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The Congregational Library & Archives' Collection of Medford, Mass. Mystic Congregational Church records, 1847-1978. RG4933

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Summary Information

Repository:	Congregational Library & Archives
Creator:	Mystic Congregational Church (Medford, Mass.)
Title:	The Congregational Library & Archives' Collection of Medford, Mass. Mystic Congregational Church records, 1847-1978.
ID:	RG4933
Date [inclusive]:	1847-1978
Physical Description:	1 X
Language of the Material:	English
Abstract:	The Mystic Congregational Church as well as the Mystic Society was formed in 1847 and closed in 1978. The collection consists primarily of bound ledgers of annual and regular meeting minutes, membership for the church.

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Historical Note

The Mystic Congregational Church as well as the Mystic Society was formed in 1847. In 1874, Mystic and First Trinitarian, also called the Orthodox Church, merged and the meeting house was rededicated in 1876. The congregation closed in 1978. While several members of the Mystic Church joined West Medford and provided significant financial support, there is no record in the West Medford annual reports of a merger between the two churches.

List of Ministers

Abner B. Warner

1847-1853

Jacob M. Manning

1854-1857

Elias Nason

1858-1860

E. P. Hooker

1861-1869

Solon Cobb

1869-1874

Charles H. Baldwin

1875-1881

Theophilus P. Sawin

1881-1886

James. L. Hill

1886-1894

John Barstow

1894-1900

Elijah Hoar

1900-1903

George M. Butler

1904-1917

Cyrus Richardson

1917-1918

Thomas C. Richards

1918-1928

Geroge W. Hylton

1929-1939

Albert A. Madsen

1940-1945

Charles L. Atkins

1945-1950

James E. Hawkins

1950-1956

Ward A. Knights, Jr.

1956-1959

Harold L. Arends

1959-1978

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Scope of the Collection

This collection is contains meeting minutes; Sunday bulletins and programs; correspondence; histories; clippings; photographs. There is a comprehensive run of records from 1847-1962 in bound ledgers, which contain annual and regular meeting minutes, membership for the church. In the history folder,

there is a script that accompanied lantern slides, but the slides were not included when the collections were donated. However, the script was retained since it relates to the history of the church.

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Arrangement

The collection is arranged in chronological order.

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Administrative Information

Publication Statement

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Conditions Governing Access

Access to this collection is unrestricted and open to the public.

Custodial History

Upon the church closing, the West Medford Congregational Church acted as custodian to the remaining records, primarily ledgers. That material was donated along with West Medford Church's records in September, 2014.

Acquisition Information

A gift of the West Medford Congregational Church in September, 2014.

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Related Materials

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Medford, Mass. Mystic Congregational Church local history file, 17.11.1 M46.73 MYSC

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Controlled Access Headings

- Church records and registers -- Massachusetts -- Medford.
- Church societies.
- Installation (Clergy)
- Covenant (Church polity) -- Congregational churches.
- Church membership.
- Mystic Congregational Church (Medford, Mass.)

Collection Inventory

Title/Description	Instances	
Society records, 1847-1907	box 1	volume 1
Church records, 1847-1890	box 1	volume 2
Church records, 1932-1962	box 1	volume 4
Church ledger, 1912-1956	box 1	folder 1
Church records, 1891-1931	box 1	volume 3
Histories of the church, 1922, 1927, 1978	box 1	folder 3
Newspaper clippings, 1922, 1940s-1960s	box 1	folder 4
Correspondence, 1919-1978	box 1	folder 2
Programs and events, 1909-1962	box 1	folder 6
Sunday bulletins and newsletters, 1895-1962	box 1	folder 7
Photographs, 1874-1960s	box 1	folder 5