

Harwich, Massachusetts. First Congregational Church, Records, 1745-
1974.
Records of the First Congregational Church (UCC), Harwich, MA
1745-1974, with gaps
3 linear feet

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The records of the First Congregational Church (UCC), Harwich, MA are divided into two series, Church Records (CR) and Parish Records (PR). The arrangement of the CR and PR series is chronological. A list of ministers and lay preachers with dates of their service is in CR 1961-1962 on page 2. All of the extant correspondence between the ministers and the Congregational Society and Parish is inserted in the records of the Church and Parish; the original arrangement has been maintained.

The categories Miscellaneous CR and Miscellaneous PR include those items which do not comprise a series. One item of particular interest in CR Miscellaneous is the Washburn Ms. This is a history written by Rev. George Y. Washburn for the 150th anniversary of the church.

All of the records of the First Congregational Church, Harwich that were placed on deposit at the Congregational Library are in this collection. In addition to these original record the Library has a microfilm copy of two 16mm reels, negative.

The records were deposited with the Congregational Library in 1981.

CR

- CR Jonathan Smalle and Samuel Nickerson deed, Nov. 1748, Folder Box 3 3
for a meeting house.
Two photocopies
~~Typed Copy~~
H.W. copy, 1915
- CR "Second Church of Christ in Harwich" 1792-1896 Bound Volume Box 1
Copy of Covenant. Minutes Oct. 1792- Sept. 1796.
CVS: Admissions 1793-1820; Dismissions 1794-1811;
Baptisms 1793-1825; Marriages 1793-1835.
- CR 1832-1855 Bound Volume Box 1
Minutes 1832-1855. Bylaws, organization. Transcribed
Covenants and Confession of Faith 1727, 1792, 1832.
List of members 1747.
CVS: Members and Admissions 1832-1850; Baptisms 1832-1853;
Dismissions 1833-1843 incomplete; Marriages 1839- 1853;
Deaths 1844-1855.
- CR 1855-1899 Bound Volume Box 1
Minutes 1855-1899. Includes calls to ministers and
reply, addressed to church, Society and Parish.
Note incorporation 1898.
CVS: Members 1747-1926; Baptisms 1853-1898 incomplete;
Deaths 1855-1878; Marriages 1853-1873; List of
Ministers 1747-1896. Note subdivided by pastorate.
- CR Jan. 8, 1900-1940 Bound Volume Box 2
Minutes of church regular business meetings and special
meetings. Annual reports and report of Sunday School.
Calls to ministers and incoming correspondence. Barnstable
County Association meetings. Wills. Includes newspaper
clippings and bulletins for the Barnstable County Association.
- CR 1941-1954 Bound Volume Box 2
Minutes of regular church cabinet meetings. Bylaws.

CR

CR 1941

Bound Volume Box 2

Annual reports; Reports of Treasurer, Sunday School,
Parish house survey committee report of 1954. Bulletins
1953.

CR 1956-1960

Bound Volume Box 2

Minutes of Church Cabinet meetings and Annual meetings.
Reports of Annual meetings, Treasurer, Financial Secretary
Nominating Committee, Ladies Benevolent Society.
Notes on church history.

CR 1960-1961

Bound Volume Box 2

Minutes of Church Cabinet meetings. Reports of Annual
meetings, ministers, Financial Secretary, Treasurer,
Nominating Committee. List of ministers 1747-1960.
CVS summaries only.

CR 1963-1964

Bound Volume Box 2

Minutes of Church Cabinet meetings and Annual meetings.
Reports of ministers, Board of Trustees, Church Cabinet,
Treasurer, Financial Secretary, Nominating Committee.
CVS summaries only. 1962.

CR 1965-1966

Bound Volume Box 2

Minutes of Church Cabinet meetings.
Reports ministers, Treasurer, various committees.
CVS summaries.

CR 1967-1971

Bound Volume Box 2

Minutes of Church Cabinet meetings and Annual meetings.
Reports of Board of Trustees, Financial Secretary, Treasurer,
Board of Deacons, Board of Deaconesses, and Board of Missions.
CVS summaries.
Directory 1971.

CR 1971-1974

Bound Volume Box 2

Minutes of Church Cabinet meetings and Annual meetings.
Reports of Financial Secretary, Treasurer, Board of Deacons,
Board of Deaconesses, Board of Missions, Board of Trustees,
Ladies Benevolent Society, various committees and the Sunday
School.

CVS summaries.

1974 with index.

CR Miscellaneous

- Otis Solomon, Church Register, 1715-1743 Folder Box 3
- "Articles of Faith and Covenant of the Congregational Church of Christ, Harwich, Masss" 1832 Envelope Box 3
- "Harwich Sunday School Class Book" 1836 Envelope Box 3
- Rev. Caleb Kimball to Elizabeth Baker July 9, 1839 Folder Box 3
- Discipline of Obed Brooks 1874- 875
- Letter of thanks to Rev. B.C. Ward from Congregational Society Jan. 8, 1876
- "Manual of the Congregational Church, Harwich, Mass. 1881 Envelope Box 3
- "Constitution and Records of the Young People's Society of Christian Endeavor of the Congregational Church " 1887-1895. Minutes, members. Bound Volume Box 1, Hollinger Box
- Rev. George Y. Washburn's Ms. and notes for a history celebrating the 150th anniversary. Box 3
- Ms. original (?) H.W. Folder
- Notes, Parts I-IV H.W. 4 Folders
- Summaries, H.W. and typed Folder
- Brief Notes 1941-1958, H.W. Folder Box 3
- UCC Yearbook Report, 1960
- List of officers and committees, 1966
- Proposed budget 1965

PR

PR 1746-1798	Folder	Box 3
Minutes 1746-1798		
Calls to Vote		
Rent of Pews 1832		
Call to Rev. Nathan Underwood		
PR 1792-1857 "South Parish of Harwich"	Bound Volume	Box 1
Minutes		
" . . . Record of Philip Nickerson's age and marriage and Births of his Children."		
PR 1830-1899	Bound Volume	Box 1
PR 1745-1830 transcribed by Obed Brooks, PC/PT, 1836-1876		
CR/PR 1898 Incorporation	Bound Volume	Box 1, Hollinger Box
Minutes Dec. 19, 1898. Recorded Dec. 24, 1898 by William H. Underwood.		
Bylaws.		
PR 1832 Subscription Receipts for building meeting house Thomas Snow and Obed Brooks.	Bound Volume	Box 1
PR "List of Subscriptions and prices June 1, 1836"	Bound Volume in Envelope,	
PR "Subscriptions for remodelling 1855-1857"	Bound Volume	Box 1, Hollinger Box
Statement of use, list of subscribers and amounts pledged.		
 PR Miscellaneous		
 Rev. William Marchant to Parish Committee Jan. 31, 1838	Folder	Box 3
"Subscription paper" 1854, from PR 1792-1857	Folder	Box 3
Disturbance in 1863	Folder	Box 3