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Manuscript Collections

<p>Name of collection:</p> <p>Sutton, Massachusetts. Second Church of Christ. Records, 1743-1910</p>	<p>Location:</p> <p>Mss. boxes "S" Folio volumes "S" Octavo volumes "S"</p>
<p>Size of collection:</p> <p>2 mss. boxes; 12 folio volumes; 1 octavo volume</p>	<p>N.U.C. numbers:</p> <p>62-4799 62-3108</p>
<p>Finding Aids:</p> <p>None</p>	
<p>Source of collection:</p> <p>Octavo volume the gift of Herbert E. Lombard, 1939.</p>	<p>Copies available:</p> <p>Folio volumes available at AAS on positive microfilm</p>
<p>Collection Description:</p> <p>In 1742 three citizens of Sutton, Mass., presented a petition to the General Court asking that the north part of Sutton be set off into a separate Precinct. The Court granted the petition in 1743 and the geographical limits then assigned to the "North Parish of Sutton" correspond to the present boundaries of the town of Millbury. The first meeting of the Second Parish was held in 1743, the church was formally organized in 1747 and James Wellman was called to serve the church 16 March 1746/47. The early history of the church was marked by internal controversies and disturbances which also involved the First Parish in Sutton under the ministry of David Hall. Both Wellman and his successor, Ebenezer Chaplin, were dismissed by the church. Early in the 19th century the north part of Sutton began to be called Millbury and in June 1813 the Second Church of Christ in Sutton was incorporated into the town of Millbury and since that date has been called the First Congregational Church in Millbury.</p>	

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This voluminous collection records many aspects of the church's history and activities. Most of the early material relates to the trivial controversies that characterized the church. There are documents of charges, countercharges and defenses; reports of councils and meetings; and "divers proposals" designed to resolve the problems. In addition there are many records routinely kept by a church--lists of members, constitutions, transfers of membership, confessions, deeds, receipts, contracts, expenses, and treasurer's records. There is a volume of the Records of the Trustees of the Parochial Fund, a volume of Records of the Parish Committee, a school record book, and historical notes.

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Records, 1743-1910
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- Folder 4 Records, 1760-1787
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Box 2 Records, 1826-1910

- Folder 1 Records, 1826-1829 (now First Church of Christ, Millbury)
- Folder 2 Worcester County Religious Charitable Society Records, 1827-1838
- Folder 3 Records, 1830-1852
- Folder 4 Records, 1855-1868
- Folder 5 Records, 1855-1870; Documents, 1836-1898
- Folder 6 Records, 1861-1910

Octavo Volume:

School Record Book, 1794-1848, for the North Parish. Account of money used to support "school in the Paper mill District," and minutes of school board meetings. Kept primarily by Elias Lovell (-)

Folio Volumes:

- #1 Church Records: Historical Notes, 1718-1857; vital records, 1764-1834. Includes church covenant, 1747, and minutes of church meetings. Kept mainly by the Rev. Ebenezer Chaplin (1733-1822)
- #2 Church Records, 1743-1813; 1828-1845, including minutes of meetings
- #3 Church Records: Historical Notes, vital records, 1747-1767. Includes copy of act of incorporation, 1743, and minutes of church meetings
- #4 Treasurer's Records, 1744-1784
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- #7 Record of the Trustees of the Parochial Funds, 1827-1835, with subscription list and minutes of meetings
- #8 Treasurer's Records, 1828-1898
- #9 Records of Receipts and Expenses, 1836-1862, and Treasurer's Cash Book, 1830-1840
- #10 Church Records, 1830-1884, including minutes of meetings
- #11 Church Records, 1846-1888, including minutes of meetings
- #12 Parish Committee Records, 1867-1887, containing mostly accounts