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## **Newton, Mass. First Church records, 1664-1974. RG0132**

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## Summary Information

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<b>Repository:</b>	Congregational Library & Archives
<b>Creator:</b>	Appleton, Nathaniel, 1693-1784
<b>Creator:</b>	Boynton, M. Russell (Morrison Russell), 1887-1953
<b>Creator:</b>	Bradley, Dwight J. (Dwight Jaques), 1889-1957
<b>Creator:</b>	First Congregational Church (Newton, Mass.)
<b>Creator:</b>	Furber, Daniel Little, 1820-1899
<b>Creator:</b>	Guptill, Nathanael M. (Nathanael Mann), 1917-2007
<b>Creator:</b>	Holmes, Theodore J.
<b>Creator:</b>	Homer, Jonathan, 1759-1843
<b>Creator:</b>	Noyes, Edward MacArthur, 1858-
<b>Creator:</b>	Stocking, Jay T. (Jay Thomas), 1870-1936
<b>Creator:</b>	Weiskel, Frank M., -1996
<b>Title:</b>	Newton, Mass. First Church records, 1664-1974.
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<b>Date [inclusive]:</b>	1664-1974
<b>Physical Description:</b>	20.57 Cubic Feet (25 boxes)
<b>Language of the Material:</b>	English .
<b>Abstract:</b>	The land encompassing today's Newton was first settled by English colonizers in 1630 as part of "the newe towne." In 1681, Cambridge Village was incorporated as a separate town from Cambridge and in 1691 the town was renamed Newtown. The town name was changed yet again in 1766 to Newton. The first meeting house was built in 1660. John Elliot Jr. was installed as the first pastor. The second meeting house was constructed in 1698. In 1720, and again in 1770, the homes of John Cotton and later Jonas Meriam were destroyed by fire and with them the earliest records of the church. The third meeting house was built in 1721 with subsequent meeting houses constructed in 1805, 1847, and 1904. In 1764, a group of parishioners in the western part of Newton built their own meeting house to hold Sunday services, and in 1781 they formally gathered the West

Parish Church. In 1972 the First Church in Newton dissolved after more than three hundred years of service to the Newton community. This collection contains the administrative records of the First Church in Newton, Massachusetts, as well as the records of the members and ministers of the church.

### Preferred Citation

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## Historical Note

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The land encompassing today's Newton was first settled by English colonizers in 1630 as part of "the newe towne," though the lands of this new town were within the traditional tribal lands of the Massachusett peoples. The "newe towne" was renamed to Cambridge in 1638. In 1646 the missionary John Eliot and a small band of Native Americans lead by Waban settled the village of Nonantum, from the Algonquian term for rejoicing, in an area of Cambridge that would be today's Newton. Nonantum became the first of John Eliot's "praying Indian villages." However, five years later, Eliot and Waban were forced to relocate the village and its people to present day Natick due to the insatiable land hunger of the colonists in nearby Cambridge and Boston. In 1681, Cambridge Village was incorporated as a separate town from Cambridge and in 1691 the town was renamed Newtown. The town name was changed yet again in 1766 to Newton.

The first meeting house, built on the site of today's Old Burying Ground, in Newton was built in 1660 by parishioners who had tired of making the trip to Cambridge proper for Sunday worship. In 1664 the Massachusetts General Court granted the parishioners of this area leave to form their own church, the First Congregational Church. That same year John Elliot Jr. was installed as the first pastor of the newly gathered church. The second meeting house was constructed in 1698 across the street from the first meeting house. In 1720, and again in 1770, the homes of John Cotton and later Jonas Meriam were destroyed by fire and with them the earliest records of the church.

In 1721, the church was ordered by the General Court to move their building; that same year saw the construction of the third meeting house and all subsequent meeting houses would be built on the same land. In 1764, a group of parishioners in the western part of Newton built their own meeting house to hold Sunday services, and in 1781 they formally gathered the West Parish Church. The fourth meeting house was constructed in 1805. The Federal Street Church

in Boston gifted First Church its first bell in 1810. The first Sunday school was established in 1816. The fifth meeting house was constructed in 1847.

In 1895, the church and parish organizations incorporated as a single organization. The sixth, and final, meeting house was constructed in 1904. During the 1940s the First Church contemplated the formation of a federated church with the First Baptist Church in Newton, but did not follow through. In 1972 the First Church in Newton dissolved after more than three hundred years of service to the Newton community.

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## Scope and Contents

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This collection contains the administrative records of the First Church in Newton, Massachusetts, as well as the records of the members and ministers of the church. The collection includes church meeting minutes, financial records for the church and building, papers and sermons from ministers, church bulletins and calendars, vital membership records, scrapbooks, diaries, programs, and photographic materials.

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## Arrangement

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This collection has been arranged into the six topical series listed below. Some of those series contain topical sub-series which are also listed below. Within each series materials are arranged in chronological order. When appropriate, closely related and/or continuous materials have been arranged together.

**Series 1:** Church records, 1773-1972

**Series 2:** Membership records, 1664-1973

*Sub-series 1:* Registers and directories, 1664-1973

*Sub-series 2:* Admissions, dismissions, and membership records, 1869-1969

*Sub-series 3:* Vital records, 1904-1967

**Series 3:** Financial records, 1708-1974

*Sub-series 1:* Church finances, 1708-1968

*Sub-series 2:* Building records, 1785-1974

*Sub-series 3:* Pew records, 1805-1902

**Series 4:** Auxiliary groups, 1854-1974

*Sub-series 1:* Sunday School, 1854-1924

*Sub-series 2:* Women's Benevolent and Church Aid Society, 1861-1974

*Sub-series 3:* Benevolence Committee, 1870-1954

*Sub-series 4:* Little People's Mission, 1876-1881

*Sub-series 5:* Furber Circle, 1883-1967

*Sub-series 6:* Young People's Society of Christian Endeavor, 1887-1916

*Sub-series 7:* Ladies Foreign Missionary Society, 1887-1918

*Sub-series 8:* Ladies Furnishing Committee, 1903-1906

*Sub-series 9:* Kelsey Circle, 1938-1967

*Sub-series 10:* The Men's Club, 1939-1959

*Sub-series 11:* Friendly Service Committee, 1939-1972

*Sub-series 12:* Reading Committee, 1946-1960

**Series 5:** Ministerial papers, 1741-1967

*Sub-series 1:* Nathanael Appleton, 1741

*Sub-series 2:* Jonathan Homer, 1763-1839

*Sub-series 3:* Daniel L. Furber, 1824-1899

*Sub-series 4:* Theodore J. Holmes, 1883-1893

*Sub-series 5:* Edward M. Noyes, 1889-1941

*Sub-series 6:* Jay T. Stocking, 1923-1936

*Sub-series 7:* Dwight J. Bradley, 1928-1933

*Sub-series 8:* Morrison Russell Boynton, 1936-1954

*Sub-series 9:* Nathanael M. Guptill, 1953-1958

*Sub-series 10*: Frank M. Weiskel, 1958-1967

**Series 6**: Publications, 1841-1971

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## Administrative Information

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### Acquisition Information

Initial collection was donated to the Congregational Library & Archives by the First Congregational Church in Newton, Massachusetts, in 1972 following the dissolution of the church; no accession number.

An additional accession of a photograph album was added to the collection in 2013; no accession number.

A folder of papers from Samuel Back were transferred to this collection from the The Congregational Christian Church and the Evangelical and Reformed Church Merger Collection (RG5387); 2019-18.

A Cookbook from the Women's Benevolent Society was donated to the Congregational Library & Archives by Myra Dodick in July 2019; 2019-21.

## Digital Copies

Records within this collection were digitized as part of the New England's Hidden Histories project. Digital reproductions may be accessed online through our [digital archive](#).

## 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 process by Sandra Sudak in 1990. Additional processing by Albertina M. Rua in 2003. Re-processed by Zachary Bodnar, May 2022, using DACS Second Edition.

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## Controlled Access Headings

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- Baptismal records.
- Church buildings.
- Church bulletins.
- Church correspondence.
- Church finance.
- Church membership.
- Church records and registers.
- Church societies.
- Clergy -- Correspondence.
- Diaries.
- Fraternal organizations.
- Marriage records.
- Necrologies.
- New England's Hidden Histories.

- Pews and pew rights.
- Photographs.
- Scrapbooks.
- Sermons, American.
- Sermons, American -- Early works to 1800.
- Sunday schools.
- Travel writing.
- First Baptist Church in Newton (Newton Center, Newton, Mass.)
- First Congregational Church (Newton, Mass.)
- Newton (Mass.) -- Church history.

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## Technical Requirements

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To access digital materials on our digital archive, it is strongly recommended that you use the latest available version of Microsoft Edge, Google Chrome, Mozilla Firefox, or Safari (Apple).

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## Collection Inventory

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### Church records, 1773-1972

Physical Description: 62 Folders

Physical Description: 15 Volumes

#### Scope and Contents

This series contains records related to the administration of the church and includes meeting minutes, annual reports, clerk's records, church correspondence, photographs, and anniversary-related records.

Title/Description	Instances	
Church records, 1773-1827	box 2	volume 1
Church records, 1827-1831	box 1	folder 1
Church records, 1827-1873	box 2	volume 2
Church records, 1873-1891	box 2	volume 3
Church records, 1892-1910	box 3	volume 2
Church records, 1910-1931	box 4	volume 2
Miscellaneous church records, 1783-1869	box 22	folder 1
Covenant and confessions of faith, 1830, 1835	box 1	folder 2

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Confession of faith and covenant signers, 1859-1895	box 5	volume 1
Church manuals, 1859-1952	box 24	
Pastoral committee minutes and correspondence, 1859-1966	box 1	folder 3
Pastoral committee minutes, 1929	box 1	folder 5
Pastoral committee minutes, 1953-1954	box 1	folder 25
Standing committee records, 1884-1888	box 1	volume 1
Standing committee records, 1888-1895	box 5	volume 2
Standing committee records, 1895-1929	box 3	volume 1
Standing committee minutes, 1929-1931	box 2	volume 4
Committee on pastorate records, 1893-1894	box 1	volume 2
Candidates for pastorate, 1893-1894	box 1	volume 3
Edward M. Noyes church records, 1894-1895	box 22	volume 4
By-laws, 1895-1956	box 1	folder 4
Prudential committee records, 1895-1931	box 4	volume 1
Annual reports, 1898-1900	box 2	folder 1
Annual reports, 1901-1902	box 2	folder 2
Annual reports, 1903-1904	box 2	folder 3
Annual reports, 1905-1908	box 2	folder 4
Annual reports, 1909-1912	box 2	folder 5
Annual reports, 1913-1916	box 2	folder 6
Annual reports, 1916-1920	box 2	folder 7
Annual reports, 1920-1924	box 2	folder 8
Annual reports, 1927-1928	box 2	folder 9
Annual reports, 1928-1929	box 2	folder 10
Annual reports, 1930-1932	box 1	folder 6
Annual reports, 1933-1937	box 2	folder 11
Annual reports, 1937-1941	box 1	folder 7
Annual reports, 1952-1954	box 1	folder 8
Annual reports, 1955-1959	box 1	folder 9
Annual reports, 1965-1969	box 1	folder 10
Annual reports, 1965-1969	box 1	folder 11
Annual reports, 1970-1971		

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	box 1	folder 12
Missions and missionary correspondence, 1900-1967	box 11	folder 15
Missions and missionary correspondence, 1901, 1925-1927	box 22	folder 2
Missions and missionary correspondence, 1937-1958	box 22	folder 3
240th anniversary dedication of new building, 1903-1904	box 23	folder 1
Communion silver at the MFA, 1911	box 22	folder 4
250th anniversary committee record book, 1912-1914	box 18	volume 1
250th anniversary programs and clippings, 1914	box 18	folder 21
Clerk's records, 1932-1935	box 1	folder 13
Clerk's records, 1936-1938	box 1	folder 14
Clerk's records, 1940-1942	box 1	folder 15
Clerk's records, 1943-1945	box 1	folder 16
Clerk's records, 1946-1948	box 1	folder 17
Clerk's records, 1949-1951	box 1	folder 18
Clerk's records, 1952-1955	box 1	folder 19
Clerk's records, 1956-1960	box 1	folder 20
Clerk's records, 1961-1964	box 1	folder 21
Clerk's records, 1965-1968	box 1	folder 22
275th anniversary, 1939	box 18	folder 22
275th anniversary historical addresses and correspondence, 1939	box 18	folder 23
275th anniversary programs and clippings, 1939	box 18	folder 24
275th anniversary preaching mission and correspondence, 1939-1940	box 18	folder 25
Newton Baptist Church merger records, 1945-1969	box 1	folder 23
Diaconate board minutes, 1961-1964	box 1	folder 26
Diaconate board minutes, 1965-1969	box 1	folder 27
300th anniversary committee minutes and correspondence, 1962-1964	box 18	folder 26
300th anniversary, 1964	box 18	folder 27
300th anniversary addresses, 1964	box 18	folder 28
300th anniversary photographs, 1964	box 22	folder 11
300th anniversary photographs, 1964	box 22	folder 12
Samuel H. Back correspondence, 1964-1966		

	box 1	folder 28
Final service records, 1972	box 22	folder 5
Final service clippings, 1972	box 22	folder 6
Final service program and annotated photographic printouts, 1972	box 22	folder 7
Last service photographs, 1972	box 22	folder 8
Postcards, circa 1972	box 22	folder 9
Communion silver and monument photographs, circa 1972	box 22	folder 10
Choir photographs, undated	box 23	folder 13

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## Membership records, 1664-1973

Physical Description: 56 Folders

Physical Description: 11 Volumes

### Scope and Contents

This series, which contains three sub-series, contains records relating to the members of the First Church and includes vital records, such as baptismal and marriage records, records of admissions and dismissions, records relating to members, and member registers.

## Registers and directories, 1664-1973

Physical Description: 4 Folders

Physical Description: 9 Volumes

### Scope and Contents

This sub-series contains registers, lists of members, and membership indexes.

Title/Description	Instances	
Register, 1664-1973	box 25	
Register, 1773-1867	box 8	volume 1
Absences, 1834-1841	box 5	folder 2
Register, 1835-1838	box 5	volume 3
Register, 1876-1891	box 5	volume 4
Member directory, 1885	box 5	volume 5
Annual roll call, 1890-1891	box 5	volume 6
Membership lists, 1895-1923	box 8	folder 1
Signatures of members, 1895-1971		

	box 5	volume 7
Index of membership, circa 1900-1930	box 8	volume 2
Attendance records, 1902-1957	box 1	folder 24
Member directories, 1923-1924, 1953	box 5	folder 1
Register, 1957-1973	box 5	volume 8
Alphabetical index to chronological membership list, undated	box 8	volume 3

## Admissions, dismissions, and membership records, 1869-1969

Physical Description: 42 Folders

Physical Description: 2 Volumes

### Scope and Contents

This sub-series contains records of admissions and dismissions as well as records relating to the membership and makeup of the First Church and includes photograph albums, membership records, applications and transfer documents, and correspondence.

Title/Description	Instances	
Membership certificates, 1869-1902	box 5	folder 13
Membership certificates, 1921-1928	box 5	folder 14
Membership certificates, 1950-1952	box 5	folder 15
Paul Family album, circa 1870	box 22	volume 2
Paul Family album, circa 1870	box 22	volume 3
Admissions and dismissions, 1871-1902	box 6	folder 1
Admissions and dismissions, 1871-1903	box 6	folder 2
Admissions and dismissions, 1872-1902	box 6	folder 3
Admissions and dismissions, 1878-1902	box 6	folder 4
Admissions and dismissions, 1884-1903	box 6	folder 5
Admissions and dismissions, 1910-1965	box 6	folder 6
Admissions and dismissions, 1926-1949	box 6	folder 7
Admissions and dismissions, 1926-1952	box 6	folder 8
Admissions and dismissions, 1932-1950	box 6	folder 9
Admissions and dismissions, 1950-1965	box 6	folder 10
Dismissions: correspondence, 1887-1891	box 5	folder 16
Member applications, 1912-1918	box 6	folder 11
Member applications, 1921-1929	box 6	folder 12

War of 1812 and Spanish-American War veterans, 1918	box 5	folder 17
Rawlinson family photographs, 1920	box 23	folder 12
World War II scrapbook, 1942	box 23	folder 7
World War II scrapbook, 1943	box 23	folder 8
World War II scrapbook, 1944	box 23	folder 9
World War II scrapbook, 1945	box 23	folder 10
World War II scrapbook, 1946	box 23	folder 11
World War II correspondence, 1942-1943	box 12	folder 4
World War II correspondence, 1944	box 12	folder 5
World War II correspondence, 1945	box 12	folder 6
World War II correspondence, 1944-1946	box 12	folder 7
World War II lists, 1945-1947	box 11	folder 13
Laity sermons, 1943-1963	box 22	folder 13
Active and inactive members, circa 1950-1969	box 9	
Inactive members, circa 1950-1969	box 10	
Dismissions, 1952-1959	box 6	folder 13
Dismissions, 1959-1971	box 6	folder 14
Transfer correspondence and membership certificates, 1953-1954	box 6	folder 15
Transfer correspondence and membership certificates, 1955-1959	box 6	folder 16
Transfer correspondence and membership certificates, 1959-1967	box 6	folder 17
David Ralph "Mac" Maclean jubilee, 1959-1963	box 18	folder 31
New member class photographs, 1959-1965	box 22	folder 14
Andover-Newton Theological school students, 1962-1965	box 22	folder 15
Conscientious objectors, 1964	box 22	folder 16
Unknown portrait, undated	box 23	folder 14
Photographs, undated	box 22	folder 17

## Vital records, 1904-1967

Physical Description: 10 Volumes

## Scope and Contents

This collection contains vital records for the members of the First Church and includes baptismal records, marriage records, and records of deaths.

Title/Description	Instances	
Baptismal records, 1904-1929	box 5	folder 3
Memorandum book, 1914	box 5	folder 4
Funeral records, 1923-1966	box 5	folder 5
Funeral records, 1926-1967	box 5	folder 6
Necrologies, 1930-1937	box 5	folder 7
Deaths: memorandum of data for church records, 1930-1967	box 5	folder 8
Baptisms: correspondence, 1934-1954	box 5	folder 9
Funeral services, eulogies, and correspondence, 1937-1965	box 5	folder 10
Marriages: correspondence, 1938-1951	box 5	folder 11
Marriage certificates, 1939-1953	box 5	folder 12

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## Financial records, 1708-1974

Physical Description: 54 Folders

Physical Description: 29 Volumes

### Scope and Contents

This series, which contains three sub-series, contains records relating to the finances of the First and includes records directly relating to finances and financial records, records relating to the maintenance of the church building, and records relating to pews and pew owners.

## Church finances, 1708-1968

Physical Description: 24 Folders

Physical Description: 17 Volumes

### Scope and Contents

This sub-series contains records relating the finances of the First Church and includes bills and receipts, cash books, ledgers and account books, fundraising records, and parish subscriber records.

Title/Description	Instances	
Account book, 1708-1778	box 7	volume 1
Account book, 1779-1795	box 7	volume 2

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Account book, 1796-1817	box 7	volume 3
Bills and payments, 1780-1800	box 6	folder 18
Bills and payments, 1780-1848	box 8	folder 2
Bills and payments, 1800-1805	box 8	folder 3
Bills and payments, 1801-1814	box 6	folder 19
Bills and payments, 1815-1847	box 6	folder 20
Bills and payments, 1847-1881	box 8	folder 4
Bills and payments, 1869-1903	box 8	folder 5
Bills and payments, 1882-1897	box 8	folder 6
Parish meeting warrants, 1778-1790	box 11	folder 1
Parish meeting warrants, 1791-1805	box 11	folder 2
Parish meeting warrants, 1806-1855	box 11	folder 3
Parish bonds, 1784-1811	box 11	folder 5
Edmund Trowbridge receipts, 1786-1804	box 7	folder 1
Treasurer's account book, 1795-1846	box 8	volume 4
Parish assessments, 1779-1834	box 11	folder 4
Parish tax releases, 1824-1833	box 7	folder 2
Parish tax releases, 1828-1835	box 7	folder 3
Parish subscriptions, 1844	box 7	folder 4
Parish records, 1846-1860	box 11	volume 1
Cash book, 1862-1874	box 8	volume 5
Cash journal, 1888-1895	box 7	volume 10
Cash book, 1896-1907	box 7	volume 11
Financial records, 1882-1895	box 7	volume 4
Financial records, 1896-1904	box 7	volume 5
Financial records, 1905-1909	box 7	volume 6
Communion collections, 1883-1888	box 7	volume 7
Contributions, 1895-1897	box 7	volume 8
Contributions, 1895-1899	box 7	volume 9
Contributions, 1900-1904	box 8	volume 6
Bequests, 1912-1964	box 7	folder 5
Endowments and bequests, 1920-1935	box 7	volume 13

Budgets, 1923-1954	box 7	folder 6
Subscribers, 1935-1943	box 7	volume 14
Canvassing materials, 1938-1959	box 7	folder 7
Canvassing photographs, 1958	box 22	folder 18
Prudential committee minutes, 1941-1960	box 12	folder 1
Prudential committee minutes, 1961-1965	box 12	folder 2
Prudential committee minutes, 1966-1968	box 12	folder 3

## Building records, 1785-1974

Physical Description: 22 Folders

Physical Description: 5 Volumes

### Scope and Contents

This sub-series contains records related to the upkeep of the physical church and includes deeds, building committee records, photographs of church building interiors and exteriors, and building assessments.

Title/Description	Instances	
Building committee records, 1785-1914	box 11	folder 6
Building committee records, 1804-1806, 1869	box 7	volume 15
Building committee records, 1898-1904	box 11	folder 7
Freeholder records, 1778-1805	box 11	volume 2
Freeholders records, 1806-1846	box 8	volume 8
Assessments, 1790-1823, 1878	box 11	folder 8
Meeting house accounts, 1804-1808	box 12	volume 1
Deeds, 1804-1817	box 11	folder 9
Assessments, 1839	box 7	folder 13
Deeds, 1870-1890	box 7	folder 14
Insurance, 1877-1890	box 7	folder 15
"Old meeting house" illustration, 1889	box 22	folder 19
Deeds, 1890-1932	box 11	folder 10
Building committee records, 1891-1902	box 7	folder 16
Building committee records, 1902-1906	box 7	folder 17
Church property records, 1896-1956	box 7	folder 18
Church photographs, circa 1900	box 22	folder 20
5th meeting house interior photographs, circa 1900		

	box 22	folder 21
6th meeting house cornerstone and construction photographs, 1901-1909	box 22	folder 22
5th meeting house deconstruction photographs, 1902	box 22	folder 23
Memorial window fund, 1912-1914	box 7	volume 12
Church additions, 1912-1953	box 11	folder 11
Groundbreaking photographs, 1949	box 22	folder 24
6th meeting house interior photographs, circa 1960	box 22	folder 25
Dispositions of church property, 1972-1974	box 11	folder 12
6th meeting house exterior photographs, undated	box 22	folder 26
6th meeting house glass plate negatives, undated	box 24	folder 3

## Pew records, 1805-1902

Physical Description: 8 Folders

Physical Description: 7 Volumes

### Scope and Contents

This sub-series contains records relating to pews and pew owners and includes pew ledgers, correspondence, pew bills of sales, and records related to the use and maintenance of the horse shed.

Title/Description	Instances	
Pews: correspondence, 1805-1886	box 7	folder 8
Pew deeds, 1806-1852	box 8	folder 8
Pew deeds, 1847-1852	box 8	volume 7
Pewholders and stockholders records, 1846-1855	box 12	volume 2
Proprietors records, 1855-1883	box 12	volume 3
Proprietors records, 1883-1895	box 12	volume 4
Pew plans and valuations, 1847-1888	box 8	folder 9
Horse shed rentals, 1857-1894	box 7	folder 9
Proprietor's pew ledger, 1863-1870	box 7	folder 10
Proprietor's pew accounts, 1868-1896	box 12	volume 5
Pew bills of sales, 1870-1902	box 7	folder 11
Proprietor's pew ledger, 1870-1902	box 12	volume 6
Pew accounts and cash book, 1876-1895	box 12	volume 7
Materials from proprietors records, 1883-1895, 1895	box 8	folder 7
Pew and horse shed payments, undated	box 7	folder 12

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## Auxiliary groups, 1854-1974

Physical Description: 27 Folders

Physical Description: 69 Volumes

### Scope and Contents

This series contains records from auxiliary groups and committees from the First Church in Newton. Included in this series are meeting minutes, scrapbooks, financial records, bulletins, annual reports, and a cook book.

## Sunday School, 1854-1924

Physical Description: 1 Folder

Physical Description: 12 Volumes

### Scope and Contents

This sub-series contains records related to the operation of the Sunday school and includes superintendent's records and attendance records.

Title/Description	Instances	
Sunday school records, 1854-1866	box 13	volume 14
Sunday school records, 1867-1882	box 13	folder 5
Sunday school superintendent's record book, 1867-1868	box 13	volume 15
Sunday school superintendent's record book, 1868-1869	box 13	volume 16
Sunday school superintendent's record book, 1870-1874	box 13	volume 17
Sunday school superintendent's record book, 1872-1874	box 14	volume 1
Sunday school superintendent's record book, 1875-1877	box 14	volume 2
Sunday school superintendent's record book, 1878-1880	box 14	volume 3
Sunday school superintendent's record book, 1880-1881	box 14	volume 4
Sunday school superintendent's record book, 1883-1885	box 14	volume 5
Sunday school attendance records, 1873	box 14	volume 6
Sunday school primary department attendance records, 1916-1923	box 14	volume 7
Sunday school junior department attendance records, 1921-1924	box 14	volume 8

## Women's Benevolent and Church Aid Society, 1861-1974

Physical Description: 14 Folders

Physical Description: 29 Volumes

### Scope and Contents

This sub-series contains the records of the Women's Benevolent and Church Aid Society. The group was originally known as the Ladies Benevolent and Church Aid Society and in its later years was frequently simply called the Women's Benevolent Society. This sub-series includes meeting minutes, financial records, histories, a cook book, and constitutions.

Title/Description	Instances	
Ladies' Benevolent Society records, 1861-1883	box 14	volume 15
Ladies' Benevolent Society records, 1884-1898	box 14	volume 16
Ladies' Benevolent Society records, 1893-1902	box 14	volume 17
Ladies' Benevolent Society records, 1899-1904	box 15	volume 1
Ladies' Benevolent Society records, 1902-1907	box 15	volume 2
Ladies' Benevolent Society records, 1905-1911	box 15	volume 3
Ladies' Benevolent Society records, 1907-1917	box 15	volume 4
Ladies' Benevolent Society records, 1911-1917	box 15	volume 5
Women's Benevolent Society records, 1915-1928	box 14	folder 3
Women's Benevolent Society records, 1916-1928	box 14	folder 4
Women's Benevolent Society records, 1917-1921	box 15	volume 6
Women's Benevolent Society records, 1917-1931	box 15	volume 7
Women's Benevolent Society records, 1918-1924	box 15	volume 8
Women's Benevolent Society records, 1921-1926	box 15	volume 9
Women's Benevolent Society records, 1926-1931	box 15	volume 10
Women's Benevolent Society records, 1931-1936	box 15	volume 11
Women's Benevolent Society records, 1936-1940	box 15	volume 12
Women's Benevolent Society records, 1940-1946	box 15	volume 13
Women's Benevolent Society records, 1946-1954	box 15	volume 14
Women's Benevolent Society records, 1954-1959	box 15	volume 15
Women's Benevolent Society records, 1959-1964	box 14	folder 9
Women's Benevolent Society records, 1965-1972	box 14	folder 10
Ladies Benevolent Society Church Aid Department financial records, 1894-1920	box 15	volume 16
Women's Benevolent Society financial records, 1896-1908	box 16	volume 1
Ladies' Benevolent Society treasurer's account, 1899-1930	box 11	volume 3

Ladies' Benevolent Society Home Missionary Department financial records, 1905-1920	box 16	volume 2
Ladies' Benevolent Society Local Charity General Expense Fund financial records, 1910-1920	box 16	volume 3
Women's Benevolent Society financial records, 1920-1926	box 11	volume 4
Women's Benevolent Society financial records, 1926-1933	box 11	volume 5
Women's Benevolent Society treasurer reports, 1933-1974	box 14	folder 7
Women's Benevolent Society financial records, 1959-1971	box 16	volume 7
Women's Benevolent Society histories, 1909-1974	box 14	folder 2
Women's Benevolent Society constitutions, 1914-1958	box 11	folder 14
Women's Benevolent Society yearbooks, 1917-1971	box 24	
Women's Benevolent Society bequests, 1924-1973	box 14	folder 5
Women's Benevolent Society dues and pledges, 1928-1937	box 16	volume 4
Women's Benevolent Society dues and pledges, 1930	box 16	volume 5
Greetings from Shanghai, 1931	box 14	folder 6
Choice Recipes from Members and Friends of the Women's Benevolent Society, 1939	box 16	volume 6
Women's Benevolent Society annual reports, 1956-1968	box 14	folder 8
Women's Benevolent Society officers and constitution, 1961-1962	box 24	folder 1
Women's Benevolent Society pamphlets and musical, 1969-1973	box 14	folder 11
Diposition of Women's Benevolent Society assets, 1971-1974	box 14	folder 12

## **Benevolence Committee, 1870-1954**

Physical Description: 1 Folder

Physical Description: 7 Volumes

### **Scope and Contents**

This sub-series contains the financial records of the Benevolence Committee.

<b>Title/Description</b>	<b>Instances</b>	
Benevolence financial records, 1870-1888	box 14	volume 9
Benevolence financial records, 1890-1896	box 14	volume 10
Benevolence financial records, 1896-1912	box 14	volume 11
Benevolence financial records, 1896-1899	box 14	volume 12

Benevolence financial records, 1900-1905	box 14	volume 13
Benevolence financial records, 1901-1902	box 14	volume 14
Benevolence financial records, 1905-1911	box 11	volume 6
Benevolence committee records, 1953-1954	box 14	folder 1

## Little People's Mission, 1876-1881

Physical Description: 1 Volume

### Scope and Contents

This sub-series contains a single record book from the Little People's Mission group.

Title/Description	Instances	
Little People's Mission records, 1876-1881	box 12	volume 12

## Furber Circle, 1883-1967

Physical Description: 1 Folder

Physical Description: 6 Volumes

### Scope and Contents

This sub-series contains the records and correspondence of the Furber Society.

Title/Description	Instances	
Furber Society records, 1883-1915	box 13	volume 1
Furber Society records, 1883-1895	box 13	volume 2
Furber Society records, 1896-1902	box 13	volume 3
Furber Society records, 1903-1915	box 13	volume 4
Furber Society correspondence, 1907-1918	box 13	folder 1
Separated Materials:		
<b>Separated Materials</b>		
Materials in this folder were removed from the Furber Society records, 1903-1915.		
Furber Society records, 1916-1919	box 13	volume 5
Furber Circle records, 1959-1967	box 12	volume 15

## Young People's Society of Christian Endeavor, 1887-1916

Physical Description: 3 Folders

Physical Description: 5 Volumes

## Scope and Contents

This sub-series contains the records and bulletins of the Young People's Society of Christian Endeavor.

Title/Description	Instances	
Christian Endeavour Society records, 1887-1891	box 13	volume 6
Christian Endeavour Society bulletins, 1894-1896	box 13	folder 2
Christian Endeavour Society records, 1896-1916	box 13	folder 3
Christian Endeavour Society records, 1896-1901	box 13	volume 7
Christian Endeavour Society records, 1897-1901	box 13	volume 8
Christian Endeavour Society records, 1902-1905	box 13	volume 9
Christian Endeavour Society records, 1904-1906	box 13	folder 4
<u>Separated Materials:</u>		
<b>Separated Materials</b>		
Materials in this folder were removed from Christian Endeavour Society records, 1902-1905		
Christian Endeavour Society records, 1907-1913	box 13	volume 10

## Ladies Foreign Missionary Society, 1887-1918

Physical Description: 3 Volumes

### Scope and Contents

This sub-series contains the records of the Ladies Foreign Missionary Society.

Title/Description	Instances	
Ladies Foreign Missionary Society records, 1887-1898	box 13	volume 11
Ladies Foreign Missionary Society records, 1899-1904	box 13	volume 12
Ladies Foreign Missionary Society records, 1910-1918	box 13	volume 13

## Ladies Furnishing Committee, 1903-1906

Physical Description: 1 Volume

### Scope and Contents

This sub-series contains a record book from the Ladies Furnishing Committee.

Title/Description	Instances	
Ladies Furnishing Committee records, 1903-1906	box 12	volume 13

## Kelsey Circle, 1938-1967

Physical Description: 3 Folders

## Scope and Contents

This sub-series contains the records of the Kelsey Circle. Starting in 1962, some Kelsey Circle documents suggest that the group became a part of the Women's Benevolent Society, though it seems to have continued on as a largely independent group even after 1962.

Title/Description	Instances	
Kelsey Circle records, 1938-1947	box 12	folder 11
Kelsey Circle records, 1948-1955	box 12	folder 12
Kelsey Circle records, 1956-1967	box 12	folder 13

## The Men's Club, 1939-1959

Physical Description: 4 Volumes

### Scope and Contents

This sub-series contains records from the Men's Club and includes a scrapbook, correspondence, and annual reports.

Title/Description	Instances	
Men's Club scrapbook, 1939	box 11	folder 14
Men's Club correspondence, 1939-1940	box 12	folder 8
Men's Club annual reports, 1939-1953	box 12	folder 9
Men's Club records, 1942-1943	box 12	folder 10

## Friendly Service Committee, 1939-1972

Physical Description: 4 Volumes

### Scope and Contents

This sub-series contains the records of the Friendly Service Committee which was originally known as the Sewing Committee.

Title/Description	Instances	
Sewing Committee records, 1939-1942	box 12	volume 8
Sewing Committee records, 1943-1947	box 12	volume 9
Sewing Committee records, 1947-1957	box 12	volume 10
Friendly Service Committee records, 1957-1972	box 12	volume 11

## Reading Committee, 1946-1960

Physical Description: 1 Volume

## Scope and Contents

This sub-series contains a volume of records from the Reading Committee.

Title/Description	Instances	
Reading Committee records, 1946-1960	box 12	volume 14

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## Ministerial papers, 1741-1967

Physical Description: 37 Folders

Physical Description: 9 Volumes

### Scope and Contents

This series contains papers, photographs, sermons, correspondence, diaries, and scrapbooks from the various ministers of the First Church in Newton.

### Nathanael Appleton, 1741

Physical Description: 1 Folder

### Scope and Contents

This sub-series contains a sermon from Nathaniel Appleton.

Title/Description	Instances	
Nathanael Appleton sermon, 1741	box 16	folder 1

### Jonathan Homer, 1763-1839

Physical Description: 3 Folders

### Scope and Contents

This sub-series contains the papers, sermons, and spiritual diary of Jonathan Homer.

Title/Description	Instances	
Jonathan Homer sermons, 1763-1773	box 16	folder 2
Jonathan Homer papers, 1791-1839	box 16	folder 3
Jonathan Homer spiritual diary, 1809-1834	box 16	folder 4

### Daniel L. Furber, 1824-1899

Physical Description: 7 Folders

Physical Description: 8 Volumes

## Scope and Contents

This sub-series contains the papers of Daniel L. Furber and includes collected sermons, correspondence, travel diaries, and photographs.

Title/Description	Instances	
Daniel L. Furber collected sermons, 1824-1860	box 16	volume 11
Daniel L. Furber collected sermons, 1861-1870	box 17	volume 1
Daniel L. Furber collected sermons, 1871-1880	box 17	volume 2
Daniel L. Furber collected sermons, 1881-1890	box 17	volume 3
Daniel L. Furber collected sermons, 1891-1899	box 17	volume 4
Daniel L. Furber papers, 1831-1859	box 16	folder 5
Daniel L. Furber account book, 1850-1898	box 16	volume 8
Daniel L. Furber travel diary, 1869	box 16	volume 9
Daniel L. Furber travel correspondence, 1869-1870	box 16	folder 6
Daniel L. Furber travel diary, 1870	box 16	volume 10
James F. C. Hyde memorial address, 1898	box 16	folder 7
Daniel L. Furber funeral service materials, 1899	box 16	folder 8
Daniel L. Furber daguerreotypes, undated	box 16	folder 9
Daniel L. Furber albumen prints, undated	box 16	folder 10
Daniel L. Furber photographs, undated	box 22	folder 27

## Theodore J. Holmes, 1883-1893

Physical Description: 1 Folder

Physical Description: 1 Volume

### Scope and Contents

This sub-series contains sermons and a biographical sketch from Theodore J. Holmes.

Title/Description	Instances	
Theodore J. Holmes sermons, 1883-1893	box 16	volume 12
Theodore J. Holmes sermons and biographical sketch, 1883-1893	box 16	folder 11

## Edward M. Noyes, 1889-1941

Physical Description: 14 Folders

## Scope and Contents

This sub-series contains sermons, papers, and correspondence from Edward M. Noyes. This sub-series also contains records about the Edward M. Noyes memorial window.

Title/Description	Instances	
Edward M. Noyes sermons, 1889-1900	box 16	folder 15
Edward M. Noyes sermons, 1889-1900	box 18	folder 1
Edward M. Noyes sermons, 1889-1910	box 18	folder 2
Edward M. Noyes sermons, 1890-1902	box 18	folder 3
Edward M. Noyes sermons, 1908-1917	box 18	folder 4
Edward M. Noyes sermons, 1910-1918	box 18	folder 5
Edward M. Noyes sermons, 1911-1918	box 18	folder 6
Edward M. Noyes sermons, 1915-1916	box 18	folder 7
Edward M. Noyes sermons, 1915-1916	box 18	folder 8
Edward M. Noyes sermons, 1916-1917	box 18	folder 9
Edward M. Noyes sermons, 1915-1921	box 18	folder 10
Edward M. Noyes papers, 1894-1939	box 16	folder 12
Edward M. Noyes memorial window, 1913-1941	box 16	folder 13
Edward M. Noyes correspondence, 1938-1941	box 16	folder 14

## Jay T. Stocking, 1923-1936

Physical Description: 3 Folders

### Scope and Contents

This sub-series contains sermons from Jay T. Stocking and also includes a memorial scrapbook for Jay T. Stocking.

Title/Description	Instances	
Jay T. Stocking sermons, 1923-1936	box 18	folder 11
Jay T. Stocking memorial scrapbook, undated	box 18	folder 12
Jay T. Stocking scrapbook, undated	box 18	folder 13

## Dwight J. Bradley, 1928-1933

Physical Description: 1 Folder

### Scope and Contents

This sub-series contains the papers of Dwight J. Bradley.

Title/Description	Instances	
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Dwight J. Bradley papers, 1928-1933

box 18

folder 14

## Morrison Russell Boynton, 1936-1954

Physical Description: 4 Folders

Separated Materials:

### Separated Materials

This sub-series contains the sermons and papers of Morrison Russell Boynton and also includes lectures and photographs.

Title/Description	Instances	
Morrison Russell Boynton papers, 1936-1953	box 18	folder 15
Morrison Russell Boynton sermons, 1939-1953	box 18	folder 16
M. Russell Boynton beach quiet hour lectures, 1946	box 18	folder 17
Morrison Russell Boynton photographs, 1954, undated	box 24	folder 2

## Nathanael M. Guptill, 1953-1958

Physical Description: 1 Folder

### Scope and Contents

This sub-series contains the papers of Nathanael M. Guptill.

Title/Description	Instances	
Nathanael M. Guptill papers, 1953-1958	box 18	folder 18

## Frank M. Weiskel, 1958-1967

Physical Description: 2 Folders

### Scope and Contents

This sub-series contains the papers of Frank M. Weiskel.

Title/Description	Instances	
Frank M. Weiskel papers, 1958-1967	box 18	folder 19
Frank M. Weiskel sermons, 1961-1962	box 18	folder 20

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## Publications, 1841-1971

Physical Description: 11 Folders

Physical Description: 10 Volumes

## Scope and Contents

This series contains calendars, bulletins, and other serial publications produced by the First Church in Newton.

Title/Description	Instances	
Miscellaneous publications, 1841-1889	box 23	folder 6
Church calendars, 1894-1898	box 18	folder 32
Church calendars, 1902-1903	box 18	folder 33
Church calendars, 1899-1901	box 21	volume 1
Church calendars, 1904-1905	box 21	volume 2
Church calendars, 1906-1907	box 21	volume 3
Church calendars, 1908-1909	box 21	volume 4
Church calendars, 1910-1911	box 21	volume 5
Church calendars, 1912-1914	box 21	volume 6
Church calendars, 1915-1919	box 21	volume 7
Church calendars, 1926-1968	box 19	
Miscellaneous publications, 1905-1971	box 18	folder 29
The Welcome, 1921-1923	box 21	volume 8
The Welcome, 1923-1925	box 21	volume 9
The Welcome, 1927-1929	box 22	volume 1
Church news, 1939-1941	box 23	folder 2
Church news, 1942-1944	box 23	folder 3
Church news, 1945-1947	box 23	folder 4
Church news, 1948-1951	box 23	folder 5
Church news, 1951-1954	box 18	folder 30
Church news, 1954-1967	box 20	

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