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## **Thornton, R.I. Congregational Church of Christ records, 1889-1918. RG5546**

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## Summary Information

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<b>Repository:</b>	Congregational Library & Archives
<b>Creator:</b>	Congregational Church of Christ (Thornton, R.I.)
<b>Title:</b>	Thornton, R.I. Congregational Church of Christ records, 1889-1918.
<b>ID:</b>	RG5546
<b>Date [inclusive]:</b>	1889-1918
<b>Physical Description:</b>	0.18 Cubic Feet (1 box)
<b>Language of the Material:</b>	English .
<b>Abstract:</b>	In 1889, the Congregational Church of Christ of Thornton was first gathered. In 1910, a legal dispute arose over the church's charter and the land the church was built on. Due to the legal issues, the church property was transferred to the Rhode Island Home Missionary Society. The church dissolved by 1930. This collection contains administrative meeting minutes and vital membership records.

### Preferred Citation

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## Historical Note

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In 1885, the Union Evangelical Society of Thornton was chartered in Thornton, Rhode Island. This legal entity changed its name to Union Congregational Church Society of Thornton in 1888. In 1889, the Congregational Church of Christ of Thornton was first gathered. In 1910, a legal dispute arose over the church's charter and the land the church was built on. The legal quagmire grew so confusing, that the Rhode Island Conference and the Rhode Island Home Missionary Society became involved. As a result of the legal issues, the church society became legally known as the Thornton Congregational Church Society of Thornton and the church

property itself was transferred to the Rhode Island Home Missionary Society. By 1930, the church entity was dissolved.

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## Scope and Contents

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This collection of records from the Congregational Church of Christ in Thornton, Rhode Island, contains administrative meeting minutes and vital membership records which include baptismal and marriage records.

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## Arrangement

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Materials in this collection have been arranged into 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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## Related Materials

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### Related Materials

Materials related to the legal issues faced by the church in 1910 were kept by the Rhode Island Conference and may be found within the CLA's [Rhode Island Conference records \(RG0150\)](#).

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## Controlled Access Headings

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- Baptismal records.
- Church membership.
- Church property.
- Church records and registers.
- Marriage records.
- Congregational Church of Christ (Thornton, R.I.)
- Rhode Island Home Missionary Society

- Thornton (R.I.) -- Church history.

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## Collection Inventory

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Title/Description	Instances	
Register, 1889-1910	box 1	volume 1
Church meeting minutes, 1889-1918	box 1	volume 2
Notice of property transfer, 1910	box 1	folder 1