

Richmond, N.Y. Richmond Center Congregational Church records, 1803-1878. RG5618

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Summary Information

Repository:	Congregational Library & Archives
Creator:	Richmond Center Congregational Church (Richmond, N.Y.)
Title:	Richmond, N.Y. Richmond Center Congregational Church records, 1803-1878.
ID:	RG5618
Date [inclusive]:	1803-1878
Physical Description:	3 Folders
Language of the Material:	English .
Abstract:	The Richmond Center Congregational Church, also known as the Presbyterian Church of Richmond, New York, was a Plan of Union church which variously associated with both the Congregational and Presbyterian denominations. This collection contains a volume of church administrative records and membership records and a volume of society records.

Preferred Citation

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Historical Note

The Richmond Center Congregational Church, also known as the Presbyterian Church of Richmond, New York, was a Plan of Union church which variously associated with both the Congregational and Presbyterian denominations, though seemingly mostly with the Presbyterians. The church was gathered in 1801. Various sources state that the church joined or left the Presbyterian denomination at different times in the 1830s through 1850s suggesting fluidity in their denominational standing. The name of the church seemed to be derived from the name of the church's meetinghouse, which was called the Center Meetinghouse. The church's society was known as the First Congregational Society, suggesting that the church likely adhered to Congregational polity. The church dissolved around 1865. The society

remained active until 1878 when the society acquired court permission to turn over the church building to the town's school district.

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Scope and Contents

This collection contains two record books of church administrative and membership records from Richmond Center Congregational Church, also known the Presbyterian Church of Richmond, New York, as well as a volume of records from the First Congregational Society of Richmond. The church record volume contains meeting minutes and vital membership records, while the society records include meeting minutes and contribution lists.

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Arrangement

Materials in this collection have been arranged in 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, September 2026, according to the rules of Describing Archives: A Content Standard.

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Controlled Access Headings

- Church buildings.
- Church records and registers.
- Church membership.
- Richmond Center Congregational Church (Richmond, N.Y.)
- Richmond (N.Y.)

Collection Inventory

Title/Description	Instances
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Society records, 1803-1878	box NY 1	folder 30
Church records, 1834-1851	box NY 1	folder 31
Church records, 1852-1861	box NY 1	folder 32