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Summary Information

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| Repository: | Congregational Library & Archives |
| Creator: | First Congregational Church (Paradox, Colo.) |
| Title: | Paradox, Colo. First Congregational Church records, 1911-1999. |
| ID: | RG5503 |
| Date [inclusive]: | 1911-1999 |
| Physical Description: | 4 Folders |
| Language of the Material: | English . |
| Abstract: | The First Congregational Church in Paradox, Colorado, was organized on February 19, 1911 with Rev. James Walker as the first minister. Worship was held in the Paradox school house until 1954 when a church building was constructed on land donated to the church. The church was dissolved in 1998 and the church building was given to the Paradox Fire Protection District in Paradox, CO. This collection contains the administrative and membership records of the First Congregational Church in Paradox, Colorado, as well as records documenting the history of the church and its building. |

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Historical Note

In about 1910, Congregationalist Rev. Trompin came into Paradox, Colorado, on horseback as the first mainline Protestant minister. In subsequent visits to Paradox, Trompin brought Rev. Munro who held services at the Paradox school house. Through them, Rev. James Walker came to Paradox to organize the First Congregational Church. The church was formally organized on February 19, 1911.

In the early years of the church, the Sunday school and Ladies Aid Society were established by members. Worship continued in the town's schoolhouse until 1954. Two years prior, land had been donated to build a church building, and after about two years of construction, the dedication service for the building was held on August 22, 1954.

The First Congregational Church in Paradox was dissolved in 1998, and the church building was given to the Paradox Fire Protection District in Paradox, CO.

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Scope and Contents

This collection contains the administrative and membership records of the First Congregational Church in Paradox, Colorado, as well as records documenting the history of the church and its building. The records include a volume of church records, which includes vital member records, a church history, two photographs of the church building around the time of the church's dissolution, and records relating to the dissolution of the church.

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Arrangement

Materials in this collection have been arranged in chronological order.

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Acquisition Information

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Processing Information

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Controlled Access Headings

- Baptismal records.
- Church buildings.
- Church membership.
- Church records and registers.
- Marriage records.
- First Congregational Church (Paradox, Colo.)
- Paradox (Colo.) -- Church history.

Collection Inventory

| Title/Description | Instances |
|-----------------------------|--------------------------|
| Church records, 1911-1999 | box Small 9 folder 11 |
| <u>Separated Materials:</u> | |

Separated Materials

Materials were removed from between pages 132 and 133 and placed in the folder "Dissolution records, 1998-1999" for preservation purposes.

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| Church and building history, 1954-1984 | box Small 9 | folder 12 |
| Building photographs, circa 1998 | box Small 9 | folder 13 |
| Dissolution records, 1998-1999 | box Small 9 | folder 14 |

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