

**Guide to the First Unitarian
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Summary Information

Repository	Brooklyn Historical Society
Creator	First Unitarian Church of Brooklyn (Brooklyn, New York, N.Y.).
Creator	Lathrop, John Howland, 1880-1967
Title	First Unitarian Congregational Society of Brooklyn records
Date [bulk]	Bulk, 1833-1967
Date [inclusive]	1790-1970s
Extent	50.5 Linear feet In 99 manuscript boxes and 18 oversize flat boxes
Language	English
Language of Materials	Materials are primarily in English with some correspondence and publications in Czech, German and Romanian.
Abstract	<p>The First Unitarian Congregational Society of Brooklyn records contains documents created and collected by the Church from the point of its founding in 1833 to the mid 1970s. The collection contains a broad range of documents covering the variety of the Congregation's work and operations including its official minutes and trustee records, financial records, ministers files, sermons, photographs, calendars, celebration programs and registers, and building records that include deeds, leases, and building plans for the Church of the Saviour and other buildings owned by the First Church. The community and charity work of the Church is represented as well through ledgers, correspondence, notes and reports by the various clubs and committees and through similar documentation from the Church's Willow Place Chapel where the Church's settlement and welfare programs and Sunday school operated.</p>

The Church was also involved with local and international relief and aid groups, particularly during the tenure of Minister John H. Lathrop. Lathrop's files include correspondence, minutes of committees, and other documents from his work with a variety of local and worldwide religious and humanitarian groups. Lathrop also collected a variety of reference materials, including pamphlets, flyers, and articles pertaining to peace, liberalism, theology, and family planning. Other major figures of the First Church and Brooklyn history represented by the collection include the Low family and Alfred T. White. The collection also holds scrapbooks with relevant collected clippings that were donated by parishioners and photographs of some church members and activities. The Second and Third Unitarian Congregations are both represented within this collection as well. These two congregations split from the First Congregation at different points in the 19th century and both re-united with the First Congregation in the mid-1920s. The variety of records relative to these congregations is similar to that of the First Congregation including trustee records, building records, finances, minister files, clubs and social work, and Sunday school records. The documents related to these congregations also include the record books of their respective Women's Branch Alliances.

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Historical Note

In June 1833, forced between choosing a ferry ride to Unitarian services in Manhattan or attending services of a different denomination in Brooklyn where they would be refused communion, a group of ten men (John Frost, Josiah Dow, George Blackburn, William H. Carey, William H. Hale, Henry Leeds, Seth Low, Alexander H. Smith, and Charles and Thomas Woodward) set to forming a Unitarian society in Brooklyn. The First Unitarian Congregational Society of Brooklyn was incorporated two years later as the thirteenth functioning church in Brooklyn and the first in the city to be controlled by its congregation. As its place of worship the First Church constructed the Church Of The Saviour on Pierrepont Street by Monroe Place in 1844. The building was designed by architect Minard Lefever in the Gothic Revival style.

The First Church operated a settlement school and Sunday school out of the chapel adjacent to the Church of the Saviour and through the Furman Street Mission until 1876 when, under the guidance of settlement teacher and community figure Alfred T. White, the Congregation completed Willow Place Chapel on Willow Place near Joralemon Street. Willow Place Chapel functioned as a space for evening church services and as a site for much of the First Church's social service and community outreach, particularly through club work. With the help of figures like Alfred T. White and Minister H. Price Collier, settlement and community work at Willow Place Chapel expanded until the First Church had to build an extension of the facilities in 1906 called Columbia House.

In 1840 twenty-two of the First Church parishioners, finding dissatisfaction in particular with Frederick Holland as minister, gathered to form a second society. Holland attempted to resign in 1841 but this resignation was rejected and the two congregations would not reunite until after Holland's second (and this time accepted) resignation in 1842. In 1851 fifty families seeking a more liberal theology would again leave the First Church. Legally organized in 1852, the second iteration of the Second Unitarian Congregation of Brooklyn installed Samuel Longfellow as its first minister in 1853. Longfellow fit the progressive nature of the congregation and not only preached a liberal theology, but also covered a variety of topics from the pulpit including the abolition of American slavery. Longfellow even gave one infamous sermon eulogizing and praising John Brown and his attempt to incite insurrection at Harper's Ferry. Longfellow resigned in 1860 and was succeeded by Reverend Nahor A. Staples, another liberal voice with some abolitionist views. John White Chadwick was another prominent minister of the congregation who became influential within Unitarianism and liberal theology. The Second Congregation sold its church and reunited with the First Church in 1924.

Another split from the First Church came in 1867 when, in order to accommodate parishioners of the First Unitarian Congregation who had been travelling from the Fort Greene and Clinton Hill neighborhoods, the Third Unitarian Congregational Society of Brooklyn was established. First Church minister Frederick A. Farley assisted in duties as a minister until the Third Congregation installed Stephen H. Camp as minister in 1869. Camp became the Third Congregation's most prominent minister and in addition to encouraging organized charitable works and teaching within the Congregation's Sunday School he also shepherded the Congregation from their first space in Unity Chapel (built in 1868 with the assistance

of the First Congregation) to Unity Church (built in 1886). The Third Congregation sold its church and reunited with the First Congregation in 1925.

In the time that these three Unitarian congregations were separate from each other, the First Church became more involved in the growing Unitarian movement. Samuel A. Eliot was installed as minister of the Church in 1893 and a year later began serving on the board of directors for the American Unitarian Association (AUA). From this position Eliot helped change the management model of the AUA making it a more effective organization connecting the congregational and secular work of Unitarians. After leaving the First Church's pulpit in 1897, Eliot would go on to become AUA Secretary and then, in 1900, the first president of the AUA to be given executive power over the organization.

The First Church's involvement in national and international concerns grew further under the guidance of Minister John Howland Lathrop. Installed in 1911, Lathrop's tenure as minister spanned the period of both World Wars and he was active in advocating for peace not only during the wars, but also in regards to conflicts which occurred following each war particularly in Spain, China, Palestine, and Eastern Europe. Lathrop wrote many sermons and articles advocating for peace and international relief efforts and was involved with many like-minded organizations, including the National Peace Conference which he served as president. Lathrop also concerned himself with international ecumenical issues and kept up contact with churches in England, the Philippines, Mexico, Japan and Eastern Europe. Lathrop turned particular attention to the growth of Unitarianism in Transylvania and in his congregation's connection to Czechoslovakia. Lathrop kept up correspondence with the Masaryk family, a major political family in Czechoslovakia. In particular he communicated with social worker and president of the Czechoslovak Red Cross Alice Garrigue Masaryk. Alice was the daughter of Tomas Garrigue Masaryk, the first president of Czechoslovakia, and Charlotte Garrigue, a former member of the First Unitarian Congregation of Brooklyn. Lathrop was an important member of the Unitarian Service Committee trip to Czechoslovakia in 1946. Lathrop's focus was not exclusively international, of course, as he was focused on local issues particularly in regards to urban conditions, employment, housing, and education. In addition to growing the breadth of services provided by the First Church, like social psychiatric counseling for parishioners, Lathrop was heavily involved with groups outside the walls of the church that contributed to the community like the Civic Committee for Adult Literacy and the Brooklyn Urban League which he served as president for many years. Lathrop's prolific and important service to his congregation, community and the world went on even after his retirement in 1957, visiting the First Church yearly until his last visit in 1965, two years prior to his death.

The First Unitarian Congregational Society of Brooklyn continues to operate out of the Church of the Saviour in the Brooklyn Heights neighborhood.

Scope and Contents

The First Unitarian Congregational Society of Brooklyn records contain the records created and collected by the First Church over the course of its work and operations. This includes the basic functions of the

church as a religious congregation and also the work of the members of its congregation, through various clubs, committees and organizations, contributing to service locally, nationally, and abroad.

The contents of the collection span from 1790 to 1972 though the bulk of the materials begins from the point of the First Church's organization in 1833 and extends to the late 1960's. The organizational records of the First Church are well represented including meeting minutes and resolutions of the Trustees and the Society, by-laws, calendars, directories, registers, and reports of the ministers and various clubs and committees. Documents related to the First Church's founding and its early operation were kept in "History" files among its Subject Files. Subject Files also include information on bequests to the church, church memorials, and church celebrations.

Financial records include various reports and ledgers related to the First Church's endowment, income, expenses, fund raising, and budgets. This also includes subscriber and pew rental information and information on the First Church's properties including mortgages and leases. Other documents on the First Church's properties and buildings include blueprints, deeds, alterations and repairs, and information on stained glass windows and other decorations.

The work of the First Church's ministers is collected here through sermons, correspondence, and collected articles and items in reference to them. The files of Minister John H. Lathrop contain not only a variety of sermons and orders of service, but also records on his work for the community and in international matters. Lathrop headed or worked closely with groups like the Brooklyn Urban League and the National Peace Conference and his files hold correspondence, meeting minutes, and other materials related to these groups. Lathrop was heavily involved in international relief and aid and in addition to correspondence and other documents regarding organizations of this nature, Lathrop's personal work with international aid and Unitarianism, particularly in Transylvania and Czechoslovakia, is among his files here. The Lathrop papers also contain many articles, pamphlets, and other materials related to his areas of interest including marriage, peace, labor and unemployment, religious freedom, and liberal Christianity. The records of the First Church and its ministers also provide some insight into the evolution of Unitarianism in Brooklyn, America, and other parts of the world, particularly through the American Unitarian Association and its departments of outreach, publicity, and social-service. Many sermons and articles by the ministers, particularly John White Chadwick, John Lathrop, and Samuel Longfellow, discuss theology and the development of liberal Christianity as it pertains to Unitarianism.

The First Church's settlement and community work is represented through Sunday School records, club work, charity records, and files on outside community organizations like the Boys' Club and the Brooklyn Bureau of Charities. Much of the settlement and community work of the church was carried out through the Furman Street Mission, Willow Place Chapel, and Columbia House.

The collection also contains photographs of church buildings and functions, and a collection of scrapbooks with clippings related to the First Church's history, particularly some of its ministers.

The collection holds similar records of ecumenical, organizational and community work as they pertain to Second and Third Unitarian Congregational Societies of Brooklyn as well. The correspondence of ministers and trustees, reports, and other documents regarding the creation of these two congregations and their eventual re-unification with the First Church are among the records of all three congregations.

Arrangement note

The First Unitarian Congregational Society records were found roughly organized with some preliminary work done by an unknown archivist. Some documents within the collection hinted at an original order similar to the arrangement that the collection was found in and the arrangement of the collection is relatively faithful to this original order.

The files within most series are arranged alphabetically according to description with some exceptions such as the **Ministers** series, arranged chronologically by tenure of ministers and the **Photographs** series, arranged according to a BHS-assigned identification number, or "V #"

Users of the collection should be aware that it is likely that documents on some matters will be found in various series, and in various folders within series. For example, while registers of church deaths, marriages, and christenings should be primarily located in the **Registers** series, more lists of this nature can be seen in the **Trustee Records** or the files on different ministers. Similarly, the work of the Sunday School can be found in the **Sunday School Books** series, but also in the **Subject Files** and **Willow Place Chapel and Columbia House** series.

Folders labeled with a date range might also include undated documents. Also, the date range was determined by the archivist based on a broad survey of folder contents and not on an item level review; accordingly, there may be items in the folders that fall outside the indicated range. Users of the collection should also be aware that some oversized items have been moved to four oversize containers. Notes have been made in these instances both in the folders from which the material was removed and in the container list in this finding aid.

The collection is organized into the following fifteen series:

- 1 - Trustee Records, 1833-1951.
- 2 - Subject Files, 1790-1980.
- 3 - Ministers, 1834-1967.
- 4 - John H. Lathrop Files, 1849-1960.
- 5 - Unitarian Movement Files, 1850-1975.
- 6 - Sunday School Books, 1842-1906.
- 7 - Calendars, 1910-1952.
- 8 - Registers, 1841-1930.
- 9 - Buildings and Construction, 1833-1956.
- 10 - Willow Place Chapel and Columbia House, 1865-1972.
- 11 - Financial Records, 1833-1956.
- 12 - Scrapbooks, circa 1860-1945.
- 13 - Photographs, circa 1870-1958.
- 14 - Second Unitarian Congregation Records, 1837-1967.
- 15 - Third Unitarian Congregation Records, 1867-1958.

Administrative Information

Publication Information

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Immediate Source of Acquisition note

Materials given as a gift in January 1989 by the First Unitarian Congregational Society of Brooklyn.

Processing Information note

The First Unitarian Congregational Society records were processed from July to September 2010 by Craig P. Savino.

The bulk of the collection consists of accession 1989.002 and also includes two photograph accessions: V1989.020 and V1990.046.

Related Materials

Related Archival Materials note

Brooklyn Historical Society holds the records of the Women's Alliance of the First Unitarian Church which began its social services via the Church as the The Female Samaritan Society in 1838 (collection ArMs 2005.031).

More pamphlets, sermons, directories, reports, histories and other documents on the First, Second, Third, and Fourth (Flatbush) Unitarian Congregations in Brooklyn can be found as a part of the Brooklyn Unitarian Churches collection (collection ArMs 1986.030).

Controlled Access Headings

Corporate Name(s)

- American Association of the Red Cross. Brooklyn Chapter.
- American Committee on Religious Rights and Minorities.
- American Unitarian Association.
- Brooklyn Urban League (Brooklyn, New York, N.Y.).
- Church of the Saviour (Brooklyn, New York, N.Y.).
- First Unitarian Church of Brooklyn (Brooklyn, New York, N.Y.). Samaritan Alliance.
- First Unitarian Church of Brooklyn (Brooklyn, New York, N.Y.).
- Furman Street Mission (Brooklyn, New York, N.Y.).
- Green-Wood Cemetery (New York, N.Y.).
- International Association for Liberal Christianity and Religious Freedom.
- National Peace Conference (U.S.).
- Second Unitarian Church (Brooklyn, New York, N.Y.).
- Second Unitarian Society of Brooklyn (Brooklyn, New York, N.Y.). Women's Branch Alliance.
- Second Unitarian Society of Brooklyn (Brooklyn, New York, N.Y.).
- Third Unitarian Congregational Society of Brooklyn (Brooklyn, New York, N.Y.). Women's Branch Alliance.
- Third Unitarian Congregational Society of Brooklyn (Brooklyn, New York, N.Y.).
- Willow Place Chapel (Brooklyn, New York, N.Y.).

Genre(s)

- Architectural drawings
- Baptismal registers
- Blueprints (reprographic copies)
- Correspondence
- Ledgers (account books)
- Marriage registers
- Membership lists
- Minutes
- Negatives (photographic)
- Pamphlets
- Photographs
- Registers (lists)
- Reports
- Scrapbooks

- Sermons
- Sheet music

Geographic Name(s)

- Brooklyn (New York, N.Y.) |x Church history
- Brooklyn (New York, N.Y.) |x Genealogy
- Brooklyn (New York, N.Y.) |x Religious life and customs
- Brooklyn Heights (New York, N.Y.)
- Brooklyn Heights (New York, N.Y.) |x Intellectual life
- Czechoslovakia

Personal Name(s)

- Barlow, David H., (David Hatch), 1805-1864
- Camp, Stephen H.
- Chadwick, John White, 1840-1904
- Collier, H. Price
- Eliot, Samuel A., (Samuel Atkins), 1862-1950
- Farley, Frederick A., (Frederick Augustus), 1800-1892
- Forbes, John P.
- Goodnough, Alfred Everett
- Holland, Frederick W.
- Lafever, Minard
- Lathrop, John Howland, 1880-1967
- Longfellow, Samuel, 1819-1892
- Low, Abiel Abbot, 1811-1893
- Low, Seth, 1782-1853
- Masaryk, Jan, 1886-1948
- Masarykova#, Charlotta G., (Charlotta Garrigue), 1850-1923
- Putnam, A. P. , (Alfred Porter), 1827-1906
- Staples, N. A., (Nahor Augustus), 1830-1864
- White, Alfred Tredway, 1846-1921

Subject(s)

- Architecture |z New York (State) |z Kings County |x History |y 19th century
- Charities |z New York (State) |z Kings County
- Church finance |x Accounting
- Church records and registers

- Community centers |z New York (State) |z Kings County
- Gothic Revival (Architecture)
- Peace movements |z United States |x History
- Refugees |x International relief
- Religion and social problems
- Social action |z New York (State) |z Kings County |x History
- Social settlements |z New York (State) |z Kings County
- Sunday schools.
- Unitarian Churches |x History
- Unitarian Churches |z Romania |z Transylvania
- Unitarianism
- Unitarianism |z New York (State) |z Kings County |x History

Other Finding Aids note

Item level description and digital versions of images from the collection are available for searching via the image database in the Brooklyn History Society library. Search for object IDs V1989.20 and V1990.46.

Series 1: Trustee Records.

Collection Inventory

Series 1: Trustee Records. 1833-1966, 3.75 Linear feet In 4 manuscript boxes and 4 oversize flat boxes.

Scope and Contents

The **Trustee Records** series contain the official records as maintained by the Board of the Church. This primarily consists of the resolutions of the Board and meeting minutes for regular meetings, annual meetings, and committee meetings.

Annual Meetings and Trustee Meetings cover finances, attendance, buildings, music, the Sunday school and other major concerns of the Congregation. In addition to minutes, annual meetings files include correspondence, reports, and other documents introduced to the Board over the course of the meeting. Reports presented to the Trustees by the Treasurer, the Pastor, and various committees are also collected in a dedicated ledger of reports. Some committees of note among these reports are the Female Samaritan Society, the Willow Place Chapel committee, the Music and Organ committees, and the various clubs that were a part of the Church's activities. Reports by the Pastor include information on deaths and baptisms in the Church. The Auditor's reports presented to the Trustees are grouped together in a separate folder.

Some of the correspondence and resolutions of the Trustees, particularly those pertaining to the early days of the church and its formation, can be found in the "History" folders within the **Subject Files** series.

Some bound material, including the Reports Ledgers and the Society Meeting Minutes, include indexes of the contents of the ledgers, pointing out subjects and events. The indexes to the Society Meeting Minutes include lists of officers and the members of various committees. The early By-Laws (as of 1843) of the Society can also be found within these bound meeting minutes.

Series 1: Trustee Records.

The series also contains some minutes of meetings of a Joint Committee of the 1st and 2nd Congregations from around the time of their split and attempted reconciliation in the 1840s.

Arrangement note

Trustee Records are arranged alphabetically by document/record type and chronologically within type.

	Dates	Box	Folder
Annual Meetings	1840-1879	1	1-8
General note			
Moved to Oversize Box 2:			
One oversized Treasurer's report from Folder 2, 1853.			
Annual Meetings	1880-1915	2	1-7
General note			
Items moved to Oversize Box 1:			
- Large ledger pages of Treasurer's reports from Folder 3, 1893-1894			
- Large ledger pages of Treasurer's reports from Folder 4, 1895-1896			
Annual Meetings	1916-1936	3	1-8
Annual Meetings	1938-1956	4	1-16
Auditors Reports	1934-1940	4	17

Series 1: Trustee Records.

Building Committee Minutes (including identifying correspondence)	1842-1844, 1944	4	18
Joint Committees of the 1st and 2nd Congregations Meeting Minutes and Resolutions	1842	4	19
President's Record	1844-1850	4	20
Reports Ledger	1842-1869	5	1
Reports Ledger	1869-1881	5	2
Society Meeting Minutes, Index and list of officers and committee members	1842-1922	6	1
Society Meeting Minutes, bound	1842-1922	6	2
Society Meeting Minutes, Index and list of officers and committee members	1842-1922	7	1
Society Meeting Minutes, bound	1833-1842	7	2
Standing Committee Meeting Minutes, bound	1833-1834	8	1
Standing Committee Meeting Minutes, bound	1833-1842	8	2
Trustees Meeting Minutes, bound	1922-1966	9	1
Trustees Meeting Minutes	1950-1951	9	2
Oversize Flat Box 1	-	OS 1	-
Oversize Flat Box 2	-	OS 2	-

Series 2: Subject Files.

Series 2: Subject Files. 1790-1980, 4.75 Linear feet In 10 manuscript boxes and 1 oversize flat box.

Arrangement note

The folders are arranged alphabetically by description and chronologically within type. With the exception of some files that needed redescription or to be moved to another series, the files are as maintained by the Church and the original file organization can be found in the "Inventories of Church Files" folder.

Scope and Contents

The **Subject Files** series collects the files kept by the Church covering its various interests and activities.

Of particular note are the "History" files which contain documents related to the early formation of the Congregation. These files include correspondence between the founders, resolutions and other actions of Trustees, early lists of subscribers, By-Laws, and early bills and accounts. The documents address the incorporation of the Congregation, the acquisition of land and the building of the Church of the Saviour, ministers, music, and other major matters of the congregation. Documents related to the early formation of the 2nd Congregation can also be found among these "History" folders. Some other documents related to the early and foundational years of the church can be found in the folders on By-Laws, Covenants and Statements of Faith, and Special Services. Also of interest are documents on the Church's work with children and youth including various clubs and very early documents regarding the Church's Sunday School. There is also club work here regarding psychiatric social work and counseling made available to parishioners during the tenure of John H. Lathrop. Researchers interested in the Low family should also note one file regarding the family with documents mostly unrelated to the church dating back to 1790.

Subject Files also holds published directories of the Church which have Parish lists, club reports with member rolls, updated by-laws and other information on the Church. Some of these directories have been annotated, particularly in the Parish membership lists.

Series 2: Subject Files.

Other family-oriented documents include the Bequests, Memorials, Special Services, and membership files.

	Dates	Box	Folder
Bequests: A-L	1847-1941	10	1
Bequests: M-Z	1875-1940	10	2
Bequests: Memorial Lanterns	1916-1918	10	3
Bequests: Miscellaneous	1883-1942	10	4
Bequests: Murals	1938	10	5
Bequests: Parker Memorial Mosaic	1934-1935	10	6
Brooklyn Liberal Christian Union	1866, 1888	10	7
<i>The Brooklyn Unitarian</i>	1959, 1970, 1976	10	7
By-Laws	1845, 1919	10	8
Celebrations: Anniversaries, General	1916-1944, 1980	10	9
Celebrations: 50th Anniversary	1894	10	10
Celebrations: 75th Anniversary	1917	10	11
Celebrations: 100th Anniversary	1933	11	1-2
Celebrations: Channing Centenary	1880	11	3

Series 2: Subject Files.

Celebrations: Lathrop's 20th Anniversary	1931	11	4
Celebrations: Lathrop's 25th Anniversary	1936	11	5
Celebrations: Lathrop's 25th Anniversary: Dinner and Reception	1936	11	6
Celebrations: Lathrop's 25th Anniversary: Correspondence	1935-1936	12	1
Celebrations: Other Congregations	1914-1937	12	2
Celebrations: Unitarian Festival	1862	12	3
Cemetery: Greenwood	1844-1929, 1976	12	4
General note			
Moved to Oversize Box 1:			
- One map of plots with subscriber names (Undated)			
- Two ledger pages of Treasurer's reports of cemetery accounts(1845, 1846)			
Cemetery: Greenwood: Correspondence	1901-1941	12	5
Clergyman's Office Year Book	1956-1957	12	6
Clerk of the Church	1927-1932	12	7
Clipper Ship Drawings	1847-1852	OS 4	-
Clubs: Alfred T. White Society	1931, 1942	12	8
Clubs: Boy Scouts	1925-1941	12	9

Series 2: Subject Files.

Clubs: General Entertainments and Ideas for Entertainments	Undated, 1914, 1919	12	10
Clubs: Laymen's League	1921-1925	12	11
Clubs: Miscellaneous	1916-1939, 1945	12	12
Clubs: Old Fort Club	1923-1931	13	1
Clubs: Old Fort Club: Scrapbook	1922-1924	13	2
Clubs: Pierrepont Wednesday Club	1917-1918	13	3
Clubs: Psychiatric Social Work, Beatrice Bishop Berle	1930-1931	13	4
Clubs: Samuel Longfellow Club	Undated	13	5
Clubs: Service Men's Center	1944-1945	13	6
Clubs: Young People's Religious Union	1923-1937	13	7
Communion	Undated, 1914	13	8
Covenants and Statements of Faith	Undated, 1842-1844, 1920s	13	9
Deacons	1913-1937	13	10
Directories	1890-1891, 1914-1921	13	11

Series 2: Subject Files.

Directories	1922-1930	14	1
Directories	1930s	14	2
Directories	1942-1950	14	3
Directories	1953, 1956	14	4
History	1830s-1843	14	5-7
History	1844-1960s	15	1-10
General note			
Moved to Oversize Box 1:			
One "Deed of Land" for Church of the Saviour plot, 1844			
History: Bills, Receipts and Accounts	1842-1851	15	11
History: Studies and Pamphlets	1920, 1930	15	12
History: Timelines	Undated	15	13
In Memoriam	circa 1880s, 1912-1953	16	1
In Memoriam: World War I, Honor Roll and Service Flag	1917-1919	16	2
In Memoriam: World War I, Honor Roll and Tablet in Vestibule	1923-1924	16	3
In Memoriam: World War II	1940s	16	4

Series 2: Subject Files.

Inventories of Church Files	circa 1930s	16	5
Legal Issues	1848, 1910, 1927-1931	16	6
Low Family Papers	1790, 1813-1880s, 1952	16	7
Membership: Attendance	1920s	16	8
Membership: Transfer by letter	1890s-1920s	16	9
Membership Drive	1925	16	10
Music	1900-1950	16	11-12
Organ	1848, 1900-1927	16	13
Organ: Repairs and Contracts	1900-1945	16	14
Post Office Mission Books	1921, 1923-1928	17	1-3
Post Office Mission: Strike Notice	1936	17	4
Programs	1929-1967	17	5
Programs: other Churches and Services	Undated, 1855-1949	17	6
Publicity	1910s-1940s	17	7

Series 2: Subject Files.

Resolutions	1910s-1940s	17	8
The Retreat, Inc.	1910s-1930s	17	9
The Samaritan Alliance	1931	17	10
Signature File	1920s-1940	17	11
Special Services	1844, 1860s-1940s	18	1-2
Staff	1920s-1930s	18	3
Sunday School	1842-1873	18	4
Sunday School: Christmas and Easter Services	1868-1919	18	5
Survey and Recommendations	1938	18	6
Union Services	1910s-1930s	18	7
Visitors Log Book	1925-1949	19	1
Visitors Log Book	1949-1963	19	2
White, Alfred T.: Obituaries, Memorials, and Condolences	1921-1941	20	1
White, Frances Harriet	Undated, 1937	20	2
Oversize Flat Box 1	-	OS 1	-

Series 3: Ministers.**Series 3: Ministers. 1834-1967, 1.0 Linear feet In 2 manuscript boxes.****Arrangement note**

Folders are arranged by minister in chronological order of tenure. Because several files in the series relate to John Lathrop, these are divided and arranged alphabetically.

Scope and Contents

The **Ministers** series contains files kept regarding the installation, resignation, and other major matters for the ministers of the Church of the Saviour. The materials are primarily correspondence and copies of resolutions and votes of the Society on these matters. Some files also include sermons, relevant news clippings, and articles . The file on Frederick W. Holland has correspondence regarding protest and controversy over his leadership during a developing schism in the Church as well as his record of funerals, baptisms, and marriages in the Church during his tenure. Clippings and Orders of Service related to Alfred E. Goodnough, H. Price Collier, and Samuel A. Eliot can be found in the **Scrapbooks** series. Additional sermons by H. Price Collier can also be found in the **Scrapbooks** series.

In the case of John Lathrop there are several folders due to the bulk of material. These are broken up by subject including his installation, committees he was involved with, other churches he communicated with, and memorial services after his death. Some of the committees here include the the League of Nations Association, the Long Island Historical Society, the Religious Arts Guild, refugee aid associations and other organizations dealing with ecumenical issues, the peace movement, and welfare and aid to the needy. While these files relate to what the Church kept in regards to Lathrop, for documents related to Lathrop's work, including his sermons, see the **John H. Lathrop Files** series.

	Dates	Box	Folder
D.H. Barlow (1834-1837)	1834-1837, 1937, 1947	20	3

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Frederick W. Holland (1838-1841)	1838-1846, 1894	20	4
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General note

One item moved to Oversize Box 1:

Council meeting of several churches. Includes note "Ralph W. Emerson was present"

Frederick A. Farley (1842-1863)	1841-1892	20	5
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Alfred P. Putnam (1864-1886)	1864-1880s, 1905-1906	20	6
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Alfred E. Goodnough (1887-1888)	1887-1888, 1949	20	7
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H. Price Collier (1888-1893)	1888-1893, 1942	20	8
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Samuel A. Eliot (1893-1897)	1892-1897, 1907, 1942-1957	20	9
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John P. Forbes (1898-1910)	1898-1910	20	10
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John H. Lathrop (1911-1967): Boards and Committees, Educational and Cultural	circa 1930s-1940s	20	11
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John H. Lathrop (1911-1967): Boards and Committees, religious groups	circa 1920s-1940s	21	1
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John H. Lathrop (1911-1967): Boards and Committees, social service and welfare organizations	1930s-1940s	21	2
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John H. Lathrop (1911-1967): Installation	1911, 1930s	21	3
John H. Lathrop (1911-1967): Installation correspondence	1900-1920s	21	4
John H. Lathrop (1911-1967): International organizations and world alliances	1910s-1940s	21	5
John H. Lathrop (1911-1967): Memorial Services	1967	21	6
John H. Lathrop (1911-1967): Other Churches, correspondence and programs	1920s-1940s	21	7
Ministers Assistants	1890s-1930s	21	8
Oversize Flat Box 1	-	OS 1	-

Series 4: John H. Lathrop Files. 1849-1960, 11.5 Linear feet In 27 manuscript boxes and 1 oversize flat box.

Arrangement note

The **John H. Lathrop Files** are arranged alphabetically by subject and material type.

Scope and Contents

The **John H. Lathrop Files** series contains the working and reference files of John H. Lathrop who served as minister to the First Unitarian Congregation of Brooklyn from 1911 to 1967. The series covers Lathrop's varied interests and prolific work. Lathrop's work within the Church and community can be seen through his sermons, correspondence, parishioners' files, and work with organizations like the Brooklyn Urban League which he helped found and managed as president for many years. As minister

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for the Church during both world wars, Lathrop was interested in the international peace movement. Lathrop was involved with various organizations which mobilized for peace like the War Resisters League, the Emergency Peace Campaign, and the National Peace Conference, which he headed. Lathrop was similarly interested in international aid and outreach and had files pertaining to humanitarian efforts in Germany, Spain, Hungary and other nations.

There are some records within this series regarding the First Church's connection to Unitarians in Transylvania and their church there. Several files also address Czechoslovakia and the Unitarian Service Committee trip there which Lathrop was a part of. The First Unitarian Congregation of Brooklyn had a special connection to Czechoslovakia as a former member of the Church, Charlotte Garrigue, had married the first president of Czechoslovakia, Tomas Garrigue Masaryk. Lathrop kept up correspondence with their daughter, Alice Garrigue Masaryk, one of the founders of the Czechoslovak Red Cross, and their son, Jan Masaryk, the Foreign Minister of Czechoslovakia.

The series also contains a collection of reference material on various topics of interest to Lathrop including marriage, peace, labor and unemployment, religious freedom, liberal Christianity, and other related issues. These reference files consist of articles, pamphlets, and various materials from organizations Lathrop was interested in or with which he was tangentially involved. Lathrop's sermons deal with this broad range of topics as well, particularly ideas of liberal Christianity and its application in the world. Lathrop's work with like-minded organizations like the International Association for Liberal Christianity and Religious Freedom and the American Committee on Religious Rights and Minorities can be found in this series.

Some files on Lathrop and documents created by him can be found in many other series within the collection, but particularly within the **Ministers** series which contains documents on his installation, organizations he served on the board of, and memorial services for his death.

	Dates	Box	Folder
Altar of All Faiths: Brahmo Samaj plaque, artist's sketch	Undated	22	1

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American Committee on Religious Rights and Minorities	1928-1944, 1951	22	2-5
American League for Human Rights	1933	22	6
American Legion	1934	22	7
General note			
Includes signed letter from U.S. Senator Royal S. Copeland.			
American Red Cross, Brooklyn Chapter	1921-1943	22	8-9
American Unitarian Association	1919, 1933-1938	23	1
Arab National League	1937-1947	23	2
Articles (by Lathrop)	1930s-1940s	23	3
Berkeley Unitarian Church	1906-1911	23	4
Bhagavat Gita, Order of 80 Certificate	1899	23	5
Bible Studies	1904, circa 1910s-1940s	23	6
Book Reviews	circa 1930s-1940s	23	7
British Unitarianism	circa 1940s	23	8
Brooklyn Interorganizational Council on Disarmament	1931-1934	23	9

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Brooklyn Urban League	1931-1939	23	10
Channing, William	1937-1938	23	11
Clippings	1920s-1930s	24	1
Clippings: Abraham Lincoln's Assassination	1865	OS 2	2
Civic Committee for Adult Literacy	1932-1935	24	2
Committee for World Disarmament and World Reconstruction	1951-1952	24	3
Correspondence: A	1912-1944	24	4
Correspondence: B	1900s-1950s	24	5
Correspondence: Babel, Henry	1955	24	6
General note			
Includes two letters from Adlai Stevenson.			
Correspondence: Brooklyn Ministers	circa 1910s-1930s	24	7
Correspondence: C-D	1910s-1940s	24	8
Correspondence: E-F	1910s-1940s	24	9
Correspondence: Family	1849-1912	24	10-12
Correspondence: Family	1913-1945	25	1-2

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Correspondence: G-H	1910s-1940s	25	3
Correspondence: I-L	1910s-1940s	25	4
Correspondence: M-N	1910s-1930s	25	5
Correspondence: Niebuhr, H. Richard	1937	25	6
Correspondence: O-P	1910s-1940s	25	7
Correspondence: R	1910s-1940s	26	1
Correspondence: S-Z	1910s-1940s	26	2
Correspondence: Taft, William H.	1921	26	3
Czechoslovakia	1928-1952	26	4-5
Czechoslovakia: American Relief for Czechoslovakia, Inc.	1947-1949	26	6
Czechoslovakia: Correspondence	circa 1930s-1940s	26	7
Czechoslovakia: Endicott, NY	1951-1953	26	8
Czechoslovakia: Masaryk, Alice Garrigue	1933-1953	26	9
Czechoslovakia: Masaryk, Jan	1940s	27	1
Czechoslovakia: Masaryk family	1939-1948	27	2
Czechoslovakia: Olesovice Children's Home`	1946-1948	27	3
Czechoslovakia: Unitarian Service Committee Trip	1946-1947	27	4

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General note

Moved to Oversize Box 3:

- One large sign in Czech for a sermon given by Dr. Lathrop, 1947.

- One small sign for the Unitarian Service Committee Medical Teaching Mission, Undated.

Czechoslovakia: Unitarian Service Committee Trip: Clippings	1946-1947	27	5
Czechoslovakia: Unitarian Service Committee Trip: Correspondence	1946	27	6
Czechoslovakia: Unitarian Service Committee Trip: Personal Report of John Lathrop	circa 1946	27	7
Dresser, Horatio	circa 1930s-1940s	27	8
Dresser, Horatio: <i>The Quimby Manuscripts</i>	1903, circa 1920s, 1960	27	9
Eastman, Rebecca Hooper	circa 1937	28	1
Emergency Peace Campaign	1936-1937	28	2
Ephemera	circa 1930s-1940s	28	3
Field, Noel	1950	28	4
Free Church Fellowship	1934-1936	28	5

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German Churches	1947-1948	28	6
Germany: Relief for German Children	1924	28	7
Greece	1928-1930, 1933	28	8
Haspl, Karel	1952-1953	28	9
Hosmer, Fred: Portrait and Pension Fund	1920-1925	28	10
Hungary and Transylvania	1920s-1940s	28	11
Hungary: Gabor, Gelei	1940s	28	12
Hungary: Kossuth (including copies of articles from 1860's-1880's)	circa 1930s-1940s	28	13
Hungary: Siklossy, Laszlo	1924-1934	28	14
India	1935-1938, 1954	28	15
International Association for Liberal Christianity and Religious Freedom (IARF)	1929-1941	28	16-17
IARF	1946-1954	29	1-5
IARF: Amsterdam	1948-1949	29	6
IARF: Berne	1946-1948	29	7
IARF: Lathrop Articles re:	1940s-1950s	30	1

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IARF: Society of Friends	1948-1949	30	2
International Religious Fellowship	1946-1948	30	3
Islam	1936, 1947	30	4
Japan	1926-1929	30	5
Journals and Accounts of European Trips	1900, 1902	30	6
Kagawa, Toyohiko	1935-1936	30	7
Krakes, Pavel	1948-1953	30	8
League of Nations	1925-1926	30	9
Lectures	circa 1920s-1940s	30	10
<i>The Living Faith of A Unitarian</i>	1944	30	11
<i>The Living Faith of a Unitarian: Correspondence</i>	1944-1945	30	12
Mayor of Brooklyn Heights (<i>Brooklyn Heights Press</i>)	1941	31	1
Melish, Dr. Howard	1931-1944	31	2
Mexico	1935	31	3
Mita, Edo	1953	31	4
National Consumers' League Conference	1932-1933	31	5
National Peace Conference	1935-1937	31	6-8

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National Peace Conference	1938-1940	32	1-5
National Peace Conference	1941-1942	33	1
New York University	1932	33	2
Notebooks	Undated	33	3
Notes	Undated	33	4-6
Notes	circa 1930s	33	7
Obituaries	circa 1920s-1940s	33	8
Other Churches: Programs	1901-1945	33	9
Parishioners Files: A-D	1931-1936	34	1
Parishioners Files: E-J	1931-1936	34	2
Parishioners Files: K-M	1931-1936	34	3
Parishioners Files: N-R	1931-1936	34	4
Parishioners Files: S-Z	1931-1936	34	5
Parishioners Lists	circa 1910s-1940s	34	6
Petitions, Letters, and Resolutions Signed	1950s	35	1
Philippines	1940s-1950s	35	2
Pioli, Giovanni	circa 1950s	35	3

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Poems, collected	circa 1910s-1950s	35	4
Prayers	circa 1910s-1940s	35	5
Prayers, collected	circa 1900s-1940s	35	6
Quotations, collected	circa 1900s-1940s	35	7
Quotations and Music, collected	1910s-1940s	36	1
Reference: Czechoslovakia	1940s	36	2-3
Reference: Eastern Europe (collected and bound articles)	1910s-1920s	36	4
Reference: Eastern Europe, collected and bound articles	1910s-1930s	37	1
Reference: Health and Hygiene	1930-1941	37	2
Reference: Labor and Unemployment	1930s-1940s	37	3-4
Reference: Liberalism and Related Causes	1930s-1940s	38	1-3
Reference: Marriage, Birth Control and Family Counseling	1920s-1940s	38	4
Reference: Marriage, Birth Control, and Family Counseling	1920s-1940s	39	1-2
Reference: Peace and Foreign Policy	1920s-1940s	39	3-6

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Reference: Peace and Foreign Policy	1920s-1940s	40	1-5
Reference: Peace and Foreign Policy	1920s-1940s	41	1-4
Reference: Peace and Foreign Policy	1920s-1940s	42	1
Reference: Theology and Philosophy	1920s-1940s	42	2
Reference: Unitarianism	1900	42	3
Second Unitarian Church	1913	42	4
Sermons and Orders of Worship	Undated, 1914-1932	43	1-7
Sermons and Orders of Worship	1933-1936	44	1-4
Sermons and Orders of Worship	1937-1943	45	1-6
Sermons and Orders of Worship	1944-1951	46	1-4
Sermons, published	1940s-1950s	46	5
Sermons: Radio Address	1925-1936	46	6
Sermons, repeated (1 of 2)	1909-1936	47	1
Sermons, repeated (2 of 2)	1909-1939	47	2
Sixth Conference on Science, Philosophy, and Religion	1945	47	3
Sixth Conference on Science, Philosophy, and Religion: Papers Presented	1945	47	4
Spanish Refugee Appeal	1945-1950	47	5

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Student Christian Movement in New England	1937	47	6
Theological Schools and Courses	circa 1900s-1940s	48	1
Transylvania: Csiki, Gabrielic	1922-1923, 1934, 1938	48	2
Unitarian Festival	1942	48	3
UNESCO	1950-1952	48	4
Unity Church: Directory	circa 1910s, 1947	48	5
Universitat Jena	1902	48	6
University of Chicago	1901	48	7
Vit, Karl V.	1948-1952	48	8
Wald, Lillian	1932-1934, 1940	48	9
White, Alfred T.	1912-1919	48	10
World Churches	1920s-1940s	48	11
World's Fair, Temple of Religion	1937-1939	48	12
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Series 5: Unitarian Movement Files.

Series 5: Unitarian Movement Files. 1850-1975, (Bulk, 1850-1945) 1.0 Linear feet In 2 manuscript boxes.

Arrangement note

The **Unitarian Movement Files** are arranged alphabetically by subject and material type.

Scope and Contents

The **Unitarian Movement Files** contain the general files kept by the Church on its involvement with the Unitarian movement across America, primarily through the American Unitarian Association (AUA), and in other parts of the world. The AUA material concerns Unitarian outreach, publicity, and social-service. There is one folder related to the congregation's sister church in Transylvania. For more on the Church's efforts abroad, see the **John H. Lathrop Files** for papers on Czechoslovakia, Hungary, Transylvania, and the Philippines.

	Dates	Box	Folder
American Unitarian Association (AUA): Aided Churches	1928-1932	49	1
AUA: Administration: Officers and General Procedures	1927-1933	49	2
AUA: Alliance Manuals and Pamphlets	circa 1920s-1930s	49	3
AUA: Annual Meeting	1917-1936, 1943	49	4
AUA: Board of Directors' Meetings	1929, 1943	49	5
AUA: By-Laws and Organization	1847, 1914-1932	49	6

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AUA: Committee on New Americans	1928-1930	49	7
AUA: Educational Institutions	1850s, 1928-1932	49	8
AUA: Finance, Income and Expenditures	1929-1934	49	9
AUA: Fund Raising: Contributions of First Unitarian Church	1900-1943	49	10
AUA: Fund Raising: Maintenance Fund	1930	49	11
AUA: General Conference	1919, 1929, 1931	49	12-13
AUA: International Congress, Foreign Relations Committee	1922-1932	49	14
AUA: Layman's League	1919-1922	49	15
AUA: Membership Drive	1920-1922	49	16
AUA: Mid-Atlantic States Council: Metropolitan Conference	1932-1940	49	17
AUA: Oxford Conference	1936-1937	50	1
AUA: Publications Committee	1930-1932	50	2
AUA: Social Relations Department	1927-1933	50	3
AUA: Social Service Council	1926	50	4
AUA: Wilbur, Earl	1933	50	5

Series 6: Sunday School Books.

Brooklyn: Charities and Welfare Associations	1917-1940	50	6
Brooklyn: Civic and Cultural Development	1876-1945	50	7
Flatbush Unitarian Church	1932-1942, 1950, 1975	50	8
Hollis Unitarian Church	1934, 1937, 1942	50	9
New Jersey Unitarian Church Archives Survey	1940	50	10
Other Unitarian Churches	circa 1910s-1930s	50	11
Salem Church, Massachusetts	1917-1923	50	12
Transylvanian Sister Church	1920-1940	50	13
Unitarian Conference of Mid-Atlantic States and Canada	1911-1942	50	14
Unitarian Foundation	1926	50	15
Unitarian Service Pension Society	1916-1940	50	16

Series 6: Sunday School Books. 1842-1906, 1.25 Linear feet In 3 manuscript boxes.**Arrangement note**

The books are arranged alphabetically by subject.

Scope and Contents

Series 7: Calendars.

The **Sunday School Books** series contains small books and ledgers used by the Sunday School of the First Unitarian Church. Lists of names of teachers and students can be found in the Attendance Records Ledgers and the Directory and Secretary's Book. The books on the Annual Meetings of Teachers and the Sunday School Journal account the operations and concerns of the school. Sunday School classes were conducted by the Church of the Saviour at the Wall Street Ferry House on Furman Street until the building of Willow Place Chapel in 1876. Thus, it should be noted that the books in this series span the time before and after the building of the chapel and those interested in the Congregation's Sunday School should also check the **Willow Place Chapel** series. Some additional records on the Church's school can be found in the **Subject Files** series. Some financial records of the Sunday School can be found in the **Financial Records** series.

	Dates	Box	Folder
Annual Meetings of Teachers	1887-1890	51	1
Attendance Records Ledgers	1842-1883	51	2-5
Attendance Records Ledgers	1889-1903	52	1-3
Directory and Secretary's Book	1877-1881	53	1
Sunday School Journal	1864-1880	53	2
Superintendent's Record	1901-1906	53	3

Series 7: Calendars. 1910-1952, 1.75 Linear feet In 4 manuscript boxes.

Arrangement note

The calendars are arranged chronologically by year.

Scope and Contents

Series 8: Registers.

The **Calendars** series contains the bound books that hold the orders of worship as well as flyers and pamphlets related to services. Programs to special services and events are often included as well. Some of the calendars were in the possession of Minister John H. Lathrop and include some of his annotations and notes. For additional orders see the files on "Sermons and Orders of Worship" within the **John H. Lathrop Files**

	Dates	Box	Item
Calendars	1910-1923	54	1-13
Calendars	1923-1935	55	1-12
Calendars	1935-1946	56	1-11
Calendars	1946-1952	57	1-6

Series 8: Registers. 1841-1930, 1.25 Linear feet In 3 manuscript boxes.

Arrangement note

Registers are arranged alphabetically by description.

Scope and Contents

The registers in this series track the christenings, marriages, and funerals carried out by the Congregation. Willow Place Chapel had its own functions separate from the Church of the Saviour and kept its own registers which can also be found in this series. The Willow Place Chapel registers also contain substantive commentary on the families making up that portion of the Congregation, including notes on employment, illness, marital problems, and other issues. Some registers also contain additional information on the Sunday School and charity loans. For additional records of christenings, marriages, deaths, and member rolls of the Church, one should check the reports of the Ministers to

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the Trustees in **Trustee Records**, the "History" folders within the **Subject Files**, and lists of parishioners kept by John H. Lathrop in the **John H. Lathrop Files**.

	Dates	Box	Item
General Register	1893-1912	57	7
Marriage and Christening Register	1841-1890	58	1
Marriage and Christening Register	1895-1900	58	2
Willow Place Chapel Registers	1889-1904	58	3-5
Willow Place Chapel Registers	1904-1912	59	1
Willow Place Chapel Register of Members	1921-1930	59	2

Series 9: Buildings and Construction. 1833-1956, 1.25 Linear feet In 3 manuscript boxes.

Arrangement note

Materials in **Buildings and Construction** are arranged alphabetically by description.

Scope and Contents

The **Buildings and Construction** series pertains to buildings constructed, purchased, and maintained by the First Congregation. Among these buildings is the Gothic Revival style Church of the Saviour of the Brooklyn Heights neighborhood, built in 1844. The series includes the original plans and specifications submitted by its architect, Minard Lafever. In addition to plans, specifications, and alterations made on the buildings, the series contains financial information related to the properties and documents on embellishments to the buildings such as the Church's stained glass windows and marble baptismal font.

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There is also information on the pews of the Church of the Saviour and some of its renters. In addition to the Church of the Saviour other buildings in this series include the Parish House (50 Monroe Place), the Parsonage (98 Pierrepont St), the Pierrepont Chapel (adjacent to the Church of the Saviour), and 123 Pierrepont Street. Documents related to Willow Place Chapel and Columbia House are collected in the **Willow Place Chapel and Columbia House** series. For information on the organ of the Church of the Saviour refer to the **Subject Files** series.

	Dates	Box	Folder
123 Pierrepont Street	1938-1944	60	1
General note			
Moved to oversize box 3:			
Seven blueprints of 123 Pierrepont Street.			
Church of the Saviour: Alterations and Repairs	1904-1941	60	2-4
General note			
Moved to Oversize Box 3:			
One oversize plan with diagrams of alterations, Undated (from Folder 2)			
Church of the Saviour: Baptismal Font	1847	60	5
Church of the Saviour: Pews	1833-1930s	60	6-7
General note			
Moved to Oversize Box 3:			
- One floor plan of pews with pew numbers and names of subscribers, 1844 (from Folder 6)			

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- One floor plan of pews with pew numbers, Undated
(from Folder 7)

Church of the Saviour: Plans and Specifications	1842	60	8
Church of the Saviour: Undercroft Alterations	1923, 1938	60	9

General note

Moved to Oversize Box 3:

One sketch of alteration plans, Undated.

Heating	1937-1940	61	1
Inspection Certificates	1900-1949	61	2
Insurance	1881-1939	61	3-4
Inventory	1942	61	5
Parish House: Alterations and Repairs	1911-1937	61	6
Parish House: Construction Bills	1937-1938	61	7-9
Parish House: Construction purchase orders	1937	61	10
Parish House: Contract Work	1937	62	1
Parsonage (98 Pierrepont Street)	1890-1953	62	2

General note

Moved to Oversize Box 3:

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- Three blueprints of stairway, doorway, and front of building, c.1930's-1940's

- One sketch paper plan of first floor and basement, c. 1930's-1940's

Parsonage: Sale of 1952 62 3

Pierrepont Chapel 1867-1869 62 4

Pierrepont Chapel: Additions 1905-1906 OS 4 -

Pierrepont Chapel: Construction and Renovations 1913-1921 62 5

Property Restrictions 1910-1942 62 6

Screens in Memory of Alfred, Annie, and Katherine White circa 1922 62 7

General note

Moved to Oversize Box 3:

Four blueprints of arch and screens, c.1922

Taxes and Assessments 1907-1940 62 8

Windows: Beatitudes Window 1944-1947 62 9

Windows: Clerestory Windows 1912, 62 10
1930-1956

Windows: Forbes Window 1913 62 11

Windows: Rose Window 1913 62 12

General note

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- Moved to Oversize Box 3: One blueprint of window fixture and design moved to oversize box

Windows: Tiffany Windows	1905-1949	62	13
Oversize Flat Box 3	-	OS 3	-

Series 10: Willow Place Chapel and Columbia House 1865-1972, 5.0 Linear feet In 12 manuscript boxes.

Arrangement note

Scope and Contents

Willow Place Chapel was built in 1876 under the direction of Alfred T. White who was seeking a more proper setting for the settlement school under his charge. The Chapel functioned somewhat separately from the Church of the Saviour and conducted its own evening services as well as adopting the First Congregation's Sunday School. In addition to these tasks, some other classes (such as in music or sewing), clubs, and welfare work operated out of Willow Place Chapel. In 1906 Columbia House was added to the settlement complex and carried on its own outreach and community work in conjunction with Willow Place Chapel. The **Willow Place Chapel and Columbia House** series contains the records related to the work carried on within these buildings and on behalf of the members including annual and trustee reports, deacon meeting minutes, Sunday school records, and the records of the Chapel Association. The series also holds relevant building records in regards to construction and alterations, financial information including accounts and salaries, various records on clubs and events that functioned out of the Chapel, and records related to health and social work carried out by the Chapel's staff. Prior to the establishment of Willow Place Chapel these tasks, particularly social and settlement work, were done at the Furman Street Mission. Reports

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and other records relevant to work done at the Furman Street Mission can be found in this series, particularly among material before 1876.

For more on the Congregation's Sunday school, see the series **Sunday School Books**. For registers pertaining to services and members of the Willow Place Chapel, see the **Registers** series. Some financial records of the Sunday School can be found in the **Financial Records** series.

	Dates	Box	Folder
50th Anniversary	1915	63	1
97th Company	1890-1892	63	2
Accounts Ledger	1906-1920	63	3-4
Alfred T. White Community Center	1962	63	5
American Unitarian Association	1917-1919	63	6
Annual Meeting Reports	1922-1939	63	7-8
Annual Meeting Reports	1940-1946	64	1
Annual Picnic	1915-1922	64	2
"B" Miscellaneous	circa 1910s	64	3
Bequests: Windows, Lanterns and Banners	1892-1932	64	4
<i>Better Times, the Weekly Welfare Magazine</i>	1926	64	5
Board of Education	1922-1947	64	6
Boy Scouts	1917-1918	64	7

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Boys' Clubs	1915-1916	64	8
Brooklyn Bureau of Charities	1916-1919	64	9
Brooklyn Trust Company	1880s, 1920s	64	10
Budgets	1914-1922	64	11
Buildings: Alterations and Repairs	1906-1924	64	12
Buildings: Contracts	1905, 1925	64	13
Buildings: Heating	1924-1925	64	14
Buildings: Insurance	1925-1937	64	15
Buildings: Specifications	1875	64	16
Buildings: Specifications	1905	65	1
Burke Relief Foundation	1916-1917	65	2
"C" Miscellaneous	1916-1917	65	3
Calendars	1921-1924	65	4
Calendar Notices	1918-1919	65	5
Camps	1917-1918	65	6
Cash Accounts System	circa 1910s	65	7
Cash Books, Receipts and Disbursements	1909-1925	65	8-9

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General note

Moved to Oversize Box 2:

One ledger of Receipts and Disbursements, 1920-1925.

Chapel Association: Annual Meetings and By-Laws	1890-1911	65	10
Chapel Association: Meeting Minutes	1914-1917	65	11
Chapel Association: Meeting Minutes Book	1912-1925	66	1
<i>Chapel House News</i>	1912, 1913	66	2
Children's Aid Society: Summer Vacation	1920	66	3
Children's Year	1918-1919	66	4
Christmas Services	1908-1920	66	5
Citizenship and Americanization	circa 1918	66	6
Clubs and Entertainments	1913-1922	66	7
Clubs: By-Laws	circa 1910s	66	8
Clubs: Suggestions	circa 1910s	66	9
Columbia Civic Club	1917	66	10
Columbia House	1918-1944	66	11
Columbia House: Accounts Ledger	1919-1920	66	12
Columbia House: Brass Band	1917-1918	67	1

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Columbia House: Music School	1919-1936	67	2
Columbia House: Reports to the Treasurer	1921-1922	67	3
Columbia House: Sewing School and Library	1928-1946	67	4
Columbia House: Summer Vacation Work	1915-1941	67	5
Columbia Men's Club	1916-1917	67	6
Community Councils	1919-1920	67	7
Constitution and By-Laws	circa 1910s	67	8
Country Fortnight Outings	1918	67	9
"D" Miscellaneous	circa 1916	67	10
Deacons: Meeting Minutes	1943-1951	67	11
"E" Miscellaneous	1917	67	12
Easter Services	1904-1916	67	13
Edison Electric Illuminating Co.	1916-1917	67	14
Educational Dramatic League	circa 1910s	67	15
Employment Agencies and Bureaus	circa 1910s	67	16
"F" Miscellaneous	1915-1921	68	1
Finances	1916-1948	68	2-7
Finances: Accounts and Statements	1917-1923	69	1

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Finances: Analysis	1921	69	2
Finances: Salary and Other Disbursements	1917-1918	69	3
Food Selection and Preparation	1917	69	4
Form Letters	1919-1921	69	5
Fourth of July Committee	1916-1919	69	6
Fundraising	1907	69	7
Furman Street Mission	1867-1869	69	8
"G" Miscellaneous	1917	69	9
"H" Miscellaneous	1916-1918	69	10
Health Clinics	1916-1920	69	11
History	1865-1914, 1972	69	12
Infantile Paralysis	1916-1917	69	13
Intersettlement Athletic League	1916	69	14
"L" Miscellaneous	1917, 1920	69	15
Lantern Slides	circa 1910s	69	16
Lathrop, John H.	1918-1924	69	17
"M" Miscellaneous	1916-1920	70	1

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Merger with Pierrepont Chapel	1926	70	2
Military Census	circa 1917	70	3
Ministers	1886, 1915-1930	70	4
Monday Club	1908-1914	70	5
Mothers' Aid Day Nursery	1911	70	6
"N" Miscellaneous	1918-1924	70	7
"P" Miscellaneous	1919	70	8
Plays	circa 1910s	70	9
Programs	1890, 1912-1922	70	10-11
Refurbishing (Baker Drawings)	circa 1915	70	12

General note

Moved to Oversize Box 3:

- One sketch of alterations and design for message board, Undated.

- One sketch of turned wood candlestick, Undated.

Reports	1868-1927	70	13-14
Reports to the Trustees	1867-1907	71	1-6

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Reports to the Trustees	1908-1926	72	1-4
Resolution: Unity with First Congregation	1951	72	5
Riverside Improvement Association: Zoning Restrictions	1906-1925	72	6
General note			
Moved to Oversize Box 2:			
Two blueprints of proposed cable and box for NY & NJ Telephone Company			
Settlements	1915-1923	72	7
Special Services	1871-1923	73	1
Staff: Paid and Voluntary	1908-1928	73	2
Summer Work	1920-1921	73	3
Sunday School: Curriculum	1920s-1940s	73	4
Sunday School: List of Early Teachers	1916-1926	73	5
Sunday School: Outline of Mission	Undated	73	6
Sunday School: Questionnaires	1920s	73	7
Sunday School: Reports	1905-1923	73	8
Sunday School: Teachers and Pupils Book	1865-1917	73	9
Titles, Deeds, and Leases	1875-1947	74	1

Series 10: Willow Place Chapel and Columbia House

General note

Moved to Oversize Box 1:

- Two deeds of indenture between the Board of Education and Trustees of the Church, 1875

- Two maps/plans of the area bordered by Columbia Place, State Street, Willow Place, and Joralemon Street, 1875 and 1947

Treasurer	1918-1920	74	2
Treasurer: Accounts Record Book	1931-1941	74	3
War Correspondence	1918	74	4
War Savings Committee	1918	74	5

General note

Moved to oversize:

Three War Savings Stamps propaganda posters, c. 1918

<i>Willow Place Chapel News</i>	1921-1927	74	6
Women's Club	1930s-1940s	74	7
Wonderland	1921-1922	74	8
YMCA	1920	74	9
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Oversize Flat Box 2	-	OS 2	-

Series 11: Financial Records.

Oversize Flat Box 3	-	OS 3	-
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Series 11: Financial Records. 1833-1956, 8.0 Linear feet In 12 manuscript boxes and 5 oversize flat boxes.

Arrangement note

Files and items are arranged alphabetically by description.

Scope and Contents

The **Financial Records** series holds many of the Church's records regarding collecting and disbursing funds for its operations as well as for Willow Place Chapel, the Sunday School, Missionary Fund, and other programs. General financial statements of the Congregation are within this series. The series includes records of disbursements from the Charity Fund, Friendship Fund, and Minister's Discretionary Fund (the Charity Fund was used to make payments to congregants in need until 1923 when it was replaced by the Friendship Fund. The Friendship Fund was closed in 1940 and its purpose subsumed into the Minister's Discretionary Fund, which was also used for such payments prior to 1940.) In addition to the records of the Treasurer, budgets, investments, and fund raising, this series also contains ledgers on subscriber dues and pew rentals, including a book of the original deeds to the pews. Records on the receipts of the Church and ledgers of Offerings to the Church are another source of lists of pews renters and subscribers. The Church's investments include mortgages, so there is some information on individual residential mortgages including amounts, debtors, and properties.

The Housekeeping Scribe's Chronicle is a record of expenses for club meetings and events and thus doubles as a resource of menus and club member rolls.

	Dates	Box	Folder
Appraisal of Property and Furnishings	1932, 1939	75	1

Series 11: Financial Records.

Budgets	1916-1954	75	2
Budgets: Correspondence	1924-1935	75	3
Budgets: Correspondence	1936-1942	75	4
Charity Fund: Minutes and Account Book	1871-1902	75	5
Charity Fund / Friendship Fund: Account Book	1902-1940	75	6
Charity Fund: Check Books	1902-1923	75	7
Charity Fund / Friendship Fund: Notes and Correspondence	1918-1940	75	8
Charity Fund: Vouchers (Brackett, Treasurer)	1899-1911	76	1
Charity Fund: Vouchers (White, Treasurer)	1911-1921	76	2
Charity Fund / Friendship Fund: Vouchers (Frothingham, Treasurer)	1921-1940	76	3
Collection Plate, Church and Chapel	1940-1947	76	4-6
Endowment Investments	1911-1941	76	7
Endowment Investments: Mortgages	1890s-1940s	76	8
Fund Raising: Charity and Missionary Committee	1897-1919	77	1
Fund Raising: Easter Offertory	1935	77	2
Fund Raising: Every Member Visitation	1934, 1939	77	3
Fund Raising: Loyalty Week	1934-1935	77	4

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Fund Raising: Methods	1931, 1939	77	5
Fund Raising: Pledge Cards	1918-1919	77	6
Fund Raising: Special Appeals	1919	77	7
Fund Raising: Survey Committee: Questionnaire and Replies	1938	77	8
Fund Raising: Survey Committee: Survey and Recommendations	1938	77	9
General Finances Journal	1921-1935	77	10
General Finances Ledger	1908-1935	78	1-2
Housekeeping Scribe's Chronicle	1930s	78	3
Housekeeping Scribe's Chronicle Book	1927-1945	78	4
Income for Special Funds	1921-1935	79A	1
Investments	1895-1928	79A	2-4
Missionary Fund: Collections Ledger	1898-1910	79A	5
Minister's Discretionary Fund: Check Books	1932-1935	79B	1
Minister's Discretionary Fund: Check Books	1935-1941	79B	2
Minister's Discretionary Fund: Check Books	1941-1945	79B	3
Minister's Discretionary Fund: Check Book and Correspondence	1945-1949	79B	4

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Minister's Discretionary Fund: Check Books	1946, 1949-1952	79B	5
Minister's Discretionary Fund: Correspondence and Notes	1930-1951	79B	6
Offerings Ledgers	1929-1936	80	1-4
Pews: Original Deeds and Transfers	1844-1901	81	1
Pews: Rental Ledgers	1840-1886	81	2-5
Pews: Rental Ledgers	1886-1921	82	1-4
Pledges Ledger	1922	83	1
Receipts and Distribution Ledger	1911-1921	84	1
Receipts and Expenditures Ledger	1914-1921	84	2-4
Receipts and Expenditures Ledger	1921-1927	85	1-4
Receipts and Expenditures Ledger	1929-1935	86	1
Receipts and Expenditures: Balance Sheets	1923-1932	87	1
Receipts and Expenditures: Overview	1893-1913	87	2
Reports	1921-1944	87	3-7
Reports	1945-1956	88	1-2
Subscribers Dues Book	1842-1844	88	3
Sunday School Accounts Ledger	1866-1908	88	4

Series 12: Scrapbooks.

Treasurer: Bank Account Book	1845-1846	88	5
Treasurer: Correspondence	1910s-1940s	88	6
Treasurer's General Ledger and Cash Book	1833-1840	88	7
Treasurer's General Ledger and Cash Book	1842-1859, 1866-1884	89	1-2
Treasurer's General Ledger and Cash Book	1884-1912	90	1-2

Series 12: Scrapbooks. circa 1860s-1945, 2.25 Linear feet In 3 manuscript boxes and 2 oversize flat boxes.

Arrangement note

The scrapbooks in this series are arranged alphabetically by topic and chronologically by earliest date within topic. Loose items that were falling out of scrapbooks were placed into folders which can be found alongside the scrapbook that the items came from.

Scope and Contents

The books in the **Scrapbooks** series contain clippings and ephemeral items related to the Church. The scrapbooks collect articles on the church's ministers and on religious and ecumenical matters. They also collect some published images, poems, hymns, and local news items. Several of the scrapbooks include clippings related to Plymouth Church and Henry Ward Beecher. Most of the scrapbooks seem to have been made by members of the church. The scrapbooks of items on the ministers Alfred E. Goodnough, H. Price Collier, and Samuel A. Eliot and the scrapbooks collecting the sermons of Collier were assembled and donated to the church by Maud Willard Bartlett. One other scrapbook ("Religion and

Series 13: Photographs.

Theology, 1866-1875") included a note that it came from the home of Mary E. Butterick in 1942.

	Dates	Box	Folder
Ministers: A. E. Goodnough	1887-1888	91	1
Ministers: H. Price Collier	1888-1892	91	2
Ministers: H. Price Collier and Samuel A. Eliot	1892-1893	91	3
Ministers: H. Price Collier and Samuel A. Eliot	1893-1896	91	4
Ministers: Samuel A. Eliot	1897-1917	91	5
Ministers Sermons: H. Price Collier	1888-1913	92	1-2
Miscellaneous Articles and Items	1860s-1870s	93	1
Miscellaneous Articles and Items	1870s-1880s, 1937-1945	94	1-2
Religion and Theology Articles and Items	1866-1875, 1880s-1900s	95	1-2

Series 13: Photographs. circa 1870s-1958, 0.25 Linear feet In 1 manuscript box.

Arrangement note

The photographs are arranged according to their digital Object ID # in PastPerfect.

Scope and Contents

Series 13: Photographs.

The **Photographs** series contains photographs from two separate photo accessions related to the Church. Most of the folders in this series contain images that were originally part of the First Unitarian Congregational Society records. These photos were initially removed from the collection and entered into the library's image database under a V1989.20 accession number. The photos include church buildings, like Willow Place Chapel and the Third Unitarian Congregation's Unity Church, and church activities such as a picnic, fairs, plays, and some minstrel shows. Also included are photos of ministers from the First, Second, and Third Unitarian Congregations including John Lathrop, John White Chadwick, Alfred P. Putnam and Stephen H. Camp. The last folder in the series contains photos from a later accession, V1990.46, and consists of four print reproductions of photographs of Willow Place Chapel, Columbia House, and the school at the chapel.

Item level description and digital versions of images from the collection are available for searching via the image database in the library.

	Dates	Box	Folder
V1989.20.2-.9 John Lathrop, Parishioners	circa 1910-1958	96	1
V1989.20.10-.27 Chapel and Church, Picnic, Parishioners, Reverend Hewlett, and John Manning	circa 1890s-1940s	96	2
V1989.20.28-.32 Parishioners, Picnic	circa 1890s-1938	96	3
V1989.20.33-.41 Ministers (Chadwick, Lathrop, Putnam, Camp), Unity Church, Unity Chapel, Unity Sunday School	circa 1870s-1930s	96	4
V1989.20.44-.57 Windows, for <i>Christian Register</i> article	circa 1950	96	5
V1989.20.58-.61 Willow Place Chapel and Willow Place Chapel Sewing School	circa 1890s	96	6
V1989.20.62 Columbia House Children	1935	96	7

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V1989.20.63-.67a,b Minstrel Shows	1943, 1945	96	8
V.1989.20.68-.71 Christmas Mystery Play, Streets of Wonderland Pageant	1913, 1921	96	9
V1989.20.72-.73 Columbia House Player's Club and Columbia House Summer Girl Minstrels	1919	96	10
V1989.20.74 Lathrop Photo Album	circa 1890s-1910s	96	11
V1989.20.80 Church of the Saviour interior illustration	circa 1919	96	12
V1989.20.81 Bible Study Prints	circa 1920s	96	13
V1990.46 Willow Place Chapel, Kindergarten, Columbia House Fair	circa 1900, 1917	96	14

Series 14: Second Unitarian Congregation. 1837-1967, 4.75 Linear feet In 10 manuscript boxes and 1 oversize flat box.

Arrangement note

Folders are arranged alphabetically according to description.

Scope and Contents

The Second Unitarian Congregation first split from the First Congregation in 1840 over dissatisfaction with Minister Fredrick Holland. The congregations united in 1842 (after Holland's resignation) but split again in 1851. The **Second Unitarian Congregation** series represents the records of the Second Unitarian Congregation during both of these splits.

Series 14: Second Unitarian Congregation.

The Congregation's first permanent minister was Samuel Longfellow, installed in 1853. The Second Unitarian Congregation took a progressive stance under Longfellow who occasionally preached against slavery and delivered an infamous sermon in praise of John Brown. Some of Longfellow's sermons can be found in the file on him. A parishioner's complaint and resignation of his pew in reaction to Longfellow's John Brown sermon can be found in the "Finances: Pew Rentals" folder. Longfellow's tenure was followed by Nahor A. Staples who also included abolitionist views in his sermons. The Second Congregation's influential minister John White Chadwick (installed 1864) is also well represented in this series through his correspondence, sermons and articles written by and about him, particularly memorials after his death.

The series contains records related to the regular functions and activities of the Second Congregation including trustee records, financial records of pew renters and subscribers, committee reports and record books kept by the Sunday School. The series also contains many records of the Second Congregation's Branch Alliance, a women's group that did charity work and eventually folded into the First Congregation's Samaritan Alliance when the Congregations reunited in 1924.

	Dates	Box	Folder
Address Book	circa 1860s-1890s	97	1
Anniversaries Book	1876, 1884-1885	97	2
Annual Meetings	1900-1925	97	3
Bequests, Gifts, and Memorials	1896-1925	97	4
Branch Alliance: Cash Book	1887-1907	97	5
Branch Alliance: History	Undated	97	6
Branch Alliance: Meeting Minutes	1887-1896	97	7-8

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Branch Alliance: Meeting Minutes	1896-1920	98	1-5
Branch Alliance: Post Office Mission	1888-1906	98	6
Branch Alliance: Reports and Petitions to the Trustees	1862-1921	98	7
Branch Alliance: Reports of the Beneficence Committee	1911-1917	99	1
Buildings: Alterations and Repairs	1867-1896	99	2
Buildings: Building Fund Subscriber Signatures	1857	99	3
Buildings: Deeds, Leases, and Insurance	1837-1921	99	4
Buildings: Roofing Samples	1918	99	5
Buildings: Sale and Lease of Property to Syrian Protestant Church	1925	99	6
By-Laws	1855-1908	99	7
Calendars	1914-1924	99	8
Church Home Book (Membership)	1908-1923	99	9
Committee Reports	1842-1920	99	10
Correspondence	1891-1919, 1925, 1943	99	11
Correspondence: First Unitarian Congregation	1913, 1921-1925	100	1
Correspondence: Other Churches	1853-1914	100	2

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Correspondence: Welfare Organizations	1858-1897	100	3
Finances: Bills and Operating Costs	1877-1896	100	4
Finances: Cash Book	1858-1917	100	5-9
Finances: Cash Book	1918-1924	101	1
Finances: General	1857-1873	101	2
Finances: Ledger of Accounts	1903-1924	101	3
Finances: Pew Rentals	1850s-1873	101	4
Finances: Pew Rentals Ledger	1897-1904	102	1
Finances: Pew Rentals and Subscribers Ledger	1911-1916	102	2
Finances: Subscribers Ledger	1852-1859	102	3
Finances: Subscribers	1851-1873	103	1
Finances: Treasurer's Records	1843-1873, 1917-1918	103	2
Finances: Treasurer's Reports	1851-1914	103	3-6
History	circa 1900s-1920s	103	7
Incorporation	1841	104	1
In Memoriam	1896-1950	104	2

Series 14: Second Unitarian Congregation.

Mailing Lists	circa 1840s-1890s, 1917, 1925	104	3
Ministers: Chadwick, John White	1860s-1944	104	4-5
Ministers: Dutton, Caleb Samuel	1906-1907, 1913	104	6
Ministers: Longfellow, Samuel	1852-1905	104	7
Ministers: Lyttle, Charles H.	1914-1925	104	8
Ministers: Pulpit Supply	1851-1853	104	9
Ministers: Staples, Nahor A.	1861-1864	104	10
Music	1858-1896	104	11
<i>The Radical</i> , articles by Samuel Longfellow and John White Chadwick	1870	104	12
Register	1919	104	13
Resolutions	1910, 1918	104	14
Sermons from other churches	1900-1929	105	1
Special Services	1876-1924	105	2
Society Meeting Minutes	1840-1899	105	3-5
Sunday School: Attendance Ledger	1868-1882	105	6-7

Series 15: Third Unitarian Congregation.

Sunday School: Attendance Ledger	1893-1923	106	1
Sunday School: Lessons and Exercises	1873, 1880	106	2
Sunday School: Library Ledger	1866-1885	106	3-4
Sunday School: Report	1921	106	5
Taxes	1915	106	6
Trustees: Chairman John F. Thompson	1919-1967	106	7
Trustees: Correspondence	1854-1917	106	8
Trustees: Elections	1852-1909	107	1
Trustees: Meetings and Reports	1851-1865	107	2
Trustees: Meetings Minutes Book	1851-1926	107	3-5
Trustees: Rents	1853-1879	107	6
<i>Unity</i> , articles featuring John White Chadwick	1905-1911	107	7

Series 15: Third Unitarian Congregation. 1867-1958, 2.25 Linear feet In 5 manuscript boxes.

Arrangement note

Folders are arranged alphabetically according to description.

Scope and Contents

Series 15: Third Unitarian Congregation.

The Third Unitarian Congregation was established in 1867 in order to accommodate parishioners of the First Unitarian Congregation who had been travelling from the Fort Greene and Clinton Hill neighborhoods to attend services at the Church of the Saviour in the Brooklyn Heights neighborhood. Frederick A. Farley assisted in duties as a minister until the Third Congregation installed Stephen H. Camp as minister in 1869. Camp became the Third Congregation's most prominent minister and in addition to encouraging organized charitable works and teaching within the Congregation's Sunday School he also shepherded the Congregation from their first space in Unity Chapel (built in 1868 with the assistance of the First Congregation) to Unity Church (built in 1886). The Third Congregation sold its church and united with the First Congregation in 1925.

The **Third Unitarian Congregation** series contains the records of the Third Congregation's organization and operation including its by-laws, society and trustee minutes, resolutions, and financial records. The series also contains records of the Congregation's charitable work such as through the Branch Alliance, the Charitable Fund, the Ladies Benevolent and Social Society, and other clubs and groups organized by the Church. Correspondence regarding the merger of the Third Congregation's merger with the First Congregation can also be found here.

	Dates	Box	Folder
Accounts Book	1871-1877	108	1
Annual Meeting Minutes	1889-1910, 1919-1931, 1936	108	2-3
Bequests	1927, 1934, 1939	108	4
Branch Alliance	1909-1935	108	5
Branch Alliance: Accounts Books	1897-1910, 1917-1934	108	6

Series 15: Third Unitarian Congregation.

Branch Alliance: Meeting Minutes	1897-1898, 1905-1906	108	7-8
Branch Alliance: Meeting Minutes	1911-1917	109	1
Branch Alliance: Reports	1920-1934	109	2
Branch Alliance: Reports Book	1920-1934	109	3
Branch Alliance: Treasurer's Record Book	1909-1918	109	4
Branch Alliance and Friendly Aid Society: Accounts Book	1919-1933	109	5
Brooklyn Broadcasting Corp. (WBBC)	1934-1935	109	6
By-Laws	1905, 1924	109	7
Charitable Fund	1928, 1932	109	8
Clubs	1900-1903	109	9
Correspondence	1897, 1926-1958	109	10
Directory	1925	109	11
Entertainments	1895, 1900-1903, 1935	109	12
Guild of St. Christopher	1890	109	13
History	1869-1890s, 1924	110	1

Series 15: Third Unitarian Congregation.

Inventories	circa 1920s	110	2
Investments	1928-1929	110	3
[Lend?] a Hand Committee: Reports Book	1890-1893	110	4
Ladies Benevolent and Social Society: Accounts Book	1873-1935	110	5
Manuals	1874, 1888	110	6
Ministers	circa 1910s, 1925	110	7
Ministers: Stephen H. Camp	1869-1897, 1943	110	8
Membership Book	1922-1929	110	9
Memorials	circa 1890s, 1926, 1935	110	10
Memorials Books	circa 1910s	110	11
Merger with First Unitarian Congregation	1935	110	12
Mortgages	1926-1931	110	13
Parish Register	circa 1880s	111	1
Resolutions	1924-1931	111	2
Secretary's Book (Correspondence)	1897-1901	111	3

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Services	1886-1917	111	4
Sunday School	1894, ,1899	111	5
Society Meeting Minutes	1867-1925	111	6-9
Treasurer's Reports	1896, 1898, 1926-1929	112	1
Trustee Meetings and Elections	1918-1935	112	2
Trustee's Meeting Minutes	1894-1917	112	3-4
Unity Church Building Deed, Insurance, Property Blueprint	1872-1886, 1907, 1927-1928	112	5
Unity Church Building Fund	1868-1890	112	6
Windows and Memorial Tablets	1867, 1926-1927	112	7

General note

Moved to Oversize Box 1:

Sketch of memorial tablet for Caroline R. Whitney

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