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Summary Information

Repository:	Congregational Library & Archives
Creator:	Orthodox Congregational Church in Cambridge (Cambridge, Ill.)
Creator:	First Congregational Church (Cambridge, Ill.)
Title:	Cambridge, Ill. First Congregational Church records, 1851-1917. : [manuscript]
ID:	RG5272
Date [inclusive]:	1851-1917
Physical Description:	0.22 Cubic Feet (1 legal document case)
Language of the Material:	English
Abstract:	The Orthodox Congregational Church in Cambridge, Illinois was formed on February 9, 1851, in the house of Nelson Gaines, with eleven founding members. Sometime before 1880, the church changed its name to the First Congregational Church. The collection contains two volumes of records which include meeting minutes, church manuals, membership lists, baptismal records, and church ledgers.

Preferred Citation

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Historical Note

The Orthodox Congregational Church in Cambridge, Illinois was formed on February 9, 1851, in the house of Nelson Gaines, with eleven founding members. Beginning in 1853, the church began to accept contributions to build a house of worship; construction completed in 1855 and dedicated on January 12, 1856. In 1869, a parsonage was built by the Society. In 1875 the old church was sold and by 1877, a new brick church was built. Sometime before 1880, the church changed its name to the First Congregational Church. The church folded in 1917.

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Scope and Contents

The collection contains two volumes of records for the First Congregational Church in Cambridge, Illinois. Types of materials present in the collection include founding documents such as the Articles of Faith and Covenant, meeting minutes, records of votes, letters of resignation from church ministers, two editions of the church manual, financial documents, list of members, baptismal records, and admission/dismission statistics.

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Arrangement

This collection is arranged in chronological order by the first date.

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Acquisition Information

Materials gifted to the Congregational Library & Archives by the Chicago Theological Seminary in 2014.

Assigned Accession number: 2014-119.

Processing Information

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Controlled Access Headings

- Baptismal records.
- Congregational churches -- Illinois -- Cambridge.
- Church Membership -- Handbooks, manuals, etc.
- Church records and registers.

Collection Inventory

Title/Description	Instances	
Records of the Congregational Church, 1851-1917 <u>Date [inclusive]:</u> 1851-1917	box 1	volume 1
Record Book of the Cambridge Congregational Society, 1853-1899 <u>Date [inclusive]:</u> 1853-1899	box 1	volume 2