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Summary Information

Repository:	Congregational Library & Archives
Creator:	Cooley, Timothy Mather, 1772-1859
Creator:	First Church of Christ (Granville, Mass.)
Creator:	Granville Federated Church (Granville, Mass.)
Creator:	Haynes, Lemuel, 1753-1833
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Language of the Material:	English .
Abstract:	The First Church of Christ in Granville was gathered in 1744, and Moses Tuttle was ordained as the first minister in 1747. The first meeting house was constructed during Tuttle's ministry. Timothy Mather Cooley, a Granville native, was called to become the minister of the First Church of Christ in 1795 and he served as the pastor for 63 years. In 1937, the First Church of Christ and the Baptist Church in Granville decided to share a building and merge to form the Granville Federated Church. This collection contains administrative records, membership records, and ministerial records and includes church records and meeting minutes, correspondence, disciplinary records, and relations of faith.

Preferred Citation

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Historical Note

The town of Granville, Massachusetts, was first settled by English colonists in 1736. The town was incorporated in 1754. The First Church of Christ in Granville was gathered in 1744. Moses Tuttle was ordained as the first minister of the Church of Christ in 1747. The first meeting house was constructed during Tuttle's ministry and was made possible by a large financial contribution from Tuttle.

Numerous churches can trace their roots to the First Church of Christ in Granville. The West Granville Congregational Church, originally known as the Second or Middle Church of Granville, was gathered in 1781. The Tolland Congregational Church, originally known as the Third or West Church of Granville, was gathered in 1791. The Baptist Church in Granville was likewise formed in 1791. The Methodist Episcopal Church in Granville was formed in 1800.

Timothy Mather Cooley, a Granville native, was called to become the minister of the First Church of Christ in 1795, and he was ordained in 1796. During his ministry, in 1802, the second meeting house was constructed. Timothy Cooley served as minister of the church for more than 63 years and died in Granville on December 14, 1859.

In 1937, the First Church of Christ and the Baptist Church in Granville decided to share a building and merge to form the Granville Federated Church. The Granville Federated Church continues to serve the local community today.

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Scope and Contents

This collection contains administrative records, membership records, and ministerial records from the Granville Federated Church. The collection includes administrative church records and meeting minutes, church correspondence, records of admissions and dismissions, church disciplinary records, confessions of faith and covenants, relations of faith, and ministerial correspondence.

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Arrangement

This collection has been arranged into three series. Records within each series have been arranged chronologically, by start date, with closely related materials grouped together as appropriate.

Series 1: Church records, 1754-1941

Series 2: Membership records, 1756-1920

Series 3: Ministerial records, 1777-1870

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Acquisition Information

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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

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Controlled Access Headings

- Church discipline.
- Church finance.
- Church membership.
- Church records and registers.
- Clergy -- Correspondence.
- Covenants (Church polity).
- Creeds.
- Experience (Religion).
- New England's Hidden Histories.
- Necrologies.
- American Home Missionary Society
- Cooley, Timothy Mather, 1772-1859
- First Church of Christ (Granville, Mass.)
- Granville (Mass.) -- Church history.
- Granville Federated Church (Granville, Mass.)

- Haynes, Lemuel, 1753-1833

Technical Requirements

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Bibliography

Granville Jubilee. The First Church of Christ, Granville, Mass., August 28th, 1895. Pittsfield: Press of the Sun Printing Company, 1895. 17.11.1 G76.63 FirCC

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Collection Inventory

Church records, 1754-1941

Physical Description: 15 Folders

Physical Description: 2 Items

Scope and Contents

This series contains records related to the administration of the Granville Federated Church. This series includes church administrative records and meeting minutes, church correspondence, financial records, programs and booklets, annual reports, and confessions of faith and covenants.

Title/Description	Instances	
Church constitution and records, 1754, undated	folder 2	Item 3-4
Church records, 1755-1885	box 1	folder 1
Miscellaneous church records, 1758-1857	box 1	folder 2
Ecclesiastical council records, 1761-1791	box 1	folder 3
Church correspondence, 1769-1842	box 1	folder 4
Miscellaneous church records, 1769-1856	box 1	folder 5

Invitations to ecclesiastical councils, 1798-1853	box 1	folder 6
Church records, 1802-1866	box 1	folder 7
Financial records, 1825-1897	box 1	folder 8
Programs, announcements, and printed materials, 1830-1868	box 1	folder 9
"The church and the secession movement", 1856	box 1	folder 10
American Home Missionary Society, 1883-1884, 1941	box 1	folder 11
Annual meetings, 1901-1916	box 1	folder 12
Annual church reports, 1903-1917	box 1	folder 13
Confessions of faith and covenants, undated	box 1	folder 14
Southwick emigrants, undated	box 1	folder 15

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Membership records, 1756-1920

Physical Description: 21 Folders

Physical Description: 2 Items

Scope and Contents

This series contains records and papers related to the members of Granville Federated Church. This series includes relations of faith, confessions and other disciplinary related documents, records of admissions and dismissions, and records of deaths.

Title/Description	Instances	
Admissions and dismissions, 1756-1799	box 1	folder 16
Admissions and dismissions, 1800-1849	box 1	folder 25
Admissions and dismissions, 1850-1920	box 1	folder 32
Confessions, 1758-1798	box 1	folder 17
Confessions, 1800-1856	box 1	folder 26
Church disciplinary records, 1758-1821	box 1	folder 18
Deacon Hitchcock disciplinary case records, 1760-1770	box 1	folder 19
Separatist disciplinary case records, 1762-1769	box 1	folder 20
James Burt disciplinary case records, 1763-1771	box 1	folder 21
Relations, A-M, 1797-1846	box 1	folder 22
Relations, O-Z, 1769-1847	box 1	folder 23
Relations, 1800-1804, undated	folder 2	Item 1-2

Experiences, 1798-1799	box 1	folder 24
Mehitable Adams and Asa Seymor disciplinary case records, 1820-1821	box 1	folder 27
Record of deaths, 1822-1866	box 1	folder 28
Pledge of abstinence, 1827-1856	box 1	folder 29
Cyrus Webster disciplinary case records, 1829-1833	box 1	folder 30
Mr. Eno disciplinary case records, 1846	box 1	folder 31
Sunday school records, 1867-1907	box 1	folder 33
Family dates and biographies, 1908, undated	box 1	folder 34
Lucy A. Ward experience, undated	box 1	folder 35
Fragmentary complaints, undated	box 1	folder 36

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Ministerial records, 1777-1870

Physical Description: 9 Folders

Scope and Contents

This series contains records relating to, or produced by, ministers. This series includes correspondence to and from ministers, ministers' copies of church records, records relating to the dismissal of Rev. Smith, and manuscript sermons and essays.

Title/Description	Instances	
Reverend Smith dismissal, 1777	box 1	folder 37
Sermons and essays, 1790, undated	box 1	folder 38
Lemuel Haynes correspondence, 1796-1810	box 1	folder 39
Timothy Cooley correspondence, 1810-1856	box 1	folder 40
Timothy Cooley's copies of church records, 1819-1833	box 1	folder 41
Timothy Cooley correspondence, 1831-1857	box 1	folder 42
Timothy Cooley correspondence with Henry W. Tryon, 1854	box 1	folder 43
Timothy Cooley correspondence regarding parsonage, 1855-1856	box 1	folder 44
A. E. Geike correspondence, 1858-1870	box 1	folder 45

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