Sinclairville, N.Y. Sinclairville Congregational Church records, 1861-1903. RG5620

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Summary Information

Repository:	Congregational Library & Archives
Creator:	Sinclairville Congregational Church (Sinclairville, N.Y.)
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ID:	RG5620
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Language of the Material:	English .
Abstract:	This collection contains a volume of church administrative and membership records as well as a church manual for the Sinclairville Congregational Church in Sinclairville, New York. The records include meeting minutes, versions of the church covenant and confession of faith, and membership lists.

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Historical Note

The first Presbyterian church in Sinclairville, New York, originally spelled "Sinclearville", was organized on July 22, 1831. As with many Presbyterian churches of the time in New York, this church was gathered under the Plan of Union between the Presbyterians and Congregationalists. Reverends Isaac Jones, Timothy Stillman and O. C. Beardsley were credited with the church's organization. On April 30, 1842, the church reformed under Congregational polity to become the Sinclairville Congregational Church. Construction on the church's first building was completed in 1845 with the building's dedication occurring on September 25. Rev. Chester W. Carpenter was the first Congregational minister for the church.

The Sinclairville Congregational Church federated with the local Methodist Episcopal church, gathered in 1813, in 1917. The federated church closed in 1945.

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Scope and Contents

This collection contains a volume of church administrative and membership records as well as a church manual for the Sinclairville Congregational Church in Sinclairville, New York. The records include meeting minutes, versions of the church covenant and confession of faith, membership lists, and a brief history of the church's early years.

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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. Annual reports were an internal transfer from the library to the archives, September 2026.

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

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Controlled Access Headings

- Church membership.
- Church records and registers.
- Sinclairville (N.Y.) -- Church history
- Sinclairville Congregational Church (Sinclairville, N.Y.)

Collection Inventory

Title/Description	Instances	
Church records, 1861-1903	box NY 2	folder 13
Church manual, 1862	box NY 2	folder 14