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Summary Information

Repository:	Congregational Library & Archives
Creator:	Boates, T. Thomas, Jr.
Title:	T. Thomas Boates papers, 1960-2022.
ID:	MS5410
Date [inclusive]:	1960-2022
Physical Description:	1.09 Cubic Feet (1 box)
Language of the Material:	English .
Abstract:	Rev. T. Thomas Boates received a Bachelor of Divinity degree from Nazarene Theological School and a Master of Sacred Theology degree from Boston University School of Theology. Tom was the pastor at the East Baltimore Church of the Nazarene in Baltimore, Maryland, the North Congregational Church in Bedford, Massachusetts, and the First Federated Church in Beverly, Massachusetts. Tom joined the board of the American Congregational Association in 1997 and served as the Board Chair from 1999 until 2005. This collection contains records collected by T. Thomas Boates during the course of his work with New England churches and as a board member of the American Congregational Association and includes church annual reports, studies, documents related to mergers, and records relating to the maintenance and expansion of the Congregational House.

Preferred Citation

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Biographical note

Rev. T. Thomas Boates, often simply known as Tom, received a Bachelor of Divinity degree from Nazarene Theological School and a Master of Sacred Theology degree from Boston University School of Theology. He studied at Harvard Divinity School in the Ministry in the Vicinity program and was a Fellow at Yale Divinity School.

Tom was the pastor at the East Baltimore Church of the Nazarene in Baltimore, Maryland, the North Congregational Church in Bedford, Massachusetts, and the First Federated Church in Beverly, Massachusetts. He was also an Associate Pastor at Boston's Old South Church. He was the Area Conference Minister for the Metro Suffolk area of the New York Conference of the United Church of Christ. At Newton Theological School, he was the UCC Church Campaign Director.

Tom joined the board of the American Congregational Association in 1997. He became the Board Chair 1999 and served in that role until 2005. During his time on the board, Tom was instrumental in guiding the Congregational Library & Archives' transition to become a more modern and professionally staffed library. He continued to work with the board after his time as chair, especially as a member of the Board Development Committee.

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Scope and Contents

This collection contains records collected by T. Thomas Boates during the course of his work with New England churches and as a board member of the American Congregational Association. The church records Boates collected include reports, records related to mergers, studies, and annual reports. The American Congregational Association records are largely related to the maintenance of the Congregational House building and plans to expand the building.

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Arrangement

This collection has been arranged into the two series listed below. Within each series, materials have been arranged into chronological order by start date.

Series 1: Church records, 1960-2006

Series 1: American Congregational Association files, 1993-2022

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Revision Description

Zachary Bodnar: Accrual to the collection processed and added to the finding aid. 2025-05-01

Restrictions on Access

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Acquisition Information

Materials were donated to the Congregational Library and Archive by Ellen B. Clark in February 2020, September 2022, and April 2025; 2020-03, 2022-19, 2025-11.

Processing Information

Processed by Zachary Bodnar, January 2025, using Describing Archives: A Content Standard.

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Controlled Access Headings

- Building management
- Church records and registers.
- American Congregational Association.
- Central Congregational Church (Jamaica Plain, Boston, Mass.)
- Centre Congregational Church (Lynnfield, Mass.)
- First Congregational Church (Chester, Mass.)
- First Congregational Church (East Longmeadow, Mass.)
- First Congregational Church ((Gardner, Mass.))
- First Congregational Church (Hyde Park, Boston, Mass.)
- First Congregational Church (Reading, Mass.)
- First Congregational Church in Exeter (Exeter, N.H.)
- First Congregational Church in Worcester (Worcester, Mass.)
- Memorial Congregational Church (North Quincy, Quincy, Mass.)
- Mt. Vernon Congregational Church (Boston, Mass.)
- Old North Church (Marblehead, Mass.)
- Pilgrim United Church of Christ (New Bedford, Mass.)
- Quincy Point Congregational Church (Quincy, Mass.)
- South Congregational Church (Springfield, Mass.)
- St. Mark's Congregational Church (Roxbury, Boston, Mass.)
- Trinitarian Congregational Church (Concord, Mass.)
- Union Congregational Church (Wollaston, Quincy, Mass.)
- United Church of Christ. New Hampshire Conference
- United Parish of Auburndale (Auburndale, Newton, Mass.)
- West Concord Union Church (Concord, Mass.)
- West Parish Church (Andover, Mass.)

Collection Inventory

Church records, 1960-2006

Physical Description: 24 Folders

Scope and Contents

This series contains church records gathered by Boates from churches he worked at or with. The series contains annual reports, survey results and reports, meeting minutes, clippings, and records related to various church mergers.

Title/Description	Instances	
Junior high guidebook, circa 1960	box 1	folder 32
Pilgrim United Church of Christ (New Bedford) merger records, 1960-1964	box 1	folder 1
Pinewood junior high conference records, 1962	box 1	folder 33
Camp photographs, circa 1962-1964	box 1	folder 34
Shrewsbury: A Church Extension Analysis, 1963	box 1	folder 2
Camp Chimney Corners records, 1963	box 1	folder 35
Deering junior high conference records, 1964	box 1	folder 36
Central Congregational Church (Jamaica Plain, Boston) records, 1980-1991	box 1	folder 3
St. Mark Congregational Church (Roxbury, Boston) records, 1980-1985	box 1	folder 4
First Congregational Church (Gardner) records, 1980-1985	box 1	folder 5
Report of the task force for the study of human sexuality, 1983	box 1	folder 6
The Congregational Church in Exeter, New Hampshire, records, 1984-1990	box 1	folder 7
Union Congregational Church and Memorial Congregational Church merger records, 1984-1985	box 1	folder 8
Union Congregational Church and Memorial Congregational Church merger records, 1985	box 1	folder 9
First Congregational Church (Reading) annual report, 1985	box 1	folder 10
West Parish Church (Andover) reports, 1985-1986	box 1	folder 11
First Congregational Church (East Longmeadow) records, 1985-1987	box 1	folder 12
United Parish of Aburndale records, 1985-1991	box 1	folder 13
First Congregational Church (Hyde Park, Boston) records, 1986	box 1	folder 14
First Congregational Church in Worcester survey reports, 1986	box 1	folder 15
South Church (Springfield) records, 1986-1989	box 1	folder 16
Centre Congregational Church (Lynnfield) records, 1986-1996	box 1	folder 17

New Hampshire Conference records, 1989-1992	box 1	folder 18
Old North Church (Marblehead) records, 1989-1992	box 1	folder 19
Trinitarian Congregational Church (Concord) records, 1990-1991	box 1	folder 20
West Concord Union Church constitution, 1992	box 1	folder 21
Quincy Point Congregational Church annual reports, 1995-1997	box 1	folder 22
Congregational Church of Chester 275th anniversary program, 2006	box 1	folder 23
Mount Vernon Congregational Church (Boston) annual meeting, 2006	box 1	folder 24

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American Congregational Association files, 1993-2022

Physical Description: 7 Folders

Scope and Contents

This series contains records relating to Boates's work as a board member of the American Congregational Association. The series includes committee meeting minutes, especially those of the building committee, records related the alley, and communications.

Related Materials:

Related Materials

Materials in this collection are likely duplicative of records found within the [American Congregational Association records, 1846-2022](#), RG4360, held by the Congregational Library & Archives.

Title/Description	Instances	
Climate control system, 1993-2002	box 1	folder 25
Alley legal opinions, 1999-2004	box 1	folder 26
Building committee records, 2000-2005	box 1	folder 27
Communications, 2001-2005	box 1	folder 28
Building enhancement task force records, 2004-2005	box 1	folder 29
Notes, 2005, undated	box 1	folder 30
Boates plaque, 2022	box 1	folder 31

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