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Summary Information

Repository:	Congregational Library & Archives
Creator:	Church of Christ (Westborough, Mass.)
Creator:	Parkman, Ebenezer, 1703-1782
Title:	Westborough, Mass. Church of Christ records, 1724-1787.
ID:	RG5367
Date [inclusive]:	1724-1787
Physical Description:	0.03 Cubic Feet (2 boxes)
Physical Description:	25.9 Gigabytes (432 TIFFs)
Language of the Material:	English
Abstract:	The Church of Christ was gathered on October 28, 1724 with Ebenezer Parkman, who served the church until his death, as its minister. In 1825 the church reformed as the First Congregational Society. This collection contains digital surrogates and a microfilm copy of the record book for the Church of Christ.

Preferred Citation

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Historical Note

The town of Westborough was incorporated on November 19, 1717 and construction on the town's first meeting house completed in 1722. The Church of Christ was gathered on October 28, 1724 with Ebenezer Parkman as its minister. During the First Great Awakening, both George Whitefield and Johnathan Edwards preached at the Church of Christ. Construction began on a second meeting house in 1748, and the first service held there was on September 3, 1749. After 58 years as the church's minister, Ebenezer Parkman died on December 9, 1782. In 1825, shortly after the first train station opened in Westborough, the church reformed as the First Congregational Society.

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Scope and Contents

This collection contains digital surrogates and a microfilm copy of the record book, which includes meeting minutes, records of votes, vital records such as marriage records, baptismal records, and records of dismissals and admissions, membership lists, and church covenants, for the Church of Christ in Westborough, Massachusetts.

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Restrictions on Access

Access to the flash drives is restricted; please use the digital user's copies via the NEHH online-interface. Access to the microfilm is unrestricted and open to the public.

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Acquisition Information

Microfilm created at Readex Microprint Corporation in 1981 for the Westborough Public Library and a copy was made for, and deposited at, the Congregational Library & Archives at that time; no accession information available and originally accessioned as RG1413.

Digital images were gifted to the Congregational Library & Archives for use in the New England's Hidden Histories project by Anthony T. Vaver, the local history librarian at the Westborough Public Library; Acc# 2018-07.

Location of Originals

The original volume of church records is held by the Westborough Public Library in Westborough, Massachusetts.

Digital Copies

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

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

Processed by Zachary Bodnar, March 2018, using DACS Second Edition.

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Related Materials

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Additional materials related to the Evangelical Church, a church that traces its history directly to the Church of Christ, can be found in the Westborough, Mass. Evangelical Church records, 1859, RG0999.

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Controlled Access Headings

- Baptismal records.
- Church membership.
- Church records and registers.
- Covenants (Church polity).
- Marriage records.
- New England's Hidden Histories.
- Church of Christ (Westborough, Mass.)
- Westborough (Mass.) -- Church history.

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

The Evangelical Congregational Church. *Manual of the Evangelical Congregational Church in Westborough, Mass., 1875*. Boston: Congregational House, 1876. (17.11.1 W52.72)

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Collection Inventory

Title/Description	Instances
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Microfilm	reel 1
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Westborough TIFFS USB Drive #1	box 1
<u>Physical Description:</u> 215 Images	

Westborough TIFFs USB Drive #2	box 1
<u>Physical Description:</u> 217 Images	