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Providence, R.I. Hope Street Church records, 1843-1974. RG5548

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Summary Information

Repository:	Congregational Library & Archives
Creator:	Hope Street Church (Providence, R.I.)
Creator:	Free Evangelical Congregational Church (Providence, R.I.)
Title:	Providence, R.I. Hope Street Church records, 1843-1974.
ID:	RG5548
Date [inclusive]:	1843-1974.
Physical Description:	0.18 Cubic Feet (1 box)
Language of the Material:	English .
Abstract:	The Free Evangelical Congregational Church was gathered in Providence, Rhode Island, in 1843. In 1945, the name of the church was changed to Hope Street Church. In 1950, the church merged with the Second Presbyterian Church of Providence. The church still exists today as the Providence Presbyterian Church. This collection contains vital membership records and administrative records and includes vital statistics, meeting minutes, and governance documents.

Preferred Citation

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Historical Note

The Free Evangelical Congregational Church was gathered in Providence, Rhode Island, in 1843. At the time, the church may have also been known as the Fourth Street Church. In 1945, the name of the church was changed to Hope Street Church. In 1950, the church merged with the Second Presbyterian Church of Providence. The Hope Street Church building became

new home of the merged church. The church still exists today as the Providence Presbyterian Church.

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Scope and Contents

This collection contains vital membership records and administrative records for the Hope Street Church in Providence, Rhode Island. The collection includes baptismal records, marriage records, records of deaths, membership records, church meeting minutes, governance records, correspondence, and the 1950 merger agreement between the Hope Street Church and the Second Presbyterian Church.

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Arrangement

Materials in this collection have been arranged in 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 Rhode Island Conference of the United Church of Christ in April 1984; no acquisition information.

Processing Information

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Controlled Access Headings

- Baptismal records.
- Christian union.
- Church membership.
- Church records and registers.
- Marriage records.
- Necrologies.
- Free Evangelical Congregational Church (Providence, R.I.)
- Hope Street Church (Providence, R.I.)
- Providence (R.I.) -- Church history.
- Second Presbyterian Church (Providence, R.I.)

Collection Inventory

Title/Description	Instances	
Church register, 1843-1943	box 1	volume 1

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Vote of appreciation for C. E. Wood, 1915	box 1	folder 1
Governance documents, 1936, 1944	box 1	folder 2
Church records, 1943-1950	box 1	volume 2
Merger agreement, 1950	box 1	folder 3
Correspondence, 1956-1974	box 1	folder 4