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First Parish Collection Administrative History

The First Parish Unitarian Universalist Church of Bridgewater started in what was called the "South Parish" of Bridgewater. In 1717, John Washburn deeded two acres of land "to the inhabitants of the southern part of Bridgewater to build them a meeting house" and to use part of the land for a burial ground.

The first meeting house, built in 1717, was enlarged in 1741. A second meeting house was built in 1760 (see Volume 1 for Parish meeting to build). Some sources indicate the second meeting house was built around the first one; and, when completed, the first building was removed. This second meeting house was enlarged in 1810. The Revere & Son bell was purchased in 1811, (see Volume 1 for original receipt) and was moved to the new Church, built in 1845 in its current location and still in use today. In 1954, Hurricane "Carol" toppled the steeple and the bell was in storage until 1960, when it was sold. The E. and G. G. Hook organ was installed in this building in 1852 and the organ loft reinforced in a renovation project in 1989. This organ is still in use.

The Church and Bridgewater State University have a long history of working together. The first Principal [President] of the Bridgewater Normal School was Nicholas Tillinghast, who held the position from 1840-1853. He was also a Deacon and member of the Church. Through this connection, the Bridgewater Alumni Association, formed in 1842, held part of its annual meeting at the Church through the rest of the 19th century. Through efforts of Albert G. Boyden, the Bridgewater Normal School acquired land owned by the Church in the early 1900s, which is where the gymnasium was built in 1904. Today, it is known as the Art Center.

"South Parish" has been served by 37 ministers in the last three centuries (from 1717 to the present, 2017). The records also show a great many "Supply" or guest ministers. A list of ministers is located at the end of this finding aid.

First Parish Collection Scope and Content Note

The collection consists of 26 boxes and 18 volumes. There are some volumes included within document boxes, the 16 volumes in Series 1 have been individually boxed for additional protection. Many of the documents fit into multiple series, for example "Pulpit supply receipts" were added to Series 4: Ministers instead of with other payment receipts in Series 3: Financials. Early "Bridging" newsletters from 1977-1996 were sent to Church members as legal-sized folded flyers, and are together in a legal-sized box within Series 5, other years of the newsletter are mixed in with the other publications.

Documents found in the collection include annual reports, Parish Committee meeting minutes and reports to the Committee, Orders of Service and "Bridging" newsletters, receipts, financial transactions, personnel documentation and renovation projects. The bulk of the materials date from the mid-19th to mid-20th centuries, with sporadic documents before and after.

Oversized items: blueprints belonging in Series 2 and other Church-related items are located in flat-file storage.

First Parish Collection Series Descriptions

Series 1: Church Records/Registers, 1716-2010 17 volumes, 2 boxes

> Series 1 contains all individually boxed volumes of church records, treasurer's reports and meeting minutes. This series also contains church records relating to genealogy, tax records, wills, deeds, member lists and guest books.

Series 2: Church Administration, 1716-•

10 boxes

Series 2 contains by-laws, Parish Committee reports, meeting minutes, notifications of upcoming meetings, correspondence. This also contains building and grounds materials for church property and renovations and national and regional communications, correspondence and notifications.

Series 3: Financials, 1810-٠ 4 boxes

Series 3 contains financial documents. General supplies and maintenance for buildings and grounds, organ and clock maintenance, repair, painting and printing. Fund-raising documentation such as canvass and pledge information, subscriptions and pews, events held and rental of the church buildings. Trustees of Parish Fund reports, receipts and other documentation are also in this series. Parish receipts pertain to work done on or for the church.

Series 4: Ministers, 1731-•

2 boxes

Series 4 contains records from installed ministers, sermons, contracts, search packets. Also payment receipts for pulpit supply (visiting) ministers to the Church.

Series 5: Publications, 1913-•

5 boxes

Series 5 contains published and distributed materials such as Bridging newsletters, Annual Reports of the Parish Committee, Sunday Orders of Service, calendars, brochures and flyers for events.

Series 6: Church Organizations/Societies, 1882-1988 ٠

2 boxes

Series 6 contains materials on Church organizations, primarily the Women's Alliance (known by many names) and its affiliates, which disbanded in 1988. Some materials on youth group are included.

• Series 7: Secondary Research/History, 1941-2016

1 box

Series 7 is secondary documentation, research materials collated by prior members or researchers, most notably a draft of *The First Parish, Bridgewater, Massachusetts*, by Dorothy Mann and Anne Bates.

• Series 8: Photographs, Media and Oversized, 1852, c. 1950-2015 5 boxes

Series 8 is a collection of photographs of the Church, its members and events. There are also DVDs and VHS tapes of installations, services, and other video documentation and audio cassette tapes.

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Series 1: Church Records/Registers, 1717-1995

- Vol. 1. "Early Church Records", 1717-1886 -Contains original documents including deeds, including deed from John Washburne and the original land to the Church, tax lists, meeting minutes, receipt for Revere & Son bell from 1811 and letter from Mary Allen about 1846 chandelier.
- Vol. 2. "Records under Rev. R. M. Hodges, Rev. Theophilus P. Doggett, Rev. Claudius Bradford, Rev. Thos. W. Brown", collected and copied from former records & continued by Claudius Bradford, Pastor, May 19, 1845
 -Contains meeting records, lists of ministers, members and meeting houses, acts and votes of the church (resignation of N. Tillinghast from role of Deacon), records of baptisms, marriages and deaths.
- Vol. 3. "Treasurer's Book, 1st Cong¹ Society 1781 to" No. 4, 1781
- Vol. 4. "Treasurer's Book, Trustees of Funds, No. 15", 1803 -Contains Principal of Fund, page 1; Interest of Fund, page 164
- Vol. 5. "Clerk's Book, Trustees of Parish Funds", 1803

- Vol. 6. "Parish annual reports, Clerk and Committee", (many entries noted as "true copy"), 1877-1970
- Vol. 7. "Records of the First Church in Bridgewater from June 1895 to", 1895 -Contains records and visitor list for the 225th anniversary, June 1, 1941
- Vol. 8. Collection plate records, 1894-1901
- Vol. 9. Collection plate records, 1901-1909
- Vol. 10. "Record of Baptisms, Marriages and Deaths in The Church in the South Parish of Bridgewater now The First Church and First Congregational Society in Bridgewater", compiled and copied from the original records by Rev. Harold Greene Arnold, 1912
- Vol. 11. Collection plate records, 1958-1961
- Vol. 12. Collection plate records, 1962-1965
- Vol. 13. Collection plate records, 1966-1967
- Vol. 14. Parish Committee meeting minutes; special meetings, annual meetings, 1975-1993
- Vol. 15. Parish Committee meeting minutes; secretary's report, 1976-1988
- Vol. 16. Parish Committee meeting minutes; secretary's report, 1988-1994
- Vol. 17. Account book of the Treasurer of Trustees of Unitarian Fund, 1927-1979

- 1. John Washburne will (copy & transcript only, see Volume 1 for original), 1717
- 2. Joshua Alden will, extract, 10% of real estate (copies & transcription), 1808-1809
- 3. Samuel Tappan deed, to Trustees, 1845
- 4. Abram Washburn 2nd deed, 1845
- 5. Jacob Perkins will, 1853
- 6. Franklin Fobes to Aretas Fobes deed (partial), 1872
- 7. Clinton Washburn to Trustees deed, property on easterly side of Summer Street, 1910
- 8. Record of vote to sell land to Myrtle Sanders (copy), 1923
- 9. Mary Caroline Bryant will to Trustees, 1930
- 10. Jacob Henry Perkins will, 1931
- 11. Virginia G. Jones estate, 1937
- 12. "Our Church Guests", guest book, 1961-1967
- 13. Edith Stetson Copeland will, 1962
- 14. Charles P. Lewis estate, 1964
- 15. "Our Church Guests", guest book, 1967-1979

- Ellen D. Cholerton will, deeds, mortgages, attorney's papers, sale of 50 Union St. (Parsonage), 1967-1982
- 17. Flora T. Little will, fund, 1968
- 18. Josephine H. Cobb will (copy), 1974
- 19. "Our Church Guests", guest book, 1980-1993
- 20. May W. Bassett will, correspondence, 1989-1996
- 21. Notes and overview of wills and deeds to First Parish, 1993
- 22. Christine Channing trust, 1995

- 1. Parish tax, No. 1 (booklet), undated
- 2. Notification of members leaving to St. Andrews in Scituate, 1809
- 3. Notification of members leaving to Trinity Church in Bridgewater, 1816-1832
- 4. Notification of members leaving to Baptist in Middleborough, 1819-1831
- 5. Valuation of real and personal estate for the South Parish of Bridgewater for the Rev. R. M. Hodges Society, No. 12 (book), 1821
- 6. Warrant to notify voting members of Parish Committee meeting, 1821
- 7. Tax bill for the Parish, No. 3 (booklet), 1822
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- 9. Valuation of the Rev. R. M. Hodges Society and copy of tax, real and personal, No. 13 (booklet), 1824
- 10. Notification of members leaving to New Jerusalem Society, Bridgewater, 1824-1833
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- 13. Notification of members leaving to Universalist Society Halifax, 1825-1831
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- 25. Parish tax, valuation and tax of the First Congregational Society in Bridgewater, No. 9 (booklet), 1834
- 26. Withdrawal of support to First Congregational Society, 1834-1856
- 27. Names of the members of the First Congregational Society in Bridgewater, No. 17 (booklet), 1843

- 28. Member lists & book (copy), includes a second copy with a different page order, undated, 1883, 1912, 1965, 1992
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- 3. Church policies, procedures and forms for use of church, undated
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- 5. Parish Committee meeting minutes, 1800-1899
- 6. Indenture agreements, Daniel Copeland and Benjamin Clarke for work done, 1810, 1817
- 7. Temperance agreement, 1825
- 8. Committee of repair of Meeting House reports, 1839
- 9. Treasure's reports, 1840-1849
- 10. Report of committee to procure Meeting House plans, 1845
- 11. Parish Committee reports, 1845-1861
- 12. Buildings and Grounds committee reports, 1846-2014
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- 16. Committee for raising money for Parish purposes, 1868
- 17. Treasurer's reports, 1870-1879
- 18. Parish Committee report to settle with Treasurer, 1876-1877
- 19. Treasurer's reports, 1880-1889
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- 26. Treasurer's reports, 1930-1939
- 27. Parish Committee officials, 1937-2004
- 28. Treasurer's reports, 1940-1949
- 29. Annual reports, drafts, 1950-1959
- 30. Treasurer's reports, 1950-1959
- 31. Parish Committee special meeting, meeting minutes, 1955-2003
- 32. Parish Committee correspondence, resignations, donations, transfers and thank you, 1956-2018
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- 13. Access Committee reports, undated, 2001
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- 15. By-laws, adopted June 2, 2002, 2002
- 16. Minister's monthly reports, Rachele Rosi, 2002-2004
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- 24. Minister's monthly reports, Dave Johnson, 2005-2006
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- 25. Parish Committee meeting minutes, 2006-2007
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- 29. Proposal for campus ministry in Bridgewater, 2008
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