

Massachusetts Congregational Charitable Society
 Records, 1786-1911; 1948-1954
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The records of the Massachusetts Congregational Charitable Society were deposited with the Congregational Library at an unknown date by Charles Edwards Park, minister of First Church Boston (1906-1946), and processed in June of 1992.

Records are scanty, with hardly any minutes of meetings. The most informative items are the copy of the Act of Incorporation; lists of beneficiaries (the widows and children of Trinitarian and Unitarian Congregational ministers); and a stream of correspondence from the Maine Congregational Charitable Society over equitable division of the funds after the territory separated from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to become the State of Maine in 1820.

There are two series. 1) materials relating to the administration of the society and 2) specifics of donations to MCCS and the disbursement of funds to the beneficiaries.

SERIES I: Administration of the Society

Folder 1	Act of Incorporation 1786 (copy made in 1786) Regulations Acts of Incorporation & by-laws Reports of Special Committee re Charter & by-laws Member lists	1786 1795 1853 1889 1806-1816; 1831; 1847	ms ms
Folder 2	Maine Congregational Charitable Society correspondence re division of funds after Maine separated from Massachusetts to become a state in 1820	1821-1839	
Folder 3	Committee reports, scattered	1807-1850, gaps	
Folder 4	Correspondence Widows, thank yous Henry F. Jenks secretary MCCS	1867-1871 1887-1902, gaps	
Folder 5	Miscellany Meeting notices Scanty notes of votes Ballots Sermon by John W. Harding (1887)	late 19th century	

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SERIES II: Donations and Disbursement of Funds to Beneficiaries

Folder 6	Donations	
	The Monis Bequest	n.d. (?late 18th c.)
	Various papers & lists	1787-1835; ?1857-58
Folder 7	Treasurer's Report (some recipient lists)	1811-1821
Folder 8	" " " " "	1822-1840
Folder 9	Treasurer's Report	1841-1860 (lack 1844 & 185
Folder 10	" "	1861-1875 (lack 1862)
Folder 11	" "	1877-1896 (lack 1876 & 188
Folder 12	" "	1897-1917 (lack 1904)
Folder 13	Beneficiaries - names & amounts	1806-1856, some gaps
Folder 14	Committee on Appropriations -names, amts.	1858-1873, some gaps
Folder 15	" " " "	1875-1883, some gaps
Folder 16	Comm. on Appropriations - reports, names, amts.	1886-1900
Folder 17	" " " " "	1901-1917, some gaps
	Letters of instruction to treasurer	1908-1911
Volume 18	Beneficiaries - names & amounts	1880-1885
Volume 19	Beneficiaries - names & amounts, reasons	1887-1903
Box 20	Applications by beneficiaries for funds explanation of needs, amounts granted	1948-1954
Folder 21	Massachusetts Convention of Congregational Ministers. Treasurer's list of beneficiaries	1867-1871; 1893