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Summary Information

Repository:	Congregational Library & Archives
Creator:	First Congregational Church (Manchester, Vt.)
Title:	Manchester, Vt. First Congregational Church records, 1804-1867.
ID:	RG5359
Date [inclusive]:	1804-1867
Physical Description:	2 Volumes
Language of the Material:	English
Abstract:	The First Congregational Church in Manchester Vermont was first organized in 1784 with Rev. Job Swift as the first minister. Three meeting houses have been constructed by the church, the first in 1779, the second in 1829, and the third in 1862. This collection contains the early administrative records of the church which include meeting minutes, vital records, and church governance records.

Preferred Citation

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Historical Note

The First Congregational Church in Manchester Vermont was first organized in 1784 with seven founding members. Rev. Job Swift was ordained the first minister and in 1779 the first meeting house was constructed. In 1818, the Rev. Lemual Haynes, who was of African descent, was ordained the seventh minister of the church. The first meeting house was razed in 1829 and the second constructed by the Fall of that year. A parsonage was built in 1862. The third, and last, meeting house was constructed 1871. In 1925 the church interior was renovated and in 1929 an organ was installed along with choir pews. In 1960 a new three-manual organ was installed. The First Congregational Church continues to serve the Manchester community today.

Ministers	
Job Swift	1783-1785
Bogue	1797-1798
Wetmore	1803-1804
James Davis	1804-1805
Abel Farley	1805-1812
Amos Pettibone	1813-1816
Lemuel Haynes	1818-1822
E. W. Rossiter	1822-1823
H. A. Parsons	1824-1826
Johnson	circa 1827
L. L. Tilden	circa 1828
James Anderson	1829-1858
N. L. Upham	1859-1861
R. S. Cushman	1862-1877
Albert C. Reed	1878-1884
Allen Clark	1885-1886
E. P. Wild	1886-1890
J. D. Adam	1892-1893
George Smart	1894-1902
John Barstow	1902-1906

Vincent Ravi (Booth)	1907-1909
Sidney K. Perkins	1910-1921
John E. TenDyke	1922-1925
D. Cunningham Graham	1925-1931
Eric Allen	1931-1939
Walker T. Hawley	1939-1947
Lawrence W. Fairchild	1948-1951
Raymond Putnam	1952-1955
E. H. Nickerson	1955-1964

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Scope and Contents

This collection contains two volumes of church records dating from 1804-1867. The collection includes meeting minutes, records of votes, baptismal records, membership lists, records of deaths, annual reports, and church governance records.

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Arrangement

Records have been arranged chronologically by start date.

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Administrative Information

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Revision Description

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Acquisition Information

Materials were temporarily loaned to the Congregational Library and Archives, November 2017, by Anne Ehret of the First Congregational Church in Manchester, Vt for the purpose of digitization. Materials were returned following digitization; Accession 2017-16.

Location of Originals

The physical volumes are currently held by the First Congregational Church in Manchester Vermont.

Accruals

Additional accruals are expected for this collection in the form of full-text transcription. There is no anticipated date for this accrual.

Processing Information

Processed by Susan Stanley, April 2018, using DACS Second Edition. Additional description by Zachary Bodnar, September 2018.

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Controlled Access Headings

- Baptismal records.
- Church discipline.
- Church membership.
- Church records and registers -- Vermont -- Manchester.
- Necrologies.
- New England's Hidden Histories.
- First Congregational Church (Manchester, Vt.)
- Manchester (Vt.) -- Church history.

Technical Requirements

To access digital user's copies via online-interface, a java-enabled web browser is required. Internet Explorer 8.x and later, Firefox 5.x and later, Opera 12 and later, Safari 5.x and later, or any version of Google Chrome are recommended.

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Bibliography

History of the First Congregational Church of Manchester, Vermont 1784-1959. Manchester, Vt, 1959.
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Collection Inventory

Title/Description	Instances
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Church records, 1804-1828

Digital Copies:

Digital Copies

These church records were digitized as part of the New England's Hidden Histories project. Digital reproductions are [available to view online](#).

Scope and Contents

This volume of church records contains the church covenant and confession of faith, lists of members, baptismal records, records of deaths, meeting minutes, and records of votes.

Church records, 1829-1867

Digital Copies:

Digital Copies

These church records were digitized as part of the New England's Hidden Histories project. Digital reproductions are [available to view online](#).

Scope and Contents

This volume of church records contains meeting minutes, annual reports, records of votes, notices of baptism, dismissal, and admission, as well as a list of members with dates of admission, death, dismissal, and excommunication. The volume also contains a copy of the church covenant, confession of faith, and by-laws.