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## Lincolnshire, Ill. Washburn Congregational Church records, 1895-2007. RG5569

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## Summary Information

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<b>Repository:</b>	Congregational Library & Archives
<b>Creator:</b>	Washburn Congregational Church (Lincolnshire, Ill.)
<b>Creator:</b>	Washburn Congregational Church (Half Day, Ill.)
<b>Creator:</b>	Washburn Congregational Church (Prairie View, Ill.)
<b>Title:</b>	Lincolnshire, Ill. Washburn Congregational Church records, 1895-2007.
<b>ID:</b>	RG5569
<b>Date [inclusive]:</b>	1895-2007
<b>Physical Description:</b>	1.21 Cubic Feet (3 boxes)
<b>Language of the Material:</b>	English .
<b>Abstract:</b>	The Washburn Congregational Church was gathered in the summer of 1895 in Half Day, Illinois. Due to the changes of town borders, the church existed in Half Day, Prairie View, and then finally Lincolnshire. The church closed around 2011. This collection contains both administrative and membership records and includes meeting minutes, vital records, auxiliary club records, and scrapbooks.

### Preferred Citation

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## Historical Note

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The Washburn Congregational Church was gathered in the summer of 1895 in Half Day, Illinois. It was named after Seth Washburn, who had been appointed as the first postmaster in Lake County in 1836 and whose land the church was built on after his descendants donated it. Though the church building never changed after its initial construction, the town borders

surrounding it fluctuated between Half Day, Prairie View, and finally Lincolnshire. The church joined the United Church of Christ. The church closed around 2011, the last year it appears in the UCC yearbook.

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## Scope and Contents

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This collection contains both administrative and membership records for the Washburn Congregational Church in Lincolnshire, Illinois. The records include meeting minutes and other types of church records, cradle rolls, membership records, auxiliary club records, women's group records, and scrapbooks.

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## Arrangement

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This collection has been arranged into chronological order by start date.

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## Administrative Information

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## Acquisition Information

Materials were donated to the Congregational Library & Archives by the Illinois Conference of the United Church of Christ in December 2024; accession number 2024-46. The 1895 correspondence and the 1954 annual report were transferred to the archive from the library, January 2026.

## Processing Information

This collection was processed by Zachary Bodnar, January 2026, according to the rules of Describing Archives: A Content Standard.

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## Controlled Access Headings

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- Baptismal records.
- Church membership.
- Church records and registers.
- Marriage records.
- Necrologies.
- Scrapbooks.
- Women -- Societies and clubs.
- Half Day (Ill.) -- Church history.
- Lincolnshire (Ill.) -- Church history.
- Prairie View (Ill.) -- Church history.
- Washburn Congregational Church (Half Day, Ill.)
- Washburn Congregational Church (Lincolnshire, Ill.)
- Washburn Congregational Church (Prairie View, Ill.)

## Bibliography

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Gale, Neil. "Lost Towns of Illinois – Half Day, Illinois." *Digital Research Library of Illinois History Journal* (blog), published December 25, 2016. Accessed January 13, 2026. <https://drloihjournal.blogspot.com/2016/12/lost-towns-of-illinois-half-day-illinois.html>

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## Collection Inventory

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Title/Description	Instances	
Funerals, 1877-1954	box 1	volume 1
Correspondence, 1895	box 3	folder 1
Church records, 1895-1932	box 1	volume 2
Baptisms and marriages, 1895-1954	box 1	volume 3
Scrapbook, 1895-1987	box 3	volume 2
Cradle roll, 1910-1945	box 1	volume 4
Vernon social club records, 1915-1917	box 1	volume 5
Church membership, 1917-1955	box 2	volume 1
Vernon social club records, 1918-1920	box 1	volume 6
Church membership, 1933-1952	box 1	volume 7
Cradle roll, 1941-1947	box 1	volume 8
Church records, 1943-1951	box 1	volume 9
Cradle roll, 1945-1951	box 1	volume 10
Church records, 1951-1955	box 2	volume 2
Annual report, 1954	box 3	folder 2
Constitutions, 1954, 1970	box 1	folder 1
Women's fellowship records, 1957-1961	box 2	volume 3
Church records, 1960-1986	box 2	volume 4
Women's fellowship records, 1962-1970	box 1	folder 2
1922 building dedication service program photocopy, 1987	box 1	folder 3
Scrapbook, 1988-2007	box 3	volume 1

