, 1979-1983	box 3	folder 18	
Executive committee, 1979-1988	box 3	folder 19	
Executive committee, 1993-1994	box 3	folder 20	

Legal documents regarding sale of property, 1996	box 3	folder 21	
Ministerial standards and polity, 1930-1934	box 3	folder 22	
Ministerial standards and polity, 1930-1934	box 3	folder 23	
Personnel committee, 1979-1984	box 3	folder 24	
Property committee, 1980-1985	box 3	folder 25	
Task force on Southern Africa, 1972-1979	box 3	folder 26	

# Merger, 1947-1963

Physical Description: 4 Folders

# **Scope and Contents**

Contains records of votes regarding the merger that formed the United Church of Christ, and legal aspects of opposition to the merger prior to 1948.

Title/Description	Instances	
Record of voting of churches on the United Church of Christ, 1962-1963	box 3	folder 27
Record of Plebiscite by Association on proposed union taken prior to the Oberlin General Council in 1948, 1948	box 3	folder 28
"No" vote summary on the union, 1948-1959	box 3	folder 29
Basis of Union - General Council opposition prior to 1949 legal aspects, 1947-1948	box 3	folder 30

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# Financial, 1868-1993

Physical Description: 40 Folders

# **Scope and Contents**

Contents includes Massachusetts Congregational Fund, ledgers, financial journals, bequests, committee, and Ministerial Aid.

#### General

Collection ID Number originally associated with this series: RG0757, RG0766, RG4362, RG4383.

#### **Acquisition Informtion:**

# **Acquisition Informtion**

Board of Ministerial Aid records Deposited by Roy A. Hovey, April, 1971. Congregational Fund Ledger, 1961-1971, was donated by Joanne Riley of University of Massachuestts Boston, 2015. Remainder of series has no recorded notes on acquisition information.

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Title/Description	Instances

Contributions, 1922-1931	box 4	folder 1
Funds income ledger, 1922-1931	box 4	folder 2
Massachusetts Congregational Fund ledger, 1945-1959	box 4	folder 3
Massachusetts Congregational Fund trustee account, 1939-1969	box 4	folder 4
Massachusetts Congregational Fund ledger, 1961-1971	box 4	folder 5
Principal trust ledger, 1923-1929	box 4	folder 6
Cash book, 1922-1923	box 4	folder 7
Ledger, 1923-1931	box 4	folder 8
Financial journal, 1945-1952	box 4	folder 9
Financial journal, 1957-1972	box 4	folder 10
Financial journal, 1971	box 4	folder 11
Commission on corporate responsibility in investments report to the conference meeting, 1973	box 4	folder 12
Finance committee, 1980-1985	box 4	folder 13
Financial Bequests, Beckett-Clapp, 1904-1984	box 4	folder 14
Financial Bequests, Deerfield-Kingston, 1918-1994	box 4	folder 15
Financial Bequests, Lawrence-Nye, 1906-1993	box 4	folder 16
Financial Bequests, Paxton-Truro, 1911-1978	box 4	folder 17
Financial Bequests, West Granville-Yarmouth, 1913-1941	box 4	folder 18

# Ministerial Aid, 1868-1959

**Physical Description**: 22 Folders

# **Scope and Contents**

Contains minutes, reports, member lists, L. E. Thayer's correspondence and files, correspondence, by-laws, and financial data.

Title/Description	Instances		
Minutes, 1868-1955	box 5	folder 1	
Executive Minutes, 1887-1904	box 5	folder 2	
Meeting agendas and minutes, 1939-1959	box 5	folder 3	
Board member lists, 1949-1958	box 5	folder 4	
Financial reports, 1929-1958	box 5	folder 5	
L.E. Thayer letters, papers, bylaws, undated	box 5	folder 6	
L.E. Thayer letters, papers, bylaws, undated	box 5	folder 7	

L.E. Thayer letters, papers, bylaws, undated

	box 5	folder 8	
L.E. Thayer letters, papers, bylaws, undated	box 5	folder 9	
L.E. Thayer letters, papers, bylaws, undated	box 5	folder 10	
L.E. Thayer letters, papers, bylaws, undated	box 5	folder 11	
L.E. Thayer letters, papers, bylaws, undated	box 5	folder 12	
General papers, undated	box 5	folder 13	
General papers, undated	box 5	folder 14	
General papers, undated	box 5	folder 15	
General papers, undated	box 5	folder 16	
Bylaws and handbooks, 1869-1871	box 5	folder 17	
Correspondence, 1920-1957	box 5	folder 18	
Grants, 1891-1903	box 5	folder 19	
Cash book, 1876-1881	box 5	folder 20	
Cash book, 1902-1913	box 7	folder 1	
Account book, 1903-1948	box 7	folder 2	
General ledger, 1927-1928	box 7	folder 21	

# Congregational Union of Boston and Vicinity, 1896-1972

Physical Description: 23 Folders

**Processing Information:** 

# **Processing Information**

Originally processed by Sandra Sudak, April 1990. Redescribed by Jessica Steytler, 2017, using DACS second edition.

# **Biographical / Historical**

The Congregational Church Union of Boston and Vicinity was established in 1896. The purpose of the group was "to promote religion and morality in Boston and the outlying cities and towns, by establishment and support of evangelical Congregational Churches, Sunday-schools, and Missions." By 1939 its leadership was interleaved with the Massachusetts Conference. The Union was absorbed into the Conference in 1970.

#### **Scope and Contents**

Contains governance documents, minutes, reports, financial, property, idividual church files, and photographs.

General

Collection ID Number originially associated with this series: RG0023 and RG0758.

Title/Description	Instances	
Constitution and by-laws, 1898, 1939, 1943, undated	box 5	folder 22
Annual meetings, 1896-1939	box 5	folder 23
Secretary's records of executive committee, 1896-1931	box 5	folder 24
Board of directors, 1896-1914	box 5	folder 25
Board of directors, 1915-1933	box 6	folder 1
Board of directors, 1934-1940	box 6	folder 2
Minutes, 1903-1912	box 6	folder 3
Minutes, 1924-1939	box 6	folder 4
Minutes and reports, 1907-1972 (gaps)	box 6	folder 5
Votes recorded, circa 1940	box 6	folder 6
Merger with the UCC, 1971-1972	box 6	folder 7
Financial ledger, 1953-1971	box 6	folder 8
Financial ledger interest and investment income, 1948-1972	box 6	folder 9
Audits, 1926-1939	box 6	folder 10
Church properites, 1937-1941	box 6	folder 11
Ledger sheets, 1929-1939	box 7	folder 3
Cambridge, First Armenian Evangelical Chuch of Boston,, 1937-1941	box 7	folder 4
East Boston. Baker Church, 1901-1932	box 7	folder 5
Roxbury. St. Mark's, 1921-1939	box 7	folder 6
Various churches, 1920-1948	box 7	folder 7
General, undated	box 7	folder 8
Description of churches including value and cost of repair, undated, circa 1930s	box 6	folder 12
Photographs of churches, undated, circa 1930s	box 6	folder 13
Photographs of churches, undated, circa 1930s	box 6	folder 14

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# Andover, 1859-1959

Creator: Andover Association.

<u>Creator</u>: Carpenter, C. C. (Charles Carroll) <u>Creator</u>: Andover Conference of Churches.

Creator: Andover Association of Churches and Ministers.

**Physical Description**: 11 Folders

<u>Abstract</u>: The Andover Conference was founded in 1859 by the ministers of Lowell, Lawrence, and Andover. It was one of the last conferences established in Massachusetts. The collection is mostly record books of meeting minutes, membership, a constitution, and two scrapbooks

#### **Acquisition Information:**

## **Acquisition Information**

Deposited by Rev. Kingsley Hawthorne, June, 1951.

# **Biographical / Historical**

The Andover Ministerial Association had no early written records, according to C.C. Carpenter's historical sketch written in 1913. The books referenced by Carpenter in the sketch are not part of this collection, so this cannot be verified. He noted, though, that the first meetings were hosted by Wilmington minister Isaac Morrill in 1763. Members came from Woburn, Middleton, North Reading, Billerica, Andover, Chelmsford, and Bedford. By 1797 the group had evolved enough to establish its name as Andover, the group's then-geographical center. The Andover Conference was founded in 1859 by the ministers of Lowell, Lawrence, and Andover. It was one of the last conferences established in Massachusetts. The Civil War monopolized the Conference's early work. Once the war was over, they took up new causes including temperance, Sunday observance, the labor movement and foreign missions.

## **Scope and Contents**

The majority of the records are from the Andover Conference and came as a single donation, including the combined Association of Ministers and Churches era from 1915-1932. The single item relating to the Minister's Association is a list of members written by C. C. Carpenter. It covers the years 1763-1913. For the Associations anniversary year in 1914, Carpenter wrote a Historical Sketch, available in the library's non-circulating collection (9.3 2040). The Conference material is mostly record books of meeting minutes, membership, and a constitution. There are also two scrapbooks, one of news clippings, one of meeting programs, fliers, and occasional correspondence that had been pasted in.

#### Arrangement

The collection is arranged into three series, Church Conference, Minister's Association, Association/Conference. Within each series material is arranged in chronological order.

#### General

Collection ID Numbers associated with this collection are: RG0699 and RG5180.

# **Bibliography**

Historical Note Bibliography: The Historical Sketch for the Andover Ministerial Association (9.3.2040) "A Century of Endeavor" – B 10 F 2

## **Controlled Access Headings:**

- Andover Association.
- Andover Conference of Churches.

Andover Association of Churches and Ministers.

# **Conference**, 1859-1959

**Physical Description:** 9 Folders

# **Scope and Contents**

This series contains records, a disbound scrapbook, and history of the organization.

Title/Description	Instances	
Records, 1859-1877	box 9	folder 9
Records, 1879-1895	box 9	folder 10
Records, 1896-1914	box 9	folder 11
Scrapbook, 1896-1907	box 9	folder 13
Scrapbook (disbound 1 of 4), 1866-1873	box 9	folder 14
Scrapbook (disbound 2 of 4), 1866-1873	box 9	folder 15
Scrapbook (disbound 3 of 4), 1866-1873	box 9	folder 16
Scrapbook (disbound 4 of 4), 1866-1873	box 10	folder 1
A century of endeavor, 1959	box 10	folder 2

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# **Association of Ministers, 1913**

Physical Description: 1 Cubic Feet folder

# **Scope and Contents**

This series is comprised of a retrospective membership list, created by Charles Carroll Carpenter spanning 1763-1913.

Title/Description	Instances	
Membership and licentate list, 1763-1913, 1913	box 10	folder 3

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# Association of Churches and Ministers, 1915-1932

Physical Description: 1 Folders

# **Scope and Contents**

This series is one ledger of the Association's records and minutes.

Title/Description	Instances
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Records, 1915-1932

box 9

folder 12

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# Barnstable, 1792-1990

Creator: Barnstable Association of Ministry.

Physical Description: 9 Folders

<u>Abstract</u>: The Barnstable Association, a group of ministers from Barnstable County, Massachusetts, first met in July 1792 for the purposes of "cultivating friendship and ministerial union," and "having better opportunity for consulting each other." This collection is comprised primarily of late twentieth century financial records, and two record books from the late nineteenth century.

#### **Acquisition Information:**

## **Acquisition Information**

Donated 1993 by John H. Williams.

#### **Processing Information:**

# **Processing Information**

Originally processed by Barbara Austen, 1993. Reprocessed by Jessica Steytler, 2017, using DACS Second Edition.

#### **Historical Note**

The Barnstable Association, a group of ministers from Barnstable County, Massachusetts, first met in July 1792 for the purposes of "cultivating friendship and ministerial union," and "having better opportunity for consulting each other." The early meetings, held in individual minister's homes, consisted of lectures and discussions on a variety of topics. The organization has since evolved, as evidenced by the financial records in this collection. Once just for ministers, the Association currently helps facilitate the work of the churches, including credentialing and placement of clergy.

#### **Scope and Contents**

This collection is comprised primarily of late twentieth century financial records, and two record books from the late nineteenth century.

# Arrangement

This collection is arranged in chronological order.

#### General

Originally listed under following ID Number: RG0015.

## **Controlled Access Headings:**

• Barnstable Association of Ministry.

Title/Description	Instances	
Records, 1792-1853	box 10	folder 4
Records, 1887-1897	box 10	folder 5

Donations, income, 1977-1986

	box 10	folder 6
Fellowship dues, 1978-1983	box 10	folder 7
Treasurer's report, 1980-1986	box 10	folder 8
Financial assistance, 1982-1987	box 10	folder 9
Expenses, 1983-1987	box 10	folder 10
Financial records, 1984-1990	box 10	folder 11
Financial statements, 1987-1989	box 10	folder 12

# Berkshire, 1735-1960

Creator: Berkshire Association (Mass.)

Creator: Berkshire North Association of Congregational Christian Churches.

**Creator**: Berkshire South Association of Congregational Christian Churches.

Creator: Berkshire South Association of Congregational Churches and Ministers.

**Physical Description:** 45 Folders

<u>Abstract</u>: The Berkshire Association was formed in 1763, and because of its large size separated into two distinct organizations in October 1852: Berkshire North Association and Berkshire South Association. Types of materials include: ecclesiastical records, reports, minutes of meetings, missionary-related, membership, ordinations, dismissals, correspondence, meeting programs, and policies.

#### Acquisition Information:

#### **Acquisition Information**

Donated by Nehemiah Boynton III in 1963 and 1965.

#### **Processing Information:**

## **Processing Information**

Originally processed by Sandra Sudak, 1990. Reprocessed by Jessica Steytler, 2017, using DACS Second Edition.

#### **Historical Note**

The Berkshire Association was formed in 1763, and because of its large size separated into two distinct organizations in October 1852: Berkshire North Association and Berkshire South Association. The current iteration of the Association is still active and part of the Massachusetts Conference UCC Western region.

# **Scope and Contents**

Types of materials include: ecclesiastical records, reports, minutes of meetings, missionary-related, membership, ordinations, installations, dismissals, correspondence, meeting programs, and policies. If there was a clean line of demarcation before the 1852 split, those materials are in the Berkshire series. If separating the material was impossible, it will be found with Berkshire South, which maintained the pre-split records until they were donated to this organization.

#### Arrangement

There are three series: Berkshire, Berkshire North, Berkshire South. Materials are arranged by topic and then within each topic, chronologically.

# General

Originally listed under following ID Number: RG0017.

# **Controlled Access Headings:**

- Berkshire Association (Mass.)
- Berkshire North Association of Congregational Christian Churches.
- Berkshire South Association of Congregational Christian Churches.
- Berkshire South Association of Congregational Churches and Ministers.

# Berkshire, 1735-1916

Physical Description: 23 Folders

# **Scope and Contents**

This series includes ecclesiastical councils, reports, minutes, ministerial standing, and membership list.

Title/Description	Instances	
Ecclesiastical records, 1759-1829	box 7	folder 9
Association reports and minutes, 1800-1860	box 7	folder 10
Association of ministers minutes, 1792-1830	box 6	folder 15
Association of ministers minutes, 1830-1851	box 6	folder 16
Association of ministers minutes, 1851-1852	box 7	folder 11
Missionary-related reports and correspondence, 1836-1859	box 6	folder 17
Catalogue of members and licentiates, 1763-1849	box 6	folder 18
Ordinations, installations, 1735-1841	box 7	folder 12
Ordinations, installations, 1842-1872	box 7	folder 13
Ordinations, installations, 1873-1908	box 7	folder 14
Ordinations, 1816-1849	box 7	folder 15
Ordinations, 1850-1883	box 7	folder 16
Installations, 1817-1853	box 7	folder 17
Installations, 1860-1896	box 7	folder 18
Dismissals, 1782-1849	box 7	folder 19
Dismissals, 1850-1871	box 7	folder 20
Dismissals, 1872-1898	box 7	folder 21
Dismissals, 1815-1848	box 7	folder 22
Dismissals, 1855-1916	box 7	folder 23
Ministerial standing and association correspondence, 1815-1885	box 8	folder 1
Ephraim Swift correspondence, 1817-1818	box 8	folder 2

Church formation, reports, histories, 1821-1880	box 8	folder 3	
Councils, discipline matters, 1815-1865	box 8	folder 4	
Correspondence, 1822-1860	box 8	folder 5	

# **Berkshire South**

**Physical Description:** 7 Folders

# **Scope and Contents**

This series contains meeting minutes.

Title/Description	Instances	
Association of ministers minutes, 1852-1903	box 8	folder 6
Ledger of meetings, officers, ministers, 1860-1959	box 8	folder 7
Conference minutes, 1860-1889	box 8	folder 8
Conference minutes, 1890-1954	box 8	folder 9
Conference minutes, 1952-1960	box 8	folder 10
Conference minutes, 1954-1957	box 8	folder 11
Conference minutes, 1958-1960	box 8	folder 12

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# **Berkshire North**

Physical Description: 14 Folders

# **Scope and Contents**

This series contains scribe's records, reports, minutes, correspondence, programs, ministerial standing, and policies.

Title/Description	Instances		
Association records, 1862-1872	box 6	folder 19	
Association records, 1913-1932	box 6	folder 20	
Association records, 1932-1946	box 6	folder 21	
Association records, 1946-1953	box 6	folder 22	
Association reports, programs, correspondence, 1912-1937	box 8	folder 13	
Association reports, programs, correspondence, 1938-1952	box 8	folder 14	

North Association scribe's records, 1954-1960	box 9	folder 1
North Association scribe's records, 1954-1960	box 9	folder 2
Ministerial standing and association correspondence, 1900-1925	box 9	folder 3
Ministerial Standing, A-D, 1926-1953	box 9	folder 4
Ministerial Standing, E-Z, 1926-1953	box 9	folder 5
Conference records, 1867-1872	box 9	folder 6
Conference records, 1888-1912	box 9	folder 7
Conference records, undated	box 9	folder 8
Policies, undated	box 8	folder 15

# Brewster, 1836-1861

<u>Creator</u>: Brewster Association. <u>Physical Description</u>: 1 Volume

<u>Abstract</u>: The Brewster Association was comprised of ordained Congregational ministers residing in the eastern part of Barnstable. The Association was comprised of ordained Congregational ministers residing in the eastern part of Barnstable County.

#### **Historical Note**

The Brewster Association was formed in 1836 after the Barnstable Association dissolved due to "distance and difficulty of travelling." The Association was comprised of ordained Congregational ministers residing in the eastern part of Barnstable County. In 1866 the Association voted to merge with Vineyard Sound.

# **Scope and Contents**

One record book: contains history of the Association, consitution, minutes, and membership list.

#### General

Originally listed under following ID Number: RG1076.

#### **Controlled Access Headings:**

Brewster Association.

Title/Description	Instances	
Records, 1836-1861	box 10	folder 13

# **Brookfield**, 1757-1947

**Creator**: Brookfield Association (Mass.)

Physical Description: 4 Folders

<u>Abstract</u>: The Brookfield District Association of Congregational Churches and Ministers was established in 1757 and was first called The Association in the Western Part of Worcester County. This collection contains 3record books and a history.

#### **Acquisition Information:**

# **Acquisition Information**

1757-1837 record book Donated by M.E. Gibson, 1913. Two volumes, 1889-1917 and 1917-1947 were donated by Majorie Frigon, 1963.

## **Historical Note**

The Brookfield District Association of Congregational Churches and Ministers was established in 1757 and was first called The Association in the Western Part of Worcester County. By 1798, the association used the name Brookfield Association. This name changed in 1821 to The Brookfield Associational Conference and included both ministerial and church participation. The two segments separated to separate organizations from 1887-1913, at which point they were called The Brookfield District Association of Congregational Churches and Ministers. In 1970, it joined the newly formed Central Association, which joined Brookfield, Middlesex Mendon, Middlesex Union, and Worcester Associations.

## **Scope and Contents**

Contains 3 bound volumes of records and a historical sketch.

## Arrangement

This collection is arranged in chronological order.

#### General

Originally listed under following ID Number: RG1085.

#### **Controlled Access Headings:**

Brookfield Association (Mass.)

Title/Description	Instances	
Records, 1757-1837	box 10	folder 14
Records, 1889-1917	box 10	folder 15
Records, 1917-1947	box 10	folder 16
History, 1919	box 10	folder 17

# Essex, 1828-1972

<u>Creator</u>: Essex South Association (Mass.) Creator: Essex North Association (Mass.)

Creator: Essex South County Branch Woman's Board of Missions (Mass.)

Creator: Essex South Branch Missionary Association.

Physical Description: 41 Folders

<u>Abstract</u>: Essex South was established in 1827 and North Association was established in 1827 from a group of Salem Association ministers. This collection consists of Essex North and South Associations. South Association also has records from the Woman's Missionary Association.

#### **Acquisition Information:**

# **Acquisition Information**

Deposited by Mrs. B. P. Holbrook, 1948.

#### **Processing Information:**

# **Processing Information**

Originally processed by Jessica Steytler, 2008. Accrual added and redescribed by Colleen Mahoney, 2009. Reprocessed by Jessica Steytler, 2017, using DACS Second Edition.

#### **Historical Note**

Essex South was established in 1827 and North Association was established in 1827 from a group of Salem Association ministers. Their objective was "promote the extension of the Redeemer's Kingdom, by more frequent intercourse of Christians interested in increasing benevolent influence of the gospel amongst its members." (v. 1, B 16) The two groups merged in 1983. In 2015, Essex and Andover Associations merged to form the Northeast Association. The Essex South Branch of the Woman's Board of Missions was established in 1878 after three years of debate as to whether there was warrant for such an organization. While several officers were named between 1875 and 1878, Its first president was Helen (Mrs. Walter E. C.) Wright of Danvers. For further information about the formation of the group, see "Twenty Five Years of Radiant History" (B15 F2)

# **Scope and Contents**

This collection consists of Essex North and South Associations. South Association also has records from the Woman's Missionary Association. Types of records include annual reports, financial records, committee minutes, and a 25th anniversary history.

# Arrangement

There are three series in this collection: Essex South, Essex South Woman's Missions, and Essex North.

## General

Originally listed under following ID Number: RG1045.

#### **Controlled Access Headings:**

- Essex South Association (Mass.)
- Essex North Association (Mass.)
- Essex South County Branch Woman's Board of Missions (Mass.)
- Essex South Branch Missionary Association.

# South, 1828-1976

Physical Description: 12 Folders

## **Scope and Contents**

This series contains minutes, reports, programs, statistics, treasurer's book, ministerial standing, correspondence, and history.

Title/Description Instances

box 16		
box 11		
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box 10	folder 18	
box 10	folder 19	
box 10	folder 20	
box 16		
box 10	folder 21	
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# Woman's Missions, 1875-1957

**Physical Description**: 17 Folders

# **Scope and Contents**

This series contains annual reports and meetings, finances, membership, and committee records.

Title/Description	Instances	
Semi-annual reports, 1875-1877	box 12	
Report, 1900	box 15 folder 1	
Reports, 1891-1902	box 12	
Minutes, Annual Meeting, 1878-1897	box 12	
Minutes, Annual Meeting, 1898-1918	box 12	
Minutes, Annual Meeting, 1918-1931	box 12	
Minutes, Annual Meeting, 1931-1946	box 12	
Finances, 1878-1891	box 13	
Finances, 1891-1899	box 13	

Finances, 1899-1914	box 13	
Finances, 1914-1934	box 13	
Essex South Branch Pledge Book, 1893-1905	box 12	
Advisory and Executive Committee Meeting; by-laws, lists of members, and finances up to 1881., 1875-1881	box 14	
Advisory and Executive Committee Meeting, 1878-1886	box 14	
Advisory and Executive Committee Meeting, 1886-1896	box 14	
Advisory and Executive Committee Meeting, 1896-1930	box 14	
Advisory and Executive Committee Meeting, 1940-1957	box 14	
25 Years of Radiant History Essex South Branch of the Woman's Board of Missions, 1903	box 15	folder 2

# North, 1839-1971

**Physical Description**: 10 Folders

# **Scope and Contents**

This series contains programs, reports, ministerial standing, separate cases regarding Charles Beecher and Henry Clark Wright, and excecutive committee.

Title/Description	Instances	
Programs of Meetings, 1864-1933	box 15	folder 3
Programs of Meetings, 1934-1969	box 15	folder 4
Annual Reports, 1961-1971	box 15	folder 5
Records, 1942-1972 (bulk 1964-1972)	box 15	folder 6
Department of Women's Work Papers, 1944-1962	box 15	folder 7
Letters to the Association, 1827-1864	box 15	folder 8
Papers relating to the case between Rev. Henry Clark Wright and Essex North, 1839-1840	box 15	folder 9
Papers relating to the case between Rev. Charles Beecher and Essex North, 1863	box 15	folder 10
Executive Committee Records, 1952-1967	box 15	folder 11
Committee on Ministerial Standing Records, 1953-1969	box 15	folder 12
Record Book, 1940-1967	box 16	

# Franklin, 1843-1987

Physical Description: 11 Folders

<u>Abstract</u>: n 1813, after the county of Franklin was organized and incorporated, the group changed its title to the Franklin Association. Before county incorporation, individual groups included the Northern Association of Hampshire County and the North Western Association of Hampshire County. Records include ledgers meeting minute ledgers, membership lists, programs, auxiliary groups, and statistics.

#### **Acquisition Information:**

# **Acquisition Information**

This material was donated with material from the Massachusetts Conference headquarters in Framingham.

#### **Processing Information:**

# **Processing Information**

Originally processed by Virigina Hunt, 1999. Reprocessed by Jessica Steytler, using DACS 2nd Edition, 2017.

#### **Historical Note**

The Association is one of the regional associations in the western part of the state that make up the Massachusetts Conference. Prior to the existence of Franklin County, the Orthodox Congregational Ministers in the several towns that now constitute Franklin County belonged to the Hampshire Ministerial Association. In 1813, after the county of Franklin was organized and incorporated, the group changed its title to the Franklin Association. Before county incorporation, individual groups included the Northern Association of Hampshire County and the North Western Association of Hampshire County. As of 1999, there were twenty-one incorporated towns represented by the Franklin Association (of the Massachusetts Conference of the United Church of Christ). They are as follows: Ashfield, Bernardston, Buckland, Charlemont, Conway, Deerfield, Erving, Gill, Greenfield, Hawley, Leverett, Montague, New Salem, Northfield, Orange, Shelburne, Shelburne Falls, Sunderland, Warwick, Wendell, and Whately. Source: Rev. Theophilus Packard, Jr. A History of the Churches and Ministers, and of Franklin Association, in Franklin County, Mass. and an Appendix Respecting the County. Boston: S.K. Whipple and Company, 1854.

#### **Scope and Contents**

Records include ledgers meeting minute ledgers, membership lists, programs, auxiliary groups, and statistics. There are also ledgers describing the women's missionary groups, which went through several name changes.

#### Arrangement

The collection is in chronological order.

#### General

Originally listed under following ID Number: RG4383

Title/Description	Instances	
Franklin County Conference of Churches records, 1843-1905	box 17	folder 1
Catalogue of members, 1803-1867, 1867	box 17	folder 2

Franklin Association records, 1874-1920	box 17	folder 3	
Franklin Association records, 1888-1940	box 17	folder 4	
Franklin Association records, 1891-1927	box 17	folder 5	
Franklin Association records, 1911-1941	box 17	folder 6	
Franklin Association records, 1953-1961	box 17	folder 7	
Franklin Association records, yearbook, 1958-1961	box 17	folder 8	
Franklin County woman's board of missions, 1920-1949	box 17	folder 9	
Franklin Association ministers photo album, undated	box 17	folder 10	
Franklin Woman's Work of Massachusetts Conference and Missionary Society records, 1949-1964	box 18	folder 1	
Massachusetts Fellowship, Congregational Christian Women Franklin District records, 1964-1987	box 18	folder 2	

# Hampden, 1762-1903

**Creator**: Hampden East Association.

**Creator**: Hampden Association.

Creator: Hampden Association of Congregational Churches and Ministers.

Creator: Hampden West Association.

Physical Description: 32 Folders

<u>Abstract</u>: The first mention of the Hampden Association –divided into East and West-- is in the Massachusetts General Association meeting, June 28, 1814. The majority of documents housed in this collection are minutes and record books of the Association.

# **Acquisition Information:**

#### **Acquisition Information**

Materials were donated to the Congregational Library & Archives, December 1976, by Beverly LaMay at the Hope Congregational Church in Springfield, Massachusetts as part of RG0703.

#### Accruals:

#### Accruals

Additional accruals are expected for this collection in the form of full-text transcription. There is no anticipated date for this accrual.

#### **Processing Information:**

# **Processing Information**

Processed by Ginger Yowell, October 2002. Reprocessed by Zachary Bodnar, November 2017.

#### **Historical Note**

The first mention of the Hampden Association –divided into East and West-- is in the Massachusetts General Association meeting, June 28, 1814. On December 4, 1850, the Hampden Conference of Churches is formed. The

Associations continue to be listed as the primary components of the General Association through 1864. In 1865, the churches are listed by counties, e.g. Hampden County, rather than by associations.

# **Scope and Contents**

The majority of documents housed in this collection are minutes and record books of the Association. Also included are Church histories, constitutions of the associations, correspondence, directory of clergy, reports, statements, and statistics.

# Arrangement

This collection is arranged into the six series listed below. Each series is arranged in chronological order by start date.

Series 1: Hampden Association, 1762-1844

Series 3: Hampden West Association, 1844-1898

Series 2: Hampden East Association, 1844-1893

Series 4: Hampden East/West Association, 1844-1898

Series 5: Correspondence, 1770-1903

Series 6: Association History and Vital Records, 1772-1903

#### **Controlled Access Headings:**

- Hampden East Association.
- Hampden Association.
- Hampden Association of Congregational Churches and Ministers.
- Hampden West Association.

# Hampden Association, 1762-1844

Physical Description: 6 Folders

# **Scope and Contents**

This series contains the earliest records and meeting minutes of the Hampden Association.

Title/Description	Instances		
Hampden Association minutes, 1762-1799	box 19	folder 1	
Hampden Association minutes, 1803-1820	box 19	folder 2	
Hampden records, 1817-1844	box 19	volume 1	
Hampden Association minutes, 1830-1834	box 19	folder 3	
Hampden Association minutes, 1835-1839	box 19	folder 4	
Hampden Association minutes, 1840-1844	box 19	folder 5	

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# Hampden East Association, 1844-1893

Physical Description: 6 Folders

# **Scope and Contents**

This series contains the records and meeting minutes of the East Hampden Association. Also included are records related to various ecclesiastical concerns, such as the settlement of ministers, and the constitution for the association.

Title/Description	Instances		
Hampden East Records, 1844-1893	box 19	volume 2	
Hampden East Association minutes, 1844-1849	box 19	folder 6	
Hampden East Association minutes, 1850-1854	box 19	folder 7	
Hampden East Association minutes, 1855-1859	box 19	folder 8	
Hampden East Association minutes, 1860-1864	box 19	folder 9	
Hampden East Association minutes, 1865-1874	box 19	folder 10	

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# Hampden West Association, 1844-1898

Physical Description: 2 Folders

# **Scope and Contents**

This series contains the records and meeting minutes of the Hampden West Association. Included in the records are ecclesiastical concerns and the constitution of the association.

Title/Description	Instances	
Hampden West records, 1844-1887	box 19	volume 3
Hampden West records, 1888-1893	box 19	volume 4

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# Hampden East/West Association, 1844-1898

Physical Description: 6 Folders

# **Scope and Contents**

This series contains the records, publications, and meeting minutes of the joint conferences of the Hampden East and West Associations.

Title/Description	Instances	
Hampden East/West Association minutes, 1844-1849	box 19	folder 11

Hampden East/West Association minutes, 1850-1854	box 19	folder 12	
Hampden East/West Association minutes, 1855-1859	box 19	folder 13	
Hampden East/West Association minutes, 1860-1864	box 19	folder 14	
Hampden East/West Association minutes, 1865-1869	box 19	folder 15	
Hampden East/West Association minutes, 1870-1898	box 19	folder 16	

# Correspondence, 1770-1903

Physical Description: 6 Folders

# **Scope and Contents**

This series contains the correspondence of the Hampden Associations. Included in the correspondence are letters to ministers, parishes, and towns regarding association action and concerns and inter-association correspondence.

Title/Description	Instances		
Correspondence, 1770-1824	box 19	folder 17	
Correspondence, 1837-1839	box 19	folder 18	
Correspondence, 1844-1859	box 19	folder 19	
Correspondence, 1861-1874	box 19	folder 20	
Correspondence, 1889-1903	box 19	folder 21	
Undated reports and correspondence, undated	box 19	folder 22	

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# Association History and Vital Records, 1772-1903

Physical Description: 6 Folders

# **Scope and Contents**

This series contains vital statistical and financial records of the Hampden Associations and its member ministers, as well as materials related to the history of the association.

Title/Description	Instances		
Financial statements and receipts, 1772-1890	box 19	folder 23	
Directory of clergy, 1793-1893	box 19	folder 24	
Church history, 1797-1864	box 19	folder 25	
Statistics of deceased ministers, 1819-1872	box 19	folder 26	
Constitutions of associations, 1891-1894	box 19	folder 27	

Doctrinal reports, 1893, undated

box 19

folder 28

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# Marlboro, 1725-1842

**Creator**: Marlborough Association of Congregational Ministers.

#### Acquisition Information:

# **Acquisition Information**

Volumes were permanently loaded to the Congregational Library & Archives in December 2015 by the First Church of Marlboro, Massachusetts, as part of RG5305.

Microfilm gifted to the Congregational Library & Archives in 1980 by the First Church of Marlboro, Massachusetts, as part of RG1357.

#### Accruals:

#### Accruals

Additional accruals are expected for this collection in the form of full-text transcription. There is no anticipated date for this accrual.

#### **Processing Information:**

## **Processing Information**

Processed by Zachary Bodnar, 2017, using DACS Second Edition.

#### **Historical Information**

The Marlborough Association of Congregational Ministers was formed and first met on June 5, 1725 in the house of Reverend Robert Breck, the second minister of the Marlborough First Parish Church. The formation of the association was the result of a vote of the Framingham Association the previous April. The Association dealt with "cases of conscience, questions of difficulty in church discipline, or matters of disagreement, between the parties in a church, or between pastor and people." The original members of the Marlborough Association were John Swift, Robert Breck, John Prentice, Israel Losing, Job Cushing, John Gardner, and Ebenezer Parkman. The association met four times annually, with Marlborough as the designated meeting place, though in practice meetings took place in the homes of many of the member ministers. Due to declining membership in the Association, the ministers decided to dissolve the Marlborough Association on October 18, 1814.

# **Scope and Contents**

This collection is comprised of 2 volumes of record books and the corresponding mirofilm.

#### Arrangement

This collection is arranged in chronological order.

#### **Controlled Access Headings:**

Marlborough Association of Congregational Ministers.

Title/Description	Instances	
Marlhoro Association records 1725-1802	box 25	folder 1

Marlboro Association records, 1803-1842	box 25	folder 2
Marlborough Association microfilm, 1980	reel 1	
Physical Description: 2 Reels	reel 2	
<u>Material Specific Details</u> : Two duplicate microfilm reels which include the first volume of Marlborough Association records.		

# **Scope and Contents**

Two duplicate microfilm reels which include the first volume of Marlborough Association records.

# Metropolitan Boston, 1963-2003

**Creator**: Metropolitan Boston Association.

Physical Description: 60 Folders

<u>Abstract</u>: The Metropolitan Boston Association (MBA), part of the Massachusetts Conference, United Church of Christ, was created in 1964 from the merger of the Suffolk North, Suffolk South, Suffolk West, and Woburn Associations. This collection consists of association records and church records: committee reports, minutes, and by-laws

## **Acquisition Information:**

## **Acquisition Information**

Donated by the Metropolitan Boston Association area minister 1993.

#### **Processing Information:**

## **Processing Information**

Originally processed by Barbara Austen, June 1993. Material added by Jessica Steytler, January 2010. Reprocessed by Jessica Steytler, 2018, using DACS Second Edition.

#### **Historical Note**

The Metropolitan Boston Association (MBA), part of the Massachusetts Conference, United Church of Christ, was created in 1964 from the merger of the Suffolk North, Suffolk South, Suffolk West, and Woburn Associations. The purpose was to "unify denominational forces in the Greater Boston for more effective services and cooperation with other denominations." Individual churches maintain membership in the Association until they close, decide to leave or remain independent, or merge with another church. For several decades, the MBA was headquartered at 14 Beacon Street. When it moved offices, the MBA deposited additional files.

## **Scope and Contents**

This collection consists of association records and church records: committee reports, minutes, and by-laws

#### Arrangement

This collection is arranged in two series, Institutional (denominational) records, and church records and within that by topic. Churches are arranged alphabetically.

#### General

Originally listed under following ID Number: RG0125.

#### Controlled Access Headings:

# Metropolitan Boston Association.

# Institutional records, 1963-1991

Physical Description: 24 Folders

# **Scope and Contents**

This series contains governance, committee minutes, annual meeting reports, formation documents, and financial.

Title/Description	Instances	
By-laws and Constitution, 1963-1969	box 20	folder 1
Discussion papers, undated	box 20	folder 2
Executive Committee, 1969-1971	box 20	folder 3
Council Minutes, 1963-1969	box 20	folder 4
Council Minutes, 1969-1971	box 20	folder 5
Annual Meeting Reports, 1969-1970	box 20	folder 6
Treasurer Reports, 1965-1971	box 20	folder 7
Nominating Committee, 1965-1971	box 20	folder 8
Mission Advance Program, 1966-1969	box 20	folder 9
Mission-Witness Editorial Committee, 1965-1970	box 20	folder 10
Reconstruction- Special Committee, 1964-1969	box 20	folder 11
Grants, 1970	box 20	folder 12
Youth Ministry, 1969-1970	box 20	folder 13
Committee, 1969-1970	box 20	folder 14
Meeting Minutes, 1974-1978	box 20	folder 15
Meeting Minutes, 1979-1982	box 20	folder 16
Meeting Minutes, 1983-1987	box 21	folder 1
Formation of MBA, 1959-1961	box 21	folder 2
Formation of MBA, 1962	box 21	folder 3
Formation of MBA, 1963	box 21	folder 4
Formation of MBA, 1964	box 21	folder 5
Publication: Mission Witness, 1963-1971	box 21	folder 6
Hackett, Allen: writings, information, 1966-1971	box 21	folder 7
Sanderson, Ross W. Papers, Reports, undated	box 21	folder 8
Anniversary for City Mission, 1991	box 21	folder 9

# **Church records, 1963-2003**

**Physical Description:** 35 Folders

## **Scope and Contents**

This series contains church records from congregations that have closed.

Title/Description	Instances	
Park St., 1964-1986	box 22	folder 1
Dorchester, Central, 1957-1977	box 22	folder 2
Dorchester, Columbia Point Christian Center, 1973-1977	box 22	folder 3
Dorchester, 2nd Church, 1965-1987	box 22	folder 4-6
Dorchester, 2nd Church court case, 1986-1987	box 22	folder 7-8
Hyde Park, Clarendon Church, 1963-1971	box 22	folder 9
Jamaica Plain, Boylston, 1970-1999	box 22	folder 10
Jamaica Plain, Christ Evangelical and Reformed, 1964-1971	box 22	folder 11
Roslindale, Roslindale Church, 1969-1976	box 22	folder 12
Brookline, Leyden Congregational Church, 1964-1977	box 23	folder 1
Cambridge, Central Square United Parish, 1971	box 23	folder 2
Cambridge, Pilgrim, 1969-1977	box 23	folder 3
Cambridge, Prospect, 1967-1983	box 23	folder 4
Dedham, Riverdale, 1963-1991	box 23	folder 5
Everett, Coutland Street, 1942-1987	box 23	folder 6
Malden, Linden Congregational Church, 1962-1971	box 23	folder 7
Malden, Maplewood, 1962-1972	box 23	folder 8
Medford, Mystic, 1966-1977	box 23	folder 9
Medford, Union, 1964-1991	box 23	folder 10
Melrose, Hillcrest, 1962-1971	box 23	folder 11
Newton, First Church, 1964-1981	box 23	folder 12
Newton, First Church, Legacy Committee, 1974-1999	box 24	folder 1
Newton, North, 1963-1971	box 24	folder 2
Quincy, Bethany, 1965-1998	box 24	folder 3
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Quincy, West, 1970-1985

	box 24	folder 4	
Revere, First, 1969-1971	box 24	folder 5	
Revere, Consultation, 1965-1971	box 24	folder 6	
Revere, Trinity, 1966-1971	box 24	folder 7	
Somerville, Broadway Winter Hill, 1970-2003	box 24	folder 8	
Somerville, Ecumenical Discussions, 1966-1967	box 24	folder 9	
Somerville, First/West Merger Discussions, 1962-1971	box 24	folder 10	
Somerville, Highland, 1965-1974	box 24	folder 11	
Somerville, Prospect Hill, 1930-1978	box 24	folder 12	
Somerville, West, 1949-1971	box 24	folder 13	
Watertown, Phillips,, 1997-1999	box 24	folder 14	
Woburn, First/Montvale/North (Tri-Church) Merger Discussions, 1968-1973	box 24	folder 15	

## Middlesex Mendon, 1776-1981

Creator: Mendon Association.

<u>Creator</u>: Middlesex South Ministerial Association. Creator: South Middlesex Conference of Churches.

<u>Creator</u>: Middlesex Mendon Association. <u>Creator</u>: Woman's Board of Missions

<u>Physical Description</u>: 56 Folders

<u>Abstract</u>: The Mendon Association was established in 1783. The Middlesex Union was established in 1827. The Middlesex South Conference of Churches was organized in 1828. The Middlesex South Association of Ministers was established in 1830. This collection consists of articles of faith, constitutions, meeting minutes, lists of participants, and financial information, correspondence, ministerial standing, and a scrapbook. The Middlesex South Ministerial Association volume also has Middlesex South Association and Middlesex Mendon Association records.

#### **Acquisition Information:**

## **Acquisition Information**

Mendon records donated by Robert I. Howland, 1955. Middlesex South records donated by the Association in 1932. Middlesex Union and North Middlesex Branch of the Woman's Board of Missions were donated with Fitchburg, Mass. (RG5368) records in 2018.

#### Accruals:

#### Accruals

An accrual is expected to be added for Middlesex Union and Middlesex South records to this collection via a Fitchburg congregation in 2018.

#### **Processing Information:**

### **Processing Information**

Middlesex records originally processed by Jessica Steytler, 2015, using DACS Second Edition. Reorganized by Jessica Steytler, 2017, using DACS Second Edition. Accrual added by Jessica Steytler, July 2018.

#### **Historical Note**

The Mendon Association was established in 1783. The Middlesex Union was established in 1827. The Middlesex South Conference of Churches was organized in 1828. The Middlesex South Association of Ministers was established in 1830. The Middlesex Mendon Association merged the separate groups in 1933. In 1970, Central Association brought together Brookfield, Middlesex Mendon, Middlesex Union, and Worcester Associations. Central remains an active Association within the Massachusetts Conference.

### **Scope and Contents**

This collection consists of articles of faith, constitutions, meeting minutes, lists of participants, and financial information, correspondence, ministerial standing, and a scrapbook. The Middlesex South Ministerial Association volume also has Middlesex South Association and Middlesex Mendon Association records.

### Arrangement

The collection is divided between 5 series: Mendon, Middlesex Union, Middlesex South, North Middlesex Branch of the Woman's Board of Missions, and Middlesex Mendon. The contents of the series are arranged by topics and within topics, chronologically.

### **Physical Access**

The record cartons are heavy: staff should proceed with care. The text blocks on the volumes are strong, but the leather covers are deteriorating; proceed with care.

#### General

Originally listed under following ID Number: RG1136 and RG5179.

#### **Controlled Access Headings:**

- Mendon Association.
- Middlesex South Ministerial Association.
- South Middlesex Conference of Churches.
- Middlesex Mendon Association.
- Woman's Board of Missions

## Mendon, 1776-1932

Physical Description: 13 Folders

#### **Scope and Contents**

This series contains association and conference records, correspondence, ministerial standing, history, essays, and treasurer book.

Title/Description	Instances	
Association Records, 1783-1820	box 26	folder 1
Association Records, 1810-1856	box 26	folder 2
Association Records, 1851-1897	box 26	folder 3

Association Records, 1897-1917	box 26	folder 4	
Association Records, 1927-1933	box 26	folder 5	
Association correspondence, 1853-1862	box 26	folder 6	
Association minister dismissal certificates, 1877-1899	box 26	folder 7	
Historical sketch of the Mendon Association, 1851-1901	box 26	folder 8	
History, 1853	box 26	folder 9	
Association, essays, 1776	box 26	folder 10	
Conference records, 1858-1893	box 26	folder 11	
Conference records, 1893-1927	box 26	folder 12	
Conference treasurer book, 1895-1932	box 26	folder 13	

# Middlesex South, 1828-1947

Physical Description: 10 Folders

## **Scope and Contents**

This series contains records, minutes, ministerial standing, governance, and programs.

Title/Description	Instances	
Association Records, 1835-1877	box 26	folder 14
Association Records, 1880-1914	box 26	folder 15
Association Records, 1916-1941	box 27	folder 1
Ministerial Association, South Association, Middlesex-Mendon Association records, 1915-1955	box 27	folder 2
Conference records, 1828-1852	box 27	folder 3
Conference records, 1853-1887	box 27	folder 4
Conference records, 1888-1915	box 27	folder 5
Programs, 1859-1928	box 27	folder 6
Minister credentials, 1913-1947	box 27	folder 7
Constitution, by-laws, forms, 1890-1940	box 27	folder 8

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# Middlesex Mendon, 1924-1955

Physical Description: 8 Folders

## **Scope and Contents**

This series contains governance, correspondence, ministerial standing, and minutes.

Title/Description	Instances		
Consitution, Articles of agreement, 1924, 1944	box 27	folder 9	
Minutes, correspondence, ordinations, 1936-1940	box 27	folder 10	
Minutes, correspondence, ordinations, 1941-1943	box 27	folder 11	
Minutes, correspondence, ordinations, 1944-1945	box 27	folder 12	
Minutes, correspondence, ordinations, 1946-1947	box 27	folder 13	
Minutes, correspondence, ordinations, 1948-1950	box 27	folder 14	
Minutes, correspondence, ordinations, 1950-1953	box 27	folder 15	
Ordination procedures, programs, 1928-1940, undated	box 27	folder 16	

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# Middlesex Union, 1827-1981

Physical Description: 19 Folders

## **Scope and Contents**

The scope of this series contains material created by the Middlesex Union. Within that materials are from the Association, the Conference, and the District- Department of Woman's Work. Types of material include minutes from meetings, reports, financial, correspondence, and by laws.

Title/Description	Instances	
Association minutes, 1827-1849	box 45	folder 1
Association minutes, 1849-1858	box 45	folder 2
Association minutes, 1858-1876	box 45	folder 3
Association minutes, 1876-1901	box 45	folder 4
Association minutes, 1901-1929	box 45	folder 5
Association minutes, 1929-1951	box 45	folder 6
Association reports, 1952-1954	box 45	folder 7
Association financial, 1943-1956	box 45	folder 8
Association mission giving, 1946-1953	box 45	folder 9
Association meeting programs, 1931-1953 (gaps)	box 45	folder 10
Association by laws, 1952-1953	box 45	folder 11

Association correspondence, 1952-1954	box 45	folder 12	
Conference annual meetings, 1888-1925	box 45	folder 13	
Conference minutes, 1925-1949	box 45	folder 14	
Conference treasurer accounts, 1903-1949	box 45	folder 15	
District department of Woman's work minutes, 1939-1949	box 45	folder 16	
District department of Woman's work minutes, 1949-1955	box 45	folder 17	
District department of Woman's work minutes, 1955-1981	box 45	folder 18	
District visiting committee, 1928	box 46	folder 1	

## North Middlesex Branch of the Woman's Board of Missions, 1893-1973

Physical Description: 7 Folders

## **Scope and Contents**

This series is primarily meeting minutes. There are also a few programs and a folder with two short histories.

Title/Description	Instances	
Minutes, 1893-1904	box 46	folder 2
Minutes, 1905-1913	box 46	folder 3
Minutes, 1913-1925	box 46	folder 4
Excerpts from notes, 1893-1974	box 46	folder 5
Middlesex Alliance- Home mission union and board Minutes, 1919-1939	box 46	folder 6
Meeting programs, 1916-1951	box 46	folder 7
History, 1897, 1973	box 46	folder 8

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## Norfolk, 1811-1935

Creator: Norfolk Association.

Creator: Norfolk Union Association of Ministers.

Creator: Norfolk Conference of Congregational Churches.

Physical Description: 14 Folders

Abstract: The Union Association of Ministers was organized in 1811 and changed its name to Norfolk Association of

Ministers in 1827. Series contains bound volumes of minutes, committee reports, letters of dismissal.

**Acquisition Information:** 

## **Acquisition Information**

Deposited by S. Burman Long, 1955 and C. F. Knott, 1945.

#### **Historical Note**

The Union Association of Ministers was organized in 1811 and changed its name to Norfolk Association of Ministers in 1827. In 1910 the name changed to Norfolk Union of Ministers. The Norfolk Conference was organized in 1827 and changed its name in 1908 to the Norfolk Association. The two groups united in 1923 with Pilgrim Association, which retained the name and remains an active Association within the Massachusetts Conference.

## **Scope and Contents**

Collection contains bound volumes of minutes, committee reports, letters of dismissal.

## Arrangement

The collection is arranged topically and within each topic, chronologically.

#### General

Originally listed under following ID Number: RG1046 and RG1047.

#### **Controlled Access Headings:**

- Norfolk Association.
- Norfolk Union Association of Ministers.
- Norfolk Conference of Congregational Churches.

Title/Description	Instances	
Union Association of Ministers records, 1811-1830	box 28	folder 1
Association of Ministers records, 1838-1863	box 28	folder 2
Association of Ministers records, 1864-1892	box 28	folder 3
Association of Ministers records, 1892-1899	box 28	folder 4
Association of Ministers records, 1899-1925	box 28	folder 5
Association and Conference records, 1830-1837	box 28	folder 6
Conference of Churches - Auxiliary to Massachusetts Missionary Society, receipts and payments, 1839-1853	box 28	folder 7
Conference of Churches records, 1837-1849	box 28	folder 8
Conference of Churches records, 1850-1864	box 28	folder 9
Conference of Churches records, 1864-1880	box 28	folder 10
Conference of Churches Committee reports, letters of dismissal, 1871-1889	box 28	folder 11
Conference of Churches records, 1881-1915	box 28	folder 12
Conference of Churches Committee on Associated Work of Churches, 1890-1915	box 28	folder 13
Association of Congregational Churches records, 1915-1935	box 28	folder 14

## Old Colony, 1827-1997

<u>Creator</u>: Old Colony Ministerial Assocation.<u>Creator</u>: Old Colony Conference of Churches.<u>Creator</u>: Old Colony United Association, UCC.

Creator: Old Colony Association of Churches and Ministers.

**Physical Description**: 38 Folders

<u>Abstract</u>: The Old Colony Ministerial Association was organized in 1827 for the New Bedford area. The Old Colony Conference of Churches was organized in 1856. This collection consists of annual reports, constitutions, bylaws, membership records and committee records, and ministerial standing records.

#### **Acquisition Information:**

## **Acquisition Information**

Bulk of deposit by E. E. Craig in 1981, accrual added by Virginia Child, 2016. See collection file for details.

#### **Processing Information:**

## **Processing Information**

Collection was originally processed by archival staff in 1997. Reprocessed by Jessica Steytler, 2017, using DACS Second Edition.

#### **Historical Note**

The Old Colony Ministerial Association was organized in 1827 for the New Bedford area. The Old Colony Conference of Churches was organized in 1856. The Conference consisted of the church pastor and two delegates for each of the churches connected with it. In 1920, the two separate groups consolidated to form the Old Colony Association of Churches and Ministers. The group renamed itself a few more times after the United Church of Christ formed: in 1970 renamed the Old Colony United Association of Congregational and Christian Churches and Ministers of the United Church of Christ. It settled on Old Colony Association, Massachusetts Conference, United Church of Christ t in 1997 it is still an active group within the state conference.

### **Scope and Contents**

Records include: 20th century annual reports contain reports from the moderator, Committee on Church and Ministry, Committee on Christian Education, Missions Committee, Women's Fellowship of Old Colony District, treasurer and Nominating Committee and a directory of churches and ministers; some years also contain reports from the Southeast Area Council, Committee on Church and Community, and Committee on Church and Mission. Early records of the scribe are likely to contain financial records, constitutions, bylaws, membership records and committee records; in the late 20th century, these records can be found in the annual reports.

#### Arrangement

The collection is arranged by the following series: Association, Minister's Union, and Association/Conference.

### General

Originally listed under following ID Number: RG0117.

#### Controlled Access Headings:

- Old Colony Ministerial Assocation.
- Old Colony Conference of Churches.
- Old Colony United Association, UCC.

Old Colony Association of Churches and Ministers.

## **Association**, 1827-1909

Physical Description: 2 Folders

## **Scope and Contents**

This series contains two ledger books that have membership, meeting minutes and governance.

Title/Description	Instances		
Articles of faith, constitution, membership and meeting minutes, with index, 1827-1902	box 29	folder 1	
Minutes, 1902-1920 and membership, 1878-1909	box 30	folder 1	

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# Minister's Union, 1914-1949

Physical Description: 2 Folders

## **Scope and Contents**

Minutes, membership records, and account book.

Title/Description	Instances	
Minutes and membership records, 1914-1949	box 29	folder 2
Account book, 1915-1936	box 30	folder 2

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## Association/Conference, 1856-1997

Physical Description: 34 Folders

#### **Scope and Contents**

Series contains the majority of the collection: annual reports, clerk's minutes, ministerial standing councils, committees, correspondence, treasurer's book, and photographs.

Title/Description	Instances		
Executive board reports, 1930-1969	box 30	folder 3	
Executive board reports, 1930-1969	box 30	folder 4	
Semi-annual and annual reports and constitution, 1957-1964	box 30	folder 5	
Semi-annual and annual reports and constitution, 1964-1969	box 30	folder 6	
Annual reports, 1961-1966	box 30	folder 7	
Annual reports, 1967-1971	box 30	folder 8	

Annual reports, 1976-1980	box 30	folder 9
Annual reports, 1981-1986	box 30	folder 10
Annual reports, 1987-1993	box 30	folder 11
Annual reports, 1993-1996	box 30	folder 12
Clerk/Registrar/Scribe minutes, 1856-1879	box 30	folder 13
Clerk/Registrar/Scribe minutes, 1880-1901	box 30	folder 14
Clerk/Registrar/Scribe minutes, 1901-1915	box 30	folder 15
Clerk/Registrar/Scribe minutes, 1915-1930	box 30	folder 16
Clerk/Registrar/Scribe minutes, 1930-1955	box 30	folder 17
Clerk/Registrar/Scribe minutes, 1985-1997	box 30	folder 18
Councils, 1940-1949	box 30	folder 19
Ordination councils,, 1951-1957	box 30	folder 20
Ordination councils,, 1959-1962	box 30	folder 21
Ordination councils,, 1964-1973	box 30	folder 22
Installation councils, 1951-1954	box 30	folder 23
Recognition councils, 1956-1963	box 31	folder 1
Dismissal councils, 1953-1964	box 31	folder 2
Dismissal councils, 1958-1973	box 31	folder 3
Correspondence with Claude A. Butterfield, 1924-1926	box 31	folder 4
Treasurer account book, 1930-1950	box 31	folder 5
Massachusetts Congregational Laymen's Organization, 1946	box 31	folder 6
Committee on Ministerial Standing, Minutes, 1943-1953	box 31	folder 7
Committee on Ministerial Standing, Minutes, 1954-1964	box 31	folder 8
Church and Education Committee Interchange Newsletter, 1972-1974	box 31	folder 9
Mission Sabbath School records book, 1866-1867	box 31	folder 10
Photograph: Samuel Bushnell, Rev. Samuel, undated	box 31	folder 11
Two Hundredth Anniversary of the First Congregational Church in Middleboro, Mass., 1895	box 31	folder 12
Programs, 1905-1960	box 31	folder 13
Necrology. Cook, Charles H., undated	box 31	folder 14

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## Pilgrim, 1830-1984

Creator: Pilgrim Conference of Churches.

<u>Creator</u>: Pilgrim Association. <u>Physical Description</u>: 50 Files

**Acquisition Information:** 

## **Acquisition Information**

Records 1811-1935 deposited by Rev. C. F. Knott, 1945; records 1940-1984 deposited by Rev. D. W. Orcutt, 1985.

#### **Processing Information:**

## **Processing Information**

Originally processed by Harold Worthley, 1984. Re-processed by Jessica Steytler, using DACS Second Edition, 2017.

#### **Historical Note**

The Pilgrim Conference of Churches was organized in 1827; the name was changed to the Pilgrim Association in 1909. Pilgrim and Norfolk united in 1923 with Pilgrim Association, which retained the name and remains an active Association within the Massachusetts Conference.

## **Scope and Contents**

This collection consists of annual and committee reports, minutes, ministerial standing, ecclesiastical council, and correspondence

## Arrangement

The collection is arranged in 2 series: Association and Conference. From there it's arranged topically and in chronological order.

#### General

Originally listed under following ID Number: RG0119.

#### **Controlled Access Headings:**

- Pilgrim Conference of Churches.
- Pilgrim Association.

## **Conference**, 1830-1898

**Physical Description**: 3 Folders

#### **Scope and Contents**

This series contains three record books that hold minutes and business proceedings of the Conference.

Title/Description	Instances	
Record book, 1830-1869	box 31	folder 15
Record book, 1870-1879	box 31	folder 16

Record book, 1880-1898

box 31 folder 17

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# **Association**, 1892-1984

**Physical Description**: 47 Folders

## **Scope and Contents**

This series constitutes the majority of the collection and contains record books, governance documents, annual reports, minutes, committees, ecclesiastical councils, and a few denominational and conference merger conversations.

Title/Description	Instances	
Record book, 1892-1896	box 31	folder 18
Record book, 1898-1915	box 31	folder 19
Record book, 1915-1923	box 31	folder 20
Constitution, 1956-1969, undated	box 31	folder 21
Annual reports, 1958-1964	box 31	folder 22
Annual reports, 1965-1969	box 31	folder 23
Annual reports, 1970-1976	box 31	folder 24
Minutes and additional material, 1935-1940	box 31	folder 25
Minutes, 1940-1948	box 32	folder 1
Minutes, 1949-1955	box 32	folder 2
Minutes, 1956-1958	box 32	folder 3
Minutes, 1959-1961	box 32	folder 4
Minutes, 1960-1962	box 32	folder 5
Minutes, 1963-1964	box 32	folder 6
Minutes, 1965-1966	box 32	folder 7
Minutes, 1967-1969	box 32	folder 8
Minutes, 1970-1974	box 32	folder 9
Minutes, 1975-1979	box 32	folder 10
Board of Directors, 1969-1973	box 32	folder 11
Board of Directors, 1974-1976	box 32	folder 12
Arrears Committee, 1975-1976	box 32	folder 13
Church and ministry committee, 1975-1976	box 32	folder 14

Church and ministry committee, 1977

	box 32	folder 15	
Church and ministry committee, 1978	box 32	folder 16	
Church and ministry committee, 1979	box 32	folder 17	
Executive Committee, Records, 1916-1923	box 32	folder 18	
Executive Committee, Records, 1959-1961	box 32	folder 19	
Executive Committee, Records, 1962-1966	box 32	folder 20	
Executive Committee, Records, 1967-1969	box 33	folder 1	
Ministerial Standing Committee, Records, 1932-1939	box 33	folder 2	
Ministerial Standing Committee, Records, 1976-1977	box 33	folder 3	
Southeast Area Council minutes, 1971-1974	box 33	folder 4	
Benevolences, 1964-1971	box 33	folder 5	
Minister meetings, 1971-1975	box 33	folder 6	
Meeting programs, 1952-1981	box 33	folder 7	
Boundary study, 1958	box 33	folder 8	
UCC merger-related, 1942-1956	box 33	folder 9	
Merger negotiations with Rhode Island Conference, 1957	box 33	folder 10	
Correspondence, 1950-1970	box 33	folder 11	
Scribe's correspondence, 1971-1976	box 33	folder 12	
Scribe's samples, templates, undated	box 33	folder 13	
Ecclesiastical Council, 1940-1950	box 33	folder 14	
Ecclesiastical Council, 1951-1957	box 33	folder 15	_
Ecclesiastical Council, 1958-1960	box 33	folder 16	
Ecclesiastical Council, 1961-1964	box 33	folder 17	
Ecclesiastical Council, 1966-1974	box 33	folder 18	
Ecclesiastical Council, 1975-1984	box 33	folder 19	

# Plymouth, 1722-1808

**Creator**: Plymouth Association of Ministers.

<u>Physical Description</u>: 1 Folders <u>Immediate Source of Acquisition:</u>

## **Immediate Source of Acquisition**

Gift to the Congregational Library by Henry Martyn Dexter after death of Mr. Putnam (who theoretically had book before this), March 15, 1880.

### **Processing Information:**

## **Processing Information**

Processed by Jessica Steytler, 2017, using DACS Second Edition.

#### **Historical Note**

First meeting for the Plymouth Association of Ministers was 1721. A Reverend. Thatcher kept book.

## **Scope and Contents**

This collection is comprised of one record book of ministers meetings.

#### General

Originally listed under following ID Number: RG1246.

### **Controlled Access Headings:**

Plymouth Association of Ministers.

Title/Description	Instances	
Records, 1722-1808	box 33	folder 20

## Salem, 1908-1923

<u>Creator</u>: Salem Union of Congregational Ministers.

Creator: Salem Association of Congregational Ministers.

Creator: Salem Association of Ministers.

**Physical Description**: 1 Folders

### **Processing Information:**

#### **Processing Information**

Processed by Jessica Steytler, 2017, using DACS Second Edition.

#### **Historical Note**

The Salem Union of Congregational Ministers was established in 1716. The Association Ministers of Salem and Vicinity met in 1828 to form the Essex South Association of Ministers. The Association changed its name to the Salem Union of Congregational Ministers in 1910.

#### **Scope and Contents**

This collection is made up of one record book, 1908-1920 and includes meeting minutes and proceedings of the group.

#### General

Originally listed under following ID Number: RG1171.

#### **Controlled Access Headings:**

- Salem Union of Congregational Ministers.
- Salem Association of Congregational Ministers.
- Salem Association of Ministers.

Title/Description	Instances	
Records, 1908-1923	box 29	folder 3

## Suffolk, 1822-1964

Creator: Suffolk Association.

Creator: Suffolk North Association of Congregational Churches and Ministers.

Creator: Suffolk North Association of Ministers.

Creator: Suffolk South Association.

<u>Creator</u>: Suffolk South Association of Churches. <u>Creator</u>: Suffolk South Conference of Churches. <u>Creator</u>: Suffolk North Association of Ministers.

<u>Creator</u>: Suffolk West Conference. <u>Creator</u>: Suffolk West Association. <u>Physical Description</u>: 126 Folders

#### **Acquisition Information:**

## **Acquisition Information**

Suffolk South material deposited in 1965, by Herbert M. Worthley, Suffolk South Scribe (1822-1964 material) Suffolk West material deposited in 1946, 1964, 1970 by registrars. W. H. Nicholas, Arthur Robinson Remainder likely deposited in 1970 following merger of Suffolk groups with Woburn to form Metropolitan Boston Association.

#### **Historical Note**

Suffolk Association of Ministers was organized in 1822, Rev. Wisner of Boston hosted the first meeting and acted as scribe. Communities represented were: Newton, Boston, Needham, Charlestown, Dedham, and Waltham. The Association divided into North and South in 1829. Suffolk South Conference of Churches organized 1861, changed name to Association of Churches in 1911. In 1964 Suffolk North and South Associations and Woburn merged to form Metropolitan Boston Association.

### **Scope and Contents**

This collection includes history, constitution, by-laws, membership, minutes, financial, ministerial standing, committees, lantern slides.

### Arrangement

This collection is arranged in the following series: North, South, and West.

#### General

Originally listed under following ID Number: RG0725, RG0727, RG4364, and RG4365.

#### **Controlled Access Headings:**

Suffolk Association.

- Suffolk North Association of Congregational Churches and Ministers.
- Suffolk North Association of Ministers.
- Suffolk South Association.
- Suffolk South Association of Churches.
- Suffolk South Conference of Churches.
- Suffolk North Association of Ministers.
- Suffolk West Conference.
- Suffolk West Association.

## North, 1822-1964

**Physical Description**: 19 Folders

## **Scope and Contents**

Types of records include constitution, by-laws, membership, minutes, history, and correspondence.

## Arrangement

This series contains two subseries: North Association of Ministers and North Conference of Ministers are the first. North Association of Churches and Ministers is the second.

## North Association of Ministers, 1822-1912

Physical Description: 18 Folders

## **Scope and Contents**

This subseries contains the majority of records from this section. Types of records include history, constitution, by-laws, membership, minutes, and correspondence.

Title/Description	Instances		
History, constitution, by-laws, membership, minutes, 1822-1844	box 33	folder 21	
Constitution, by-laws, minutes, 1844-1855	box 33	folder 22	
Constitution, by-laws, membership, minutes, 1853-1868	box 33	folder 23	
Constitution, by-laws, minutes, 1868-1879	box 33	folder 24	
Constitution, by-laws, list of hosts, moderators, speakers, minutes, 1880-1894	box 34	folder 1	
Constitution, membership, deaths, dismissals, meetings, treasurer, 1896-1906	box 34	folder 2	
Letters and papers, 1844-1866	box 34	folder 3	
Letters and papers, 1844-1866	box 34	folder 4	
Letters and papers, 1844-1866	box 34	folder 5	
Papers, undated	box 34	folder 6	
Papers, undated	box 34	folder 7	
Papers, undated	box 34	folder 8	

Papers, undated	box 34	folder 9	
Papers, undated	box 34	folder 10	
Papers, undated	box 34	folder 11	
Minutes, 1826-1838	box 34	folder 12	
Constitution, by-laws, minutes, 1861-1880	box 34	folder 13	
Constitution, by-laws, member churches, scribes, minutes, 1880-1912	box 34	folder 14	

## North Association of Churches and Ministers, 1912-1964

**Physical Description**: 2 Folders

### **Scope and Contents**

This sub-series contains two folders of minutes.

Title/Description	Instances	
Minutes, 1912-1943	box 29	folder 4
Minutes, 1943-1964	box 29	folder 5

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## South, 1822-1964

Physical Description: 32 Folders

#### **Scope and Contents**

The type of records in this series includes programs, committees, miniterial standing, meetings, councils, financial, and governance.

## South Association of Ministers, 1822-1964

Physical Description: 16 Folders

### **Scope and Contents**

This sub-series contains the following records: history, constitution, by-laws, membership, minutes, financial, programs, and committees.

Fitle/Description	Instances		
History, constitution, by-laws, membership, minutes, 1822-1847	box 34	folder 15	
Constitution, membership, minutes, 1850-1867	box 34	folder 16	
Constitution, minutes, regulations, 1868-1888	box 34	folder 17	
Minutes, 1889-1906	box 34	folder 18	

Minutes, 1906-1920	box 35	folder 1	
Constitution, committee reports, minutes, 1920-1948	box 35	folder 2	
Minutes, 1920-1940	box 29	folder 6	
Minutes, 1942-1964	box 35	folder 3	
Account book, 1904-1939	box 35	folder 4	
Financial records, 1941-1962	box 35	folder 5	
Records, 1861-1882	box 29	folder 7	
Constitution, by-laws, minutes, treasurer reports, 1882-1899	box 35	folder 6	
Records, 1907-1950	box 35	folder 7	
Records, 1956-1964	box 35	folder 8	
Programs, 1861-1914	box 35	folder 9	
Committee on the work of Sunday schools, annual reports, 1896-1898	box 36	folder 1	

# South, 1908-1964

**Physical Description**: 17 Folders

## **Scope and Contents**

Subseries contains programs, committees, meetings, and ministerial records.

Title/Description	Instances	
Joint committee of oversight, 1908-1918	box 36	folder 2
"Private papers", 1910-1916	box 36	folder 3
Programs, 1931-1937	box 36	folder 4
Papers, 1933-1938	box 36	folder 5
Councils, 1933-1948	box 36	folder 6
Suffolk South, 1944-1948	box 36	folder 7
Home missioanry applications, 1946	box 36	folder 8
Resolutions, 1946-1953	box 36	folder 9
Suffolk South, 1947-1950	box 36	folder 10
Meetings and councils, 1950-1956	box 36	folder 11
Meetings, 1956-1964	box 36	folder 12
Oridinations and installations, 1951-1953	box 36	folder 13
Oridinations and installations, 1953-1954	box 36	folder 14
Councils: ordination, installation, dismissal, 1956-1964	box 36	folder 15

Ministerial records, 1959	box 36	folder 16	
Layman's council, MBA material, 1964	box 36	folder 17	

## West, 1864-1964

Physical Description: 74 Folders

## **Scope and Contents**

This series contains West Association of Ministers, West Conference of Churches, and West. Types of records include governance, members, minutes, financial, ministerial standing, committees, correspondence, newsletter, appendices to minutes, and a shoebox of lantern slides.

## West Association of Ministers, 1864-1927

Physical Description: 10 Folders

## **Scope and Contents**

This subseries contains constitution, by-laws, members, minutes, and financial records.

Title/Description	Instances	
Constitution, by-laws, members, minutes, financial, 1864-1885	box 36	folder 18
Constitution, by-laws, members, minutes, 1886-1903	box 36	folder 19
Constitution, by-laws, members, minutes, financial, 1903-1919	box 36	folder 20
Constitution, by-laws, minutes, 1920-1927	box 37	folder 1
Minutes, 1936-1941	box 37	folder 2
Minutes, 1942-1950	box 37	folder 3
Minutes, 1960-1964	box 37	folder 4
Treasurer, 1874-1936	box 37	folder 7
Treasurer, 1938-1953	box 43	folder 1
Treasury Deposit, undated	box 37	folder 8

## West Conference of Churches, 1874-1935

**Physical Description**: 5 Folders

## **Scope and Contents**

Subseries contains constitution, by-laws, meetings, reports, correspondence, amd financial records.

Title/Description	Instances
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Constitution, by-laws, list of churches, circulars to churches, provisional organization, minutes, 1874-1899	box 37	folder 5	
Minutes, committee and treasurer reports, 1900-1935	box 37	folder 6	
Constitution, by-laws, meeting announcements (unbound ledger, 1 of 3), 1874-1892	box 37	folder 9	
meetings, reports, correspondence, 1892-1928	box 37	folder 10	
Constitution, by-laws, meetings, reports, correspondence, 1928-1935	box 37	folder 11	

# West, 1934-1964

Physical Description: 59 Folders

## **Scope and Contents**

This subseries contains committees, ministerial standing, reports, programs, officer list, correpsondence, finacial, newsletter, and lantern slides.

Title/Description	Instances	
Committee on ministerial standing, 1934-1948	box 37	folder 12
Committee on ministerial standing, 1948-1964	box 37	folder 13
General council department of ministry, UCC, 1959-1962	box 38	folder 1
Executive committee, 1939-1964	box 38	folder 2
Missionary committee, 1951-1952	box 38	folder 3
Missionary committee, 1951-1953	box 38	folder 4
Missionary committee, 1952-1953	box 38	folder 5
Missionary committee, 1952-1964	box 38	folder 6
Missionary committee, 1954	box 38	folder 7
Missionary committee, 1954	box 38	folder 8
Missionary committee, 1954	box 38	folder 9
Laymen council, 1960-1962	box 38	folder 10
Reports of committees, 1953-1964	box 38	folder 11
Statistical secretary reports, 1935-1955	box 38	folder 12
Programs of association minutes, 1939-1964	box 38	folder 13
Boston area associations committees, 1960-1962	box 38	folder 14
Joint meetings of greater Boston Associations, 1943-1964	box 38	folder 15
Religious education committees, 1952-1954	box 38	folder 16
Communications to committees, 1960	box 38	folder 17
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Officers and committee lists, 1945-1963

	box 38	folder 18
General council delegates, 1952-1959	box 38	folder 19
Constitution, 1940-1961	box 38	folder 20
Annuity fund correspondence, 1960	box 38	folder 21
Communications to churches, 1961-1963	box 38	folder 22
Needham Church, 1944-1946	box 38	folder 23
Park Street Church, 1951-1962	box 38	folder 24
Correspondence and documents, former licenciates (1 of 2), undated	box 38	folder 25
Correspondence and documents, former licenciates (2 of 2), undated	box 38	folder 26
Correspondence and documents, licenciates, undated	box 38	folder 27
Correspondence and documents, ministerial members, 1936-1953	box 38	folder 28
Correspondence and documents, ministerial members, 1935-1953	box 38	folder 29
Correspondence and documents, ministerial members, 1964	box 38	folder 30
Correspondence and documents, former "in care" stamped D. Pinkard, 1956 Aug. 29	box 38	folder 31
Correspondence and documents, former ministerial members, 1964	box 38	folder 32
General Correspondence, 1959	box 38	folder 33
General Correspondence, 1960	box 38	folder 34
General Correspondence, 1961	box 38	folder 35
General Correspondence, 1962	box 38	folder 36
General Correspondence, 1963	box 38	folder 37
General Correspondence, 1964	box 38	folder 38
Letters from absentees, 1960	box 39	folder 1
Ministerial correspondence, 1951-1958	box 39	folder 2
Ministerial correspondence, 1959	box 39	folder 3
Ministerial correspondence, 1960	box 39	folder 4
Ministerial correspondence, 1961	box 39	folder 5
Ministerial correspondence, 1962	box 39	folder 6
Ministerial correspondence, 1963	box 39	folder 7
State conference communications, 1960-1964	box 39	folder 8

Programs of ordination and installation, 1948-1963	box 39	folder 9
Newsletter, 1960-1961	box 39	folder 10
Necrology, 1960-1963	box 39	folder 11
Forms, undated	box 39	folder 12
Letter missive, sample, undated	box 39	folder 13
Order of business for councils (template), undated	box 39	folder 14
Mailing lists, undated	box 39	folder 15
Metropolitan Boston Association, undated	box 39	folder 16
Appendices to minutes, 1938-1948	box 39	folder 17
Appendices to minutes, 1949-1955	box 39	folder 18
Appendices to minutes, 1956-1964	box 39	folder 19
Lantern slides, undated	box 40	

## Taunton, 1849, 1901-1930

Creator: Taunton Association.

**Creator**: Taunton Conference of Churches (Mass.)

**Physical Description**: 2 Folders

**Acquisition Information:** 

## **Acquisition Information**

Letter Donated in 1993 by the Evangelical and Reformed Historical Society.

## **Processing Information:**

### **Processing Information**

Processed by Jessica Steytler, 2017, using DACS Second Edition.

#### **Historical Note**

Taunton established its conference in 1849, depending on denominational reports. It joined Old Colony and (Rhode Island and) Massachusetts Christian Conference to form the Old Colony United Association in 1930.

### **Scope and Contents**

Collection contains one letter and a record book.

## **Arrangement**

The collection does not warrant extensive arrangement. The letter is kept in a separate folder for preservation purposes.

#### General

Originally listed under following ID Number: RG0923.

#### **Controlled Access Headings:**

- Taunton Association.
- Taunton Conference of Churches (Mass.)

Title/Description	Instances	
Correspondence, 1849	box 29	folder 8
Records, 1901-1930	box 29	folder 9

## Woburn, 1822-1964

**Creator**: Woburn Association of Congregational Churches.

<u>Creator</u>: Woburn Conference. <u>Physical Description</u>: 31 Folders

<u>Acquisition Information:</u>

## **Acquisition Information**

Deposited by W. H. Nicholas, Scribe, 1966.

#### **Processing Information:**

## **Processing Information**

Originally processed by archives staff in 1997. Reprocessed by Jessica Steytler, 2017, using DACS Second Edition.

### **Historical Note**

Woburn was established in 1848. In 1964, it joined the Suffolk Associations to form the Metropolitan Boston Association, which remains an active Association / Region within the Massachusetts Conference, UCC.

#### **Scope and Contents**

Types of records in this collection include meeting minutes, financial, membership, ministerial standing, reports, and correspondence.

#### Arrangement

This collection is divided into series: Conference of Churches and Association of Ministers records.

#### General

Originally listed under following ID Number: RG0736.

### **Controlled Access Headings:**

- Woburn Association of Congregational Churches.
- Woburn Conference.

# Conference of Churches, 1849-1964

Physical Description: 10 Folders

## **Scope and Contents**

This series contains records, financials, and home missionary society records.

Title/Description	Instances	
Records, 1849-1869	box 39	folder 20
Records, 1872-1885	box 39	folder 21
Records, 1886-1900	box 39	folder 22
Records, 1901-1915	box 39	folder 23
Cash book, 1872-1915	box 41	folder 1
Account book, 1904-1915	box 41	folder 2
Treasurer's reports, 1937-1948	box 41	folder 3
Account book, 1937-1952	box 41	folder 4
Cash book, 1955-1964	box 41	folder 5
Home missionary society records, 1867-1875	box 41	folder 6

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# Association of Ministers, 1822-1964

**Physical Description**: 21 Folders

## **Scope and Contents**

Series contains ledger, ministerial standing, financial, governance, and correspondence.

Title/Description	Instances		
Membership list, consitution, by-laws - 1822-1941 (early records transcribed), 1822-1841	box 41	folder 7	
Ledger, 1916-1950	box 41	folder 8	
Records, 1925-1931	box 41	folder 9	
Records, 1933-1948	box 41	folder 10	
Records, 1949-1964	box 41	folder 11	
Financial summaries, 1884-1947	box 41	folder 12	
Financial, 1939-1963	box 41	folder 13	
Letter missive for ordination, 1915-1952	box 41	folder 14	
Ministers standing, 1937-1953	box 41	folder 15	
Council reports, ordination, 1938-1950	box 41	folder 16	
Standards of ministry, 1939-1941	box 41	folder 17	

Transfers of standing, 1947-1967	box 41	folder 18
Dismissal and installation, 1949-1963	box 41	folder 19
Ordination, 1952-1963	box 41	folder 20
Ministerial record, 1959	box 41	folder 21
Ministerial record, 1961	box 41	folder 22
Correspondence, 1955-1964	box 41	folder 23
Correspondence, 1947-1964	box 41	folder 24
Loose material, undated	box 42	folder 1
Loose material, undated	box 42	folder 2
Loose material, undated	box 42	folder 3

## Worcester, 1820-1989

Creator: Worcester Association of Ministers (Mass.)

Creator: Worcester Association in Massachusetts.

<u>Creator</u>: Worcester North Conference of Congregational Churches.

**Creator**: Worcester South Association of Congregational Churches.

Creator: Worcester West Association.

**Creator**: Worcester Central Association of Congregational Churches.

**Physical Description:** 52 Folders

#### **Acquisition Information:**

## **Acquisition Information**

Worcester South records were deposited by Robert Howland, Sept 26, 1963. Worcester North records were deposted by Myron Fowell from Lloyd Morton in 1963. Ordination and installation records (1968-1989) donated by Robert R. Rock, former registrar, 1993.

### **Processing Information:**

#### **Processing Information**

Reprocessed by Jessica Steytler, 2017, using DACS Second Edition.

#### **Historical Note**

Worcester North was established in 1827. Worcester South was established in 1852. Worcester Central was established in 1852. In 1909 at the recommendation of the Massachusetts General Conference, the Worcester Central Conference adopted the name "Association." At the same time, control of ministerial standing, including ordination, was transferred from the local ministers' association to the larger Worcester Central Association. The minutes in this collection begin with these changes in 1909. In 1970, it merged with the Central Association, which joined Brookfield, Middlesex Mendon, Middlesex Union, and Worcester Associations, an active association/region within the Massachusetts Conference, UCC.

## **Scope and Contents**

This series includes minister association and church conference records from the Central, North, and South sections of Worcester. The records consists of minutes and reports of meetings of annual, executive, and committees; ecclesiastical councils; correspondence; programs; ministerial standing; and constitutions.

### Arrangement

The collection is arranged by series: Central, North, and South.

#### General

Originally listed under following ID Number: RG0178, RG1051, RG1052.

## **Controlled Access Headings:**

- Worcester Association of Ministers (Mass.)
- Worcester Association in Massachusetts.
- Worcester North Conference of Congregational Churches.
- Worcester South Association of Congregational Churches.
- Worcester West Association.
- Worcester Central Association of Congregational Churches.

## Central, 1820-1989

Physical Description: 19 Folders

**Processing Information:** 

## **Processing Information**

Central Association of Congregational Churches. Records, 1909-1956 - Originally processed by Sandra Sudak, May 1990. Worcester Central Association of Congregational Churches. Records, 1820-1989 originally processed by Barbara Austen, April 1993.

#### **Scope and Contents**

Series includes historical memorandum, minutes, general correspondence, reports, ecclesiastical councils, ministerial standing, and constitution.

Title/Description	Instances		
Historical memorandum leading up to the formation of the Association Council, and minutes, 1909-1937	box 42	folder 4	
Minutes, 1920-1945	box 42	folder 5	
Minutes, 1946-1954	box 43	folder 2	
Minutes - unbound from original cover, 1955-1961	box 43	folder 3	
General correspondence and reports, 1940-1946	box 43	folder 4	
General correspondence and reports, 1947-1949	box 43	folder 5	
General correspondence and reports, 1950-1956	box 42	folder 6	
Index to councils, 1821-1894	box 42	folder 7	
Ecclesiastical councils, A-C, 1820-1897	box 43	folder 6	

Ecclesiastical councils, D-M, 1820-1897	box 43	folder 7
Ecclesiastical councils, N-Q, 1820-1897	box 43	folder 8
Ecclesiastical councils, R-S, 1820-1897	box 43	folder 9
Ecclesiastical councils, T-Z, 1820-1897	box 43	folder 10
Ministerial standing, A-J, 1944-1956	box 42	folder 8
Ministerial standing K-Z, 1944-1956	box 42	folder 9
Correspondence, 1944-1956	box 42	folder 10
Ministerial standing, A-J, 1986-1989	box 42	folder 11
Ministerial standing L-W, 1986-1989	box 42	folder 12
Constitutions, 1940, 1944, 1955	box 42	folder 13

# South, 1906-1967

**Physical Description**: 21 Folders

**Processing Information:** 

## **Processing Information**

Originally processed by Sandra Sudak, May 1990.

## **Scope and Contents**

Series contains constitution, eccelsiastical councils, correspondence, reports, statistics, ministerial standing, and financial.

Title/Description	Instances	
Constitutions, 1909-1940	box 42	folder 14
Meeting programs, 1907-1959	box 42	folder 15
Meeting minutes, 1940-1949	box 42	folder 16
Meeting minutes, 1950-1953	box 42	folder 17
Meeting minutes, money journal, 1954-1967	box 42	folder 18
Ecclesiastical council minutes, 1932-1942	box 42	folder 19
Receipts and expenses, 1948-1966	box 42	folder 20
Reports, 1907-1911	box 42	folder 21
Statistics, 1906-1914	box 42	folder 22
Annual reports, 1952-1958	box 42	folder 23
Annual reports, 1959-1961	box 42	folder 24

Annual reports, 1962-1963	box 44	folder 1
Annual reports, 1964-1965	box 44	folder 2
Annual reports, 1966-1967	box 44	folder 3
Correspondence, 1908-1922	box 44	folder 4
Correspondence, 1958-1960	box 44	folder 5
Ordinations, installations A-H, 1950s	box 44	folder 6
Ordinations, installations J-Z, 1950s	box 44	folder 7
Record of ministerial standing, 1960s	box 44	folder 8
Correspondence, certificates of transfer, 1960s	box 44	folder 9
UCC applications, standings, 1960s	box 44	folder 10

## West, 1855-1968

**Physical Description**: 13 Folders

**Processing Information:** 

# **Processing Information**

Originally processed by Sandra Sudak, May 1990.

## **Scope and Contents**

Series contains minutes, reports, programs, ministerial standing, history, and financial.

Title/Description	n Instances	
Financial, 1909-1927	box 44	folder 11
Fellowship dues, 1952-1967	box 44	folder 12
Pilgrim Fellowship, 1964-1965	box 44	folder 13
History, 1670-1876, 1876	box 44	folder 14
Association minutes, 1855-1913	box 44	folder 15
Association minutes, 1917-1940	box 44	folder 16
Association minutes, 1940-1960	box 44	folder 17
Association minutes, 1960-1963	box 44	folder 18
Conference meeting programs, 1936-1962	box 44	folder 19
Reports and minutes, undated	box 44	folder 20
Ministerial standing, 1937-1956	box 44	folder 21

Treasurer's account book - Annual reports, Assessments, fellowship dues, 1922-1960	box 44	folder 22	
Treasurer's account book - Annual reports, Assessments, fellowship dues, 1960-1963	box 44	folder 23	

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