



Lenox, N.Y. First Congregational Church records, 1810-1903. RG5611

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Summary Information

Repository:	Congregational Library & Archives
Creator:	First Congregational Church (Lenox, N.Y.)
Title:	Lenox, N.Y. First Congregational Church records, 1810-1903.
ID:	RG5611
Date [inclusive]:	1810-1903
Physical Description:	7 Folders
Physical Description:	1 Volume
Language of the Material:	English .
Abstract:	The Congregational Church at Quality Hill was organized in 1810 in Lenox, New York. The first settled pastor of the church was Rev. Ira M. Olds. By 1860, the church was known as the First Congregational Church. The church variously, and likely simultaneously, associated with Congregational and Presbyterian denominations throughout its history. The church likely dissolved in 1906. This collection contains administrative church records, society records, and important membership records and includes church and society meeting minutes, financial records, correspondence, and Sunday school attendance records.

Preferred Citation

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Historical Note

The Congregational Church at Quality Hill was organized in 1810 and was the first church to be formed in Lenox, New York. Lenox itself was formed in 1809 from land which had been a

part of the neighboring town of Sullivan. The first settled pastor of the church was Rev. Ira M. Olds. The Lenox Anti-Slavery Society was formed at the church. By 1860, the church was known as the First Congregational Church. The church seems to have associated with both Congregational and Presbyterian denominations. By the end of the church's existence, it seems likely that the church primarily associated with the Presbyterians. The date of the church's dissolution is likely 1906 based on Hall's Index of American Presbyterian Congregations.

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Scope and Contents

This collection contains administrative church records, society records, and important membership records for the First Congregational Church in Lenox, New York. The collection includes meeting minutes, membership records, financial records, a year's Sunday school attendance records, and letters to Congregational and Presbyterian missionary organizations.

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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 membership.
- Church records and registers.
- Sunday schools.
- American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions
- First Congregational Church (Lenox, N.Y.)
- Lenox (N.Y.) -- Church history
- United Presbyterian Church of North America. Board of Foreign Missions

Collection Inventory

Title/Description	Instances	
Lenox Congregational Society records, 1810-1898	box NY 3	volume 2
Society member index, 1811	box NY 2	folder 4
Church records, 1822-1860	box NY 2	folder 5
Society records, 1826-1890	box NY 2	folder 6
Membership records, 1853-1893	box NY 1	folder 15
Church records, 1860-1903	box NY 2	folder 7
Sunday school attendance, 1877	box NY 2	folder 8
Congregational and Presbyterian missions support, 1887-1888	box NY 1	folder 16