



Centerville, Allegany County, N.Y. Fairview Welsh Congregational Church records, 1846-1922. RG5610

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Summary Information

Repository:	Congregational Library & Archives
Creator:	Fairview Welsh Congregational Church (Centerville, Allegany County, N.Y.)
Title:	Centerville, Allegany County, N.Y. Fairview Welsh Congregational Church records, 1846-1922.
ID:	RG5610
Date [inclusive]:	1846-1922
Physical Description:	6 Folders
Physical Description:	1 Volume
Language of the Material:	English , Welsh .
Abstract:	The Welsh Congregational Church in the Fairview hamlet of Centerville, Allegany County, New York, was gathered in 1846. In 1847, the first church building was constructed on the southern corner of Findlay Road and County Line Road. New church buildings were constructed closer to the Fairview hamlet in 1865 and again in 1902. The church dissolved around 1930. This collection contains administrative and membership records and includes financial records, meeting minutes, and membership records.

Preferred Citation

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Historical Note

Welsh immigrants arrived in Centerville, Allegany County, New York, around 1840. They largely settled in the southwest part of the town; the hamlet would later be called Fairview. The Welsh Congregational Church was gathered in 1846. The congregants initially met at a schoolhouse in Freedom just across the town and county border. In 1847, the first church building was constructed on the southern corner of Findlay Road and County Line Road just across the street from the Freedom schoolhouse. New church buildings were constructed closer to the Fairview hamlet in 1865 and again in 1902. The church dissolved around 1930; different sources suggest 1928 and 1936 as possible dates of dissolution.

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Scope and Contents

This collection contains administrative and membership records for the Fairview Welsh Congregational Church in Centerville, Allegany County, New York. The collection includes financial records, meeting minutes, membership records, articles of agreement for property between the church and the towns of Freedom and Centerville, and correspondence with the Home Missionary Society.

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Arrangement

Materials in this collection have been arranged into chronological order by start date.

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Acquisition Information

Materials were donated to the Congregational Library & Archives by the New York Conference of the United Church of Christ in 1979; no accession number.

Custodial History

Materials in this collection were given to the New York Conference of the United Church of Christ at an unknown time, likely following the church's dissolution. This collection was originally processed as part of the New York Conference records (RG0112) circa 1980.

Processing Information

This collection was processed by Zachary Bodnar, August 2026, according to the rules of Describing Archives: A Content Standard.

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Controlled Access Headings

- Church finance.
- Church libraries.
- Church membership.
- Church records and registers.

- American Home Missionary Society
- Centerville (Allegany County, N.Y.) -- Church history
- Fairview Welsh Congregational Church (Centerville, Allegany County, N.Y.)

Collection Inventory

Title/Description	Instances	
Account book, 1846-1894	box NY 1	folder 10
Articles of agreement between Centerville, Freedom, and society, 1847	box NY 2	folder 3
Church and financial records, 1850-1892	box NY 1	folder 11
Membership book, 1852	box NY 1	folder 12
Membership list and library account book, 1854-1881	box NY 1	folder 13
Home Missionary Society contributions, 1892-1902	box NY 1	folder 14
Church records, 1905-1922	box NY 3	volume 1