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Summary Information

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Creator:	Bucklin, Sylvester F. (Sylvester Fuller), 1784-1860
Creator:	Field, Levi A. (Levi Alpheus), 1821-1859
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Creator:	First Congregational Church (Marlborough, Mass.)
Creator:	First Evangelical Congregational Society (Marlborough, Mass.)
Creator:	Goodhue, John N. (John Northend), 1810-1839
Creator:	Ogden, David L. (David Longworth), 1792-1863
Creator:	Packard, Asa, 1758-1843
Creator:	Union Congregational Church (Marlborough, Mass.)
Creator:	Union Society of Marlborough (Marlborough, Mass.)
Title:	Marlborough, Mass. First Church records, 1704-2002.
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Physical Description:	1.81 Cubic Feet (4 boxes)
Language of the Material:	English .
Abstract:	The First Parish Church was organized in 1666. Shortly after the formation of the First Congregational Evangelical Society in 1833, members of the First Church voted to worship with this society, and in 1835 the First Parish and the First Evangelical Congregational Society were incorporated as the Union Society. The church was renamed the Union Church in Marlborough to reflect this new merger, and was most recently renamed in 1913 as First Church. The First Congregational Church in Marlborough records document the history of the organization, the First Parish in Marlborough, and the Union Society, including membership, pastoral care, finances, and church life. Included in the records are meeting minutes, reports,

correspondence, architectural drawings, land plans, booklets, deeds, newspaper clippings, and photographs.

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Historical Note

The town of Marlborough was incorporated in 1660. The First Parish Church was originally organized in 1666. In 1662, a rate of 2 pence per acre was levied upon all properties in order to raise funds to build a Meeting House; and in 1664, a rate of 3 and ¼ pence was levied to complete the building. This first Meeting House stood on the old Common, but was burnt down by Native Americans in 1676. A new Meeting House was soon erected, but did not remain in active use for long. In 1688, a larger meeting house was built near the site of the former buildings and served as a place of worship until 1809. Rev. William Brimsmead was the first minister of the town.

In December of 1804, a committee of seven members was chosen by the town to report on a petition put forth by the westerly population. The petition meant to separate the town into Eastern and Western sections. Although the committee members were in favor of the split, the town would not adopt their report. Opposing propositions from the eastern and western populations of Marlborough on where to build the new meeting house eventually resulted in the split of the town into the East and West Parishes, and a corresponding division in the church. A new meeting house was set up at Spring Hill and was opened for public service in 1806. Simultaneously, the inhabitants of the western section of Marlborough had taken steps to form a new Parish and a new meeting house. In 1808, the western part of town was incorporated as the Second Parish in Marlborough, and on the fifth of March, the West Church was organized.

In 1833, 50 members of the First Parish withdrew in order to form the First Evangelical Congregational Society. Not long after, the remaining members of the First Parish voted to form a union with the First Evangelical Society. On April 1, 1835 the First Parish and the First Evangelical Congregational Society were incorporated as the Union Society. In 1836, the East Church in Marlborough (formerly called the First Parish Church) was officially renamed the Union Church in Marlborough. In 1852, the Meeting House on Spring Hill was destroyed in a fire. A new meeting house was completed in 1853 which is still in use today. The Union Church in Marlborough was incorporated in 1891. At a meeting held on March

28, 1913, church members voted to rename the church, the First Church in Marlborough, Congregational. The parish voted to join the United Church of Christ in 1961.

The First Church in Marlborough, Congregational, UCC continues to serve the local community today.

Ministers	
William Brinsmead	1666-1701
Robert Breck	1704-1731
Benjamin Kent	1733-1735
Aaron Smith	1740-1778
Asa Packard	1785-1806
Sylvester F. Bucklin	1808-1832
Charles Forbush	1833-1834
John N. Goodhue	1836-1839
George E. Day	1840-1847
David L. Ogden	1848-1850
Levi A. Field	1853-1859
George N. Anthony	1860-1869
Charles R. Treat	1870-1873
John Willard	1873-1879
Samuel E. Eastman	1880-1881
Albert F. Newton	1882-1892
William F. Stearns	1893-1895
Lincoln B. Goodrich	1896-1905

Albert H. Wheelock	1906-1916
Belvo Z. Stambaugh	1916-1920
Stanley H. Addison	1921-1928
Albert E. Beaumont	1928-1935
Alfred E. Wheeler	1942-1945
Norman C. MacLean	1954-1961
John W. Morrow	1961-1972
Zaven Dohanian	1973-1980
Jeffrey Marks, Assistant Pastor	1976-1976
Chester Dziczek, Assistant Pastor	1977
Wayne N. Pruitt	1981-1993
Mary Aberg, Associate Pastor	1989-1992
Richard L. Weber	1993-2000
Gail H. Kendrick, Associate Pastor	1994-1998
Deborah Loomis Lafond	2002-2006
M. Elizabeth Waters, Revitalization Pastor	2006-2010
Kazimierz Bem	2011–present

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Scope and Contents

The records of the First Congregational Church in Marlborough include membership lists, church financial records, meeting minutes and reports, personal and church correspondence,

architectural drawings, newspaper clippings, and photographs. The records document the history and function of the Congregational church and its 19th century offshoots, the First Evangelical Society and Union Society records. Also included are pastoral records, which include the personal records of important ministers in the church's history, property records, and microfilm copies of some of the oldest records.

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Arrangement

This collection is organized into seven series. Within each series, volumes and folders are arranged chronologically by the start date.

Series 1: First Church records, 1704-1977

Series 2: First Parish records, 1806-1876

Series 3: First Evangelical Society records, 1833-1839

Series 4: Union Society records, 1803-1903

Series 5: Ministerial records, 1778-2002

Series 6: Architectural and Property drawings, 1866-1963

Series 7: Microfilm, 1982

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Administrative Information

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Acquisition Information

Church and Society records were permanently loaned to the Congregational Library & Archives in December 2015 by the First Church of Marlboro, Massachusetts, as part of RG5305. Additional items permanently loaned to the Congregational Library & Archives by Rev. Kazimierz Bem.

Microfilm gifted to the Congregational Library & Archives in 1980 by the First Church of Marlboro, Massachusetts.

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

Originally processed by Corinne Bernstein, April 2016, using DACS Second Edition. Re-processed by Zachary Bodnar, October 2017. Additional material incorporated into the collection in June 2023.

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Related Materials

Related Materials

By First Church and Second Church of Marlborough: Boston, MA: First Church and Second Church. (1972) (17.11.1 B65.5 FIRSCB BOX 3)

Marlborough, MA: First Church of Marlborough. (1966) (17.11.1 M34.36 FIRCM)

By First Parish Church: New Marlborough, Mass. First Parish Church records, 1794-1860. (1860) (RANGE 4 SHELF 26)

By Ella A. Bigelow: Historical reminiscences of the early times in Marlborough, Massachusetts, and prominent events from 1860 to 1910 : including brief allusions to many individuals, and an account of the celebration of the two hundred and fiftieth anniversary of the incorporation of the town. (1910) (T M34.3BI)

By Charles Hudson and Joseph Allen: History of the town of Marlborough, Middlesex county, Massachusetts, from its first settlement in 1657 to 1861; with a brief sketch of the town of Northborough, a genealogy of the families in Marlborough to 1800, and an account of the celebration of the two hundredth anniversary of the incorporation of the town (1862) (T M34.3H)

By Franklin P. Rice and George Maynard: Marlborough, Massachusetts, burial ground inscriptions: Old Common, Spring Hill, and Brigham cemeteries. (1908) (T M34.3)

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Controlled Access Headings

- Baptismal records.
- Church architecture -- Designs and plans.
- Church finance.
- Church lands.
- Church membership.
- Church records and registers.
- Clippings (Books, newspapers, etc.).
- Marriage records.
- New England's Hidden Histories.
- Pews and pew rights.
- Sermons, American -- Early works to 1800.
- Sermons, American.

- Unitarian controversy.
- First Church in Marlborough (Congregational) (Marlborough, Mass.)
- First Congregational Church (Marlborough, Mass.)
- First Evangelical Congregational Society (Marlborough, Mass.)
- Marlborough (Mass.) -- Church history.
- Union Congregational Church (Marlborough, Mass.)
- Union Society of Marlborough (Marlborough, Mass.)

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.

A microfilm reader is required in order to access microform materials. One microfilm reader is available to the public upon request.

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Bibliography

Field, L. A. *An Historical Sketch of the First Congregational Church in Marlborough Mass., With the Exercises at the Celebration of the Fiftieth Anniversary of Rev. Sylvester F. Bucklin's Ordination, as Pastor of Said Church.* Worcester: Henry J, Howland, Printer, 1859.

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Collection Inventory

First Church records, 1704-1977

Physical Description: 15 Files (5 volumes, 10 folders)

Scope and Contents

This series contains 5 volumes of records for the First Church including meeting minutes and membership records. This series also 8 folders of records including sermon pamphlets, weekly sermon

records, early church covenants, building, repair, expansion records for the meeting house, written histories of the church, financial records, and pew sale records.

Title/Description	Instances	
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First Church Records Vol. 1, 1704-1802, 1852, 1852	box 2	volume 1
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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 includes a list of recipients of the 1704 church covenant, lists of church members, church meeting minutes and records of votes, baptism and marriage records, lists of recipients of renewed covenants, lists of members entered into renewed full communion, and lists of church admittances.

First Church Records Vol. 2, 1802-1833	box 2	volume 2
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Digital Copies:

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Scope and Contents

This volume includes an index of the volume's records, a history of the church, baptisms, full communion recipients, baptismal covenant recipients, meeting minutes, changes in the Deacon's office, people dismissed to other churches, people received from other churches, and donations to the poor of the church.

Sermon pamphlets, 1730-1783	box 1	folder 2
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Digital Copies:

Digital Copies

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

Scope and Contents

This folder contains five handwritten sermon pamphlets. The first sermon was preached by the Rev. Prentice on the occasion of the "indisposition" of the Rev. Robert Breck, who was the minister at Marlsborough in 1730, and draws upon a portion

of Matthew 4:24. The second sermon was preached about 1 John 3:9 and also includes a list of dates and locations for where the sermon was preached. The third sermon does not appear to cite a bible verse. The fourth sermon was based on Joshua 24:15 and includes a list of locations and dates it was preached. The fifth sermon was based on Philippians 4:6.

Separated Materials:

Separated Materials

David Goodale's Book, Meliscent Warren Goodale's Sermon Book, and Two Discourses by Aaron Smith were removed from this folder and described separately.

First Church records and covenants, 1739-1741, undated box 1 folder 3

Existence and Location of Copies:

Existence and Location of 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 folder contains two versions of the Marlborough Church Covenant and a copy of the Baptismal Covenant. Also included is a record of votes held at a church meeting regarding the pay of Abraham Williams.

Separated Materials:

Separated Materials

The Marlborough Church records, 1778-1785, and An Historical Sketch of the First Congregational Church, 1859, were removed from this folder and described separately.

Marlborough Church records, 1778-1785 box 2 volume 3

Digital Copies:

Digital Copies

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Scope and Contents

This volume contains the church records from 1778-1885 as recorded by Peter Wood, who was voted church clerk on April 29, 1778. The records include meeting minutes, records of votes, including the voting in of officers in 1778. Also included within

the records are a list of members who received Full Communion, and a list of those who received their Baptismal Covenants.

Meeting House records, 1800-1888	box 1	folder 5
First Church records, 1806-1809	box 1	folder 7

Scope and Contents

This folder of church records includes a communication with Peter Wood, the clerk, a record of a vote to form a committee regarding the choice of Timothy Davis for "Gospel Minister", a note regarding the collection of church taxes, and a letter from the "Easterly part, or branch, of the Church of Christ in Marlborough" calling for a town meeting to settle Timothy Davis.

David Goodale's Book, 1806-1853	box 1	volume 9
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Scope and Contents

This volume, maintained by David Goodale, is a weekly record of sermons preached "in the New Meeting House." For each mass, David provided the name of the preacher, the date, the bible verse of the sermon, and a transcription of the bible passage. There are large gaps in the records after 1809.

Meliscent Warren Goodale sermon book, 1839-1853, 1967	box 1	volume 10
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Scope and Contents

This volume, maintained by Meliscent Warren Goodale, contains weekly records about the sermons that were preached at the First Congregational Church. For each mass, Meliscent provided the name of the preacher, the date, the bible verse of the sermon, and a short transcription of the bible passage. There are large gaps in the records after 1842. Also included is a letter which described how the volume was added to the collection.

Sale of Pews, 1807-1893	box 1	folder 8
First Church and West Church History, 1830-1850	box 1	folder 10
Goodale Property records, 1834-1842	box 1	folder 12
Monson Church Covenant, handmade envelope, facsimile of the first paper issued by Franklin, First Church Crier, 1856, 1977	box 1	folder 21
Untitled Sermon Notes, June 9th	box 1	folder 29

Scope and Contents

These untitled sermon notes were found along side the Funeral Sermon for Rev. Robert Buck, but it was clear that this was a separate document so it was removed and given its own folder.

Funeral Sermon for Rev. Robert Buck by Rev. Nathan Stone, January 17, 1731	box 1	folder 30
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First Parish records, 1806-1876

Physical Description: 6 Files (3 volumes, 3 folder)

Scope and Contents

This series contains 3 volumes of records including meeting minutes and financial records. This series also contains a folder of records for the First Parish.

Title/Description	Instances	
First Parish records, 1806-1876	box 1	folder 1

Scope and Contents

This folder contains loose leaf records including handwritten copies of First Parish records, a handwritten copy of the petition to incorporate First Parish and the First Evangelical Congregational Society as the Union Society, warrants for Parish meetings, a list of Parish officers, a copy of the act of incorporation, records related to the division of church property between East and West Parishes, copies of Parish committee reports, and collectors' and treasurers' bonds.

Separated Materials:

Separated Materials

The Parish tax book was removed from this folder and described as a single volume.

First Parish records, 1808-1835	box 1	volume 1
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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 includes meeting minutes, notes of hand in the treasury, warrants issued to Parish collectors, responses of Parish collectors, prudential committee meeting minutes and reports, and reports to the auditors of the treasury. On page 39, there is a report of Joseph Williams Junior selling a pew to Samuel How.

First Parish Pew Sales, January 27, 1806	box 2	folder 1
Parish Tax book, 1808	box 1	volume 2

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 is a tax book created by Herman Stow, the parish collector, in 1808, which includes a list of parishioner names and their tax payments broken down by tax categories.

Prudential Committee of the First Parish records, 1809-1853	box 1	volume 3
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Scope and Contents

This volume includes meeting minutes, accounts for the sale of meeting house pews, committee orders to treasurers, committee warrants to collectors, and Union Society meeting minutes.

First Parish finances of members, 1818	box 1	folder 31
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First Evangelical Society records, 1833-1839

Physical Description: 2 Files (1 volume, 1 folder)

Scope and Contents

This series contains the records of the First Congregational Evangelical Society. Included in the records are correspondence with ministers, records of Rev. Forbush's relationship with the First Evangelical Society, members lists, and ecclesiastical council meeting minutes.

Title/Description	Instances	
First Evangelical Congregational Society records, 1833-1834	box 3	volume 2

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 includes an 1833 record of a First Parish meeting, an 1834 society vote to increase the 400 dollar salary of Mr. Forbush by 100 hundred dollars, an 1833 record of new members to the Evangelical Congregational Society, a list of original members to the society, and meeting minutes. Beginning on page 13 is Reverend Charles Forbush's response to the invitation to become pastor of East Church and the First Evangelical Congregational Society in 1833. Beginning on page 19 is Charles Forbush's letter dissolving his connection to the church and society in 1834.

First Evangelical Congregational Society records, 1833-1839 box 1 folder 24

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 folder contains records related to the separation of the First Evangelical Congregational Society from the First Parish. Included within the documents are the records of multiple ecclesiastical councils called to discuss unification of the two church societies, numerous ministerial replies to calls to preach, records of early demands made to unify the church that ultimately fell through, and letters from former pastors encouraging the two church societies to reunite.

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Union Society records , 1833-1903

Physical Description: 8 Files (3 volumes, 5 folders)

Scope and Contents

This series contains two volumes of records for the Union Society and a volume of records for the Prudential Committee. Also present are five folders of records. Within the records are meeting minutes,

financial records, membership records, warrants to collectors and collector responses, property records, and deacon records.

Title/Description	Instances	
Union Society Property records, 1833-1903	box 1	folder 25
Union Society records, 1835-1852	box 3	volume 3

Scope and Contents

This volume includes meeting minutes, warrants for meetings, collectors' responses to warrants, annual meeting minutes, and a list of society members from 1837.

Union Society records, 1835-1892	box 3	volume 4
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Scope and Contents

This volume includes an 1853 copy of the 1835 act of incorporation, warrants for meetings, collectors' responses to warrants, meeting minutes, annual meeting minutes, building committee of the Union Society reports, Prudential Committee reports, an 1885 list of contributors donating to Union Society debt relief, an 1851 newspaper clipping regarding a land dispute between the Union Society and the inhabitants of Marlborough, a member list from 1853, and reports from the committee to appraise pews. On page 74 there is a copy of Reverend George E Day's communication to the Union Church and Society from 1847. On page 96 there is a record of the Union Society establishing the Eastern Boundary of the Common. On page 132, there is a letter of acceptance from Reverend Levi A. Field from 1853. On page 133, there is a letter of acceptance from Reverend George Anthony from 1880. On page 280 there is Reverend Charles R. Trust's letter of resignation and on page 304 are the society's by laws which were adopted in 1877.

Formation of the Union Society, 1835-1860	box 1	folder 26
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Scope and Contents

This folder contains documents related to the formation of the Union Society in Marlborough. Included in the folder are two copies of "An Act to incorporate the Union Society", lists of voters in the society for 1841 and 1842, financial records, and two statements of "Bonding" with the Union Society: one for Israel L Ames and one for John Goodale, both treasurer and collector.

Union Society records, 1835-1860	box 1	folder 27
Meeting House records, 1852-1867	box 1	folder 18

Prudential Committee of the Union Society records, 1853-1868	box 3	volume 5
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Scope and Contents

This volume includes records of donations made by members of the Union Society, meeting minutes, requests to the treasurer and collector of the union society to pay member bills, reverends' salaries and to make charges to the society. Also included are annual meeting minutes, and records off bills approved and drawn by the Prudential Committee for 1870.

Deacons of First Church records, 1854-1889	box 1	folder 20
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Ministerial records, 1778-2002

Physical Description: 18 Files (12 folders, 6 volume)

Scope and Contents

This series contains the records, history, and publications of the ministers from Marlborough. Included in the records are personal correspondence, ecclesiastical council minutes, meeting minutes, published sermons, a church history, photographs of grave sites,

Title/Description	Instances
Reverend Aaron Smith records, 1778, 1964-2002	box 1 folder 4

Existence and Location of Copies:

Existence and Location of Copies

This ministerial record was digitized as part of the New England's Hidden Histories project. Digital reproductions are [available to view online](#).

Scope and Contents

This folder contains the minutes of an Ecclesiastical Council convened following the death of Rev. Aaron Smith, photographs of his grave and a transcription of the inscription on the tombstone, and two newspaper clippings: the first about Smith's house and the second about the Old Wayland Cemetery.

Two Discourses by Aaron Smith, 1749	box 1	volume 8
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Scope and Contents

This volume is a loosebound print publication of two sermons preached by Aaron Smith, the pastor "of the Church in Marlsborough." Both sermons are based on a passage from Lev. 26. 3-4.

The full title reads: "Some Temporal Advantages in Keeping Covenant with GOD, Considered and Applied in Two Discourses from Lev. 26. 3, 4. Delivered June 15th 1749, Being a Day of publick Fasting, on Occasion of the extream Drought."

Reverend Asa Packard records, 1805-1806, 1972

box 1

folder 6

Digital Copies:

Digital Copies

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Scope and Contents

This folder contains the records of several council meetings which were called by Rev. Asa Packard in 1805 and 1806 in response to a split in the First Church which resulted in the building of two meeting houses. Also included in the folder are photographs of his and his wife's graves as well as transcriptions of the inscriptions. There is also a newspaper clipping from 1972 about Packard and his home.

Reverend Sylvester Bucklin records, 1808-1859, 1971

box 1

folder 9

Scope and Contents

This folder contains a number of church communications and records related to the Rev. Sylvester Bucklin. Included in those records is his acceptance letter for the call to settle, committee correspondence, a note regarding payments, and issued warrants for parish meetings. Additionally, the folder contains are photographs of the Bucklin family grave sites and transcriptions of the inscriptions on their tomb stones.

Separated Materials:

Separated Materials

The Sylvester F. Bucklin Ordination Sermon, 1809, and Bucklin's Fiftieth Anniversary Sermon, 1859, were removed from this folder and described separately.

Sylvester F. Bucklin Ordination Sermon, 1809

box 1

volume 5

Scope and Contents

This is a softbound print volume of a sermon delivered by Pitt Clark for the ordination of Rev. Sylvester Bucklin.

The full title reads: "A Sermon Delivered in Marlborough at the Ordination of the Rev. Sylvester F. Bucklin November 2, 1808."

Bucklin's Fiftieth Anniversary Sermon, 1859	box 1	volume 6
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Scope and Contents

This is a softbound print volume of a Sermon preached by Rev. Sylvester F. Bucklin on the fiftieth anniversary of his ordination.

The full title reads: "A Sermon Preached in Marlborough, Mass., Nov. 3, 1858, by Rev. Sylvester F. Bucklin, on the Fiftieth Anniversary of his Ordination as Pastor of the East Church in that Town."

Reverend Charles Forbush records, 1832-1834	box 1	folder 11
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Scope and Contents

This folder contains personal and church correspondence of Rev. Charles Forbush. Included in the records are the records of an Ecclesiastical Council meeting held at Forbush's house, and his acceptance of calls to settle in the Evangelical Church in Marlborough and the Congregational Church Society in Northbridge.

Reverend John N. Goodhue records, 1836-1839	box 1	folder 13
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Reverend George E. Day records, 1840-1846	box 1	folder 14
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Reverend Kent newspaper clipping, 1842	box 1	folder 15
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Reverend William Brinsmead records, 1842-1889	box 1	folder 16
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Reverend David L. Ogden records, 1848-1850	box 1	folder 17
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Reverend Levi A. Field records, 1853-1880	box 1	folder 19
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Levi A. Field's Sermons, 1960	box 1	volume 7
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Physical Description: 3 Volumes

Scope and Contents

Three copies of a printed volume of select sermons preached by Rev. Levi A. Field while a minister in Marlborough.

The full title reads: "Sermons Preached by Rev. Levi A. Field Late Pastor of the Union Church and Society Marlboro, Mass. with the Funeral Sermon and Obituary by Rev. Edmund Powse, Sherborn, Mass."

Levi A. Field's "History of the Church" and Sylvester Bucklin's 50th Anniversary Sermon, 1858-1859	box 3	volume 1
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Scope and Contents

This volume includes a history of the church written by Levi A. Field and the exercises from the celebration of the fiftieth anniversary of Reverend Sylvester Bucklin's ordination.

An Historical Sketch of the First Congregational Church, 1859	box 1	volume 4
Reverend Robert Breck records, 1857	box 1	folder 22
Reverend George Anthony records, 1860-1868	box 1	folder 23

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Architectural and Property drawings, 1866-1963

Physical Description: 10 Items

Scope and Contents

This series contains architectural drawings and property plans for the Union Society and First Church in Marlborough.

Title/Description	Instances	
Plan of the Commons owned by the Union Society in Marlborough, surveyed by George Ellis, 1866	folder 1	Item 1
Lands of Union Society of Marlborough, surveyed by George Ellis, 1866	folder 1	Item 2
Plan of Land in Marlborough, 1866	folder 1	Item 3
Plan of Land in Marlborough, surveyed by George Ellis & Son, copied by M.P. Rogers, 1866	folder 1	Item 4
Photocopy of Sanborn Map of Marlborough, 1885	box 1	folder 28
Land Plan of Marlborough, surveyed by M. P. Rogers, 1887	folder 1	Item 5
Plan of Land owned by the Union Church in Marlborough, 1902	folder 1	Item 6
Plan of Union Society Parsonage Land, undated	folder 1	Item 7
Alterations to the existing Sunday School Assembly Room for the First Church, architect Earl V. Aldrich, 1963	folder 1	Item 8-9

Physical Description: 2 Items

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Microfilm, 1982

Physical Description: 1 Reels

Scope and Contents

This series contains a single microfilm reel of early church records from the First Church in Marlborough.

Title/Description	Instances
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Marlborough Church records, 1982	reel 1
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Material Specific Details: Contents were microfilmed by the Harvard University Reprographic Services.

Scope and Contents

This reel contains three volumes of early church records from the First Church and First Parish.

- Church Records Vol. 1
- Church Records Vol. 2
- Parish Records

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