



Green's Farms Congregational Church Records RG 18

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Summary Information

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Abstract:	The Green's Farms Congregational Church Records contain original documentation that traces the history of the church, and in early days, local governance in the Westport area.

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Historical Note

1711 May: A petition was granted by the Connecticut General Court establishing the West Parish of Fairfield. This meant that settlers in what is now Westport no longer needed to travel six miles to church in Fairfield.

1711 June: The first parish meeting held with John Andrews chosen recorder and 70 pounds voted as the salary of the minister, Daniel Chapman. The church at this time served as local government, collecting taxes, managing schools, and electing a selectman to govern.

1715 October 26: The church organized as the Church of Christ, Daniel Chapman ordained, and a covenant signed by Rev. Daniel Chapman, Joseph Lockwood, Jonathan Squire, Joshua Jennings, Henry Gray, Samuel Couch, John Andrews, and Thomas Nash.

1720-1736: The church's first meeting house was completed in 1720 and used until 1736. It was a square unheated building (36'x 36') with rough-hewn logs for seats. The building also served as a defensive stronghold.

1736-1779: The second meeting building, on Green's Farms Road, was rectangular-shaped (52' x 40') with a short spire and belfry. George Washington visited this meeting house in 1775.

1779 July 8: The second meeting house was burned by the British during the Revolutionary War. Land for a new meeting house was chosen on Hillandale Road, closer to the center of the community. It was begun in 1780 and completed in 1789.

1789-1852: The third meeting house was larger than its predecessors and had a steeple. Pews were sold at public auction to raise money for the building, with the highest bidders having first choice of location.

1808: Adoption of first Confession of Faith to be used in the admission of members.

1817: Sabbath School established

1822: Adoption of revised Constitution, Confession of Faith and Covenant

1852 April 12: The third meeting house burned. Rebuilding started in the same location.

1853-present: The fourth meeting house was completed in 1853. Windstorms toppled its steeple in 1856 and again in 1950.

1890: Parish house added; organ installed.

1929: "Soldiers' Row" of fifteen trees planted to pay tribute to men of parish who served in World War I.

1948: Certificate of organization for the purpose of becoming a corporation under the name of The Congregational Church of Green's Farms, Connecticut

1953: Dedication of new steeple, remodeled and enlarged church and Sunday School buildings

1961: New addition provided offices, church school rooms, social hall

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Scope and Content of Collection

This collection contains valuable early documentation related to the Green's Farms church, both its religious activities and its role in the governance of the settlers of Westport. The

records in this collection are complemented by archival records still held at the Church as well as material in the collection of the Fairfield Historical Society.

Series 1 contains a chronological sequence of records including accounts, reports, minutes, notices, and correspondence dating from ca. 1711 to 1932. The items included are listed individually. This is the most substantial and complete documentation in the collection. Series 2 contains scattered documentation related to the buildings and property of the church. Series 3 includes biographical information about the clergy and staff who led the church. The Financial Records of Series 4 are in addition to records found in the chronological sequence of Series 1. Series 5 includes various compiled chronologies, histories, and anniversary-related documentation. Series 6 complements Series 1 in providing additional correspondence related to the acceptance of new members into the church. Series 7 contains scattered programs and booklets related to church events and programs. Series 8 contains the published Articles of Faith and Covenant of the Society, a Manual, and samples of church newsletters and worship bulletins. Series 9 provides early documentation related to the formation and operations of the Sabbath School. For photographs of the church, see Record Group 13, Westport Photographs.

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Arrangement

The material is arranged in nine series: Series 1: Administrative, Governance and Financial Documents; Series 2: Building and Property Records; Series 3: Clergy and Staff; Series 4: Financial Records; Series 5: Historical Commemorations and Narratives; Series 6: Related to Members; Series 7: Programs and Events; Series 8: Church Publications; Series 9: Related to Sabbath School / Sunday School.

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Administrative Information

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Acquisition Information

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Controlled Access Headings

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- Correspondence
- Sermons.
- Congregational churches

General

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Collection Inventory

Administrative, Governance and Financial Documents

Photocopies of originals held at Fairfield Historical Society

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Register of the Parish of Greens Farms, 1711-1822	Box 5	Folder 1-5

Original documents

Title/Description	Instances	
Record book / ledger, 1707-1728	Box 1	Folder 1
<p>Scope and Contents</p> <p>Small bound notebook contains accounts and notes related to early activities of the Society. Records of meetings headed by the inscription "These are reckerds recorded by John Andrews" begin with June 12, 1711 and end in 1728. Fragmentary accounts in the notebook date to 1707. A partial transcription of the notebook is included under "Historical Notes and Sketches" below.</p>		
Accounts, reports, notices, 1791-1806	Box 1	Folder 2
<p>Scope and Contents</p> <p>Including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Command to levy and collect assessment by State of Connecticut, 1791 • Bill, 1798 November 19 • Record of sale of ½ pew by Ann Gray to Salome Godfrey, 1801 October 17 and gift of same to Society by Stephen and Salome Godfrey, 1808 October 27 • Bill for repairs to meeting house from Gideon Couch, 1802 July • Account / G. Couch, 1802-1803 • Bill from G. Couch to Squire Nichols, 1802 November 24 • Bill from G. Couch to Aaron Sherwood, 1802 December 29 • Bill for work done on meeting house by David Street, 1803 October 21 • Account of money and wood paid to Dr. Hezekiah Ripley as part of his salary, 1805 February 11 by Ralph Sherwood • Resignations of parishioners to join Baptists, 1806: Daniel Hull, Peter Patrick, Thomas Rowland • Resignations of parishioners to join Methodists, 1806: Solomon Disbrow, Stephen [Barlow?], Semour Taylor, Zalmon Bulkley, Asa Taylor, John Disbrow, Jr., James Chapman, Jr., Daniel Sherwood, Jonathan Ogden, Jonathan Godfrey, Banks E. Hull, Thomas Bennitt, George [Noyer?], Simon Couch, James Bennitt, Silas Burr, Daniel [Brock?], Stephen Allen, Nichols, Gershom Bennitt, Thomas Davis, Isaac Bennitt 		
Accounts, reports, notices, 1807-1817	Box 1	Folder 3
<p>Scope and Contents</p> <p>Including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Release of pews for original cost by owners and second release, 1807 February 17 • Collection book – Cross Hwy district 1806 • Parish Committee report, 1807 November 30 • Receipt for salary by Hezekiah Ripley, 1808 February 11 • Pew rentals, 1808 May • Withdrawal of William H. Burr and L. B. Burr from parish, 1808 May 10 • Statements re. release of privately held pews, 		

1808 June 13 • Collection book – Long Lots, 1809
 • Withdrawals to join Methodists: Peter Jennings,
 Joshua Jennings, [Jesse?] Jennings, Joseph Mills,
 1809 November 28 • Bill of Joseph Street, 1811
 June 7 • Withdrawal to join Methodists of Bradley
 Bulkley, 1811 December 2 • Withdrawal to join
 Methodists of Widow Ester Thorp, 1811 December
 2 • Report on withdrawal certificates, 1812 January
 29 • Note of Joseph Street to Gideon Couch, 1812
 February 6 • Pew rental list, 1812 May 5 • Letter
 from Hartford Bank to Joseph Hyde, 1812 October
 8 • Bill of Thomas Nash, 1813 May 27 • Receipt of
 Hezekiah Ripley, 1814 October 112 • Withdrawal to
 join Methodists of Joseph Mills, 1815 May 3 • Letter
 from Hartford Bank, 1817 December 31

Accounts, reports, notices, 1819-1828

Box 1

Folder 4

Scope and Contents

Including: • Notice of meeting for pew rentals, 1819
 May 4 • List of pew rentals, 1820 May 16 • Letters
 from Hartford Bank, 1820 June 17, 21; 1822 August
 24 • Receipt for dividend, 1822 December 17 •
 Pew rental list, 1824 May 4 • Letter from Hartford
 Bank, 1825 July 5 • Receipt of E. W. Hooker for
 part of salary, 1824 October 21 • Receipt for order
 on Hartford Bank, 1824 December 20 • Receipt for
 dividend, 1825 June 17 • Report on parish debts,
 1825 May 3 • Receipt of E. W. Hooker for part of
 salary, 1825 August 15 • Letters from Hartford Bank,
 1825 December 19; 1826 June 13 • Statements of
 withdrawal, all mentioning E. W. Hooker, from:
 Elizabeth Disbrow, Joseph Wakeman, Thomas
 Bennitt, Solomon Disbrow, James Bennitt, Joseph
 Bennitt, Aaron Smith, William Bennitt, Isaac Bennitt,
 Zalmon Bulkley, 1827 • List of withdrawals including
 the above Lyman Banks, Stephen Morehouse,
 1827 • List of subscription payments to Society by
 parishioners, 1827-1828, n.d. (possibly early as
 1813) • Letter from Hartford Bank, 1828 May 16 •
 Withdrawal of Moses Sherwood, 1828 October 11

Accounts, reports, notices, 1829-1832

Box 1

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Including: • Minutes, 1829 October 5, 6 • Bill of
 Stephen Morehouse for ordination of Mr. Davies,
 1829 October 27 • Minutes, 1830 May 4 • Receipt
 of payment to James Johnson for steeple work,
 1830 June 24 • Prudential Committee report on
 Mrs. Mary Bun – notice for her to appear before
 committee to confess slander, 1830 • Committee
 meeting report, 1832 March 28 • List of those
 intending to become members of Green's Farms
 Society: Selleck C. Hoyt, Ehrathom Wheeler,

Harvey Sanderson, Edwin Ells, Joseph Chapman, 1832 March 30 • Notice of meeting to be held re. formation of Society in Saugatuck, 1832 April 10 • Minutes, 1832 May 1 • List of pew rentals, 1832 May 1 • Resolution that Society stock be sold (unsigned), 1832 May 1 • Demand to Green's Farms Society for portion of their funds for new Saugatuck Society, 1832 June 28 • Withdrawal of Thomas Rowland, 1832 July 2 • Letter from Thomas F. Davies to Society relinquishing \$100 of salary yearly, 1832 July 3 • Letter from Hartford Bank, 1832 December 8 • Withdrawals: Nathaniel L. Hill, Burr Meeker, Scudder Bradley, Sam B. Sherwood, Eliphet Swift, Sam Avery, Walter Thorp, William Richard, Ebenezer Jesup, John D. Wilson, Oliver Burr, W. H. Jesup, Sam Jackson, Chas. Jesup, Levi T. Downs, F. W. Jesup, William Allen 2nd, Henry Platt, 1832

Accounts, reports, notices, 1834-1840

Box 1

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Including: • Letter to Ecclesiastical Council at Green's Farms in defense of Rev. Thomas F. Davies, signed by 33 parishioners, undated • Receipt of payment to Nathan Smith, 1834 February 7 • List of pew rentals, 1835 May 9 • Withdrawal of Charles Wakeman, 1835 June 5 • List of pew rentals, 1836 May 3 • List of pew rentals, 1838 May 8 • Withdrawals: Walter Thorp, Charles Wakeman, Ebenezer Disbrow, 1838 • List of pew rentals, 1839 May • List of pew rentals, 1840 June 16

Accounts, reports, notices, 1841-1852

Box 1

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Scope and Contents

Including: • Assessment list, 1841 • Request for forgiveness for "improper manner remonstrated against the proceedings of the Church" by Walter Thorp, 1841 February 20 • Request for and notice of meeting to settle problem with Mr. Curtis[s], 1841 March 15, 22 • Pew rentals, 1841 May 4 • Notice of meeting to be held, 1842 July 30 • Minutes of meeting (in Vol. III), 1842 August 2 • Letter to Society from Dan C. Curtiss, 1842 December 15 • Copy of minutes of meeting (in Vol. III), 1842 December 21 • Withdrawals: W. Thorp, Stephen B. Wakeman, Joseph Mills, Aaron Burr, Daniel Burr, Jonathan Burr, G.W. Foster, G. H. Allen, Silas B. Sherwood, 1842 • Minutes of meeting (in Vol. III), 1844 November 25 • Request for school committee to call meeting, 1845 December 9 • Pew rentals, 1847 May 1 • Withdrawal of Eli Couch, 1847 May 24 • Receipt from G. M. Porter for part of salary, 1849 July 17 • Enrollment of members in Society

(long list of signatures) (in Vol. III), 1850 February 2 • Notice for special meeting to hear report of meeting house building committee, 1852 April 6 • Minutes of special meeting "held among ruins of old meetinghouse" (committee formed to investigate cause of fire) (in Vol. III), 1852 April 12 • Notice of annual meeting, 1852 April 29 • Minutes of annual meeting (in Vol. III), 1852 May 4 • Notice of special meeting to hear building committee report and determine site for new meeting house, 1852 June 12 • Notice of meeting, 1852 June 17

Accounts, reports, notices, 1853-1892

Box 1

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Scope and Contents

Including: • Notice of special meeting and 2nd copy of notice, 1853 January 8 • Minutes of meeting (also in Vol. III, with added notes on copy), 1853 January 13 • Notice of special meeting, 1853 January 29 • Minutes of special meeting (in Vol. III), 1853 February 3 • Notice of special meeting, 1853 March 26 • Notice of annual meeting, 1853 December 27 • Minutes of meeting (in Vol. III), 1857 March 25 • Notice of special meeting (re. Sue Godsell for no payment), 1859 February 11 • Letter to Society from R. S. Egleston (in Vol. III), 1860 January 14 • Letter to Society from B. J. Relyea, 1861 November 20 • Receipts of dividend, 1863 July 1, 1866 July 1 • Notice of special meeting, 1870 March 30 • Notice of annual meeting, 1871 December 26 • Notice of annual meeting, 1873 January 1 • Letter to S. B. Sherwood from Fairfield Town Clerk re. land records, 1880 February 2 • Letter from B. J. Relyea giving \$100 per annum to Society, 1883 January 2 • Letter of resignation from B. J. Relyea (in Vol. IV), 1887 June 5 • Second letter of resignation from B. J. Relyea (in Vol. IV), 1888 December 9 • Letter declining pastorate from Alexander Milne, 1889 April 26 • Notice of special meeting (re. organ), 1890 May 8 • Notice of special meeting (re. new chapel), 1890 August 30 • Letter from Mrs. Bulkley (\$1,000 donation), 1892 October 6 • Notes re. annual meeting, 1892 January 1

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Box 1

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Scope and Contents

Including: • Two letters from Robert J. Thompson, 1902 April, n.d. • Minutes of Consociation re. resignation of Thompson, 1902 May 20 • Cemetery report and Fund agent report, 1907 January 8 • Notice for annual meeting, 1908 • Minutes of annual meeting, 1908 January 7 • Resolution of Society to give thanks for gift of \$500 from Esther Meeker Wakeman • Certification of E. C. Birge election as

clerk at annual meeting of 1908 January 7 • Letter to George P. Jennings re. proposed gift of \$100 from Mary Bennett, 1908 August 12 • Letter from George P. Jennings to E. C. Birge, 1908 August 14 • Letter to George P. Jennings from Fairfield Town Clerk, 1908 August 15 • Letter to George P. Jennings from Henry W. Gregory, Judge, Court of Probate, Norwalk, 1908 September 8 • Letter from George P. Jennings to E. C. Birge, 1908 September 21 • Notice and brief minutes for special meeting, 1908 October 1 • Notice and minutes for annual meeting, 1909 January 11 • Membership roll, 1909 January 11 • Postcard from George P. Jennings to E. C. Birge, 1909 January 15 • Letter to E. C. Birge from Charles Perry, Southport Savings Bank, 1909 January 18 • Notice and minutes for special meeting (re. gift of land from E. T. Bedford), 1909 October 23 • Resolution re. Bedford gift • Inventory of stock and bank books, 1910 January 1 • Notice of work done at lower cemetery, 1910 • Treasurer's report, 1910-1911 • Cemetery report, 1911 January 3 • Notice and minutes for annual meeting, 1911 January 6 • CT House Bill re. change of name of Society to "The Congregational Society of Green's Farms", 1911 January • Notice of meeting, 1911 June 3 • Notice of special meeting to be held 1911 June 12

Accounts, reports, notices, 1912-1917

Box 1

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Scope and Contents

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meeting of 1917 April 28 • Recommendation to offer Church's plant to state or nation for use in case of emergency (during World War 1), 1917 April 22; resolution re. same, 1917 April 28 • Notice and report for special meeting, 1917 November 2

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Box 1

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Accounts, reports, notices, 1927-1928

Box 2

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Including: • Notice, minutes, reports for annual meeting of 1927 January 7 • Notice and minutes for special meeting of 1927 February 13 • Letter of resignation from George B. Hatch, 1927 September 16 • Notice for special meeting, 1927 September 25 • Letter from Rev. Arthur Keimel, 1927 October 14 • Notice, minutes for special meeting to extend call to Rev. Arthur Keimel, 1927 October 16 • Letter of acceptance from Rev. Keimel, 1927 October 22 • Packet re. calling of Rev. Keimel, 1927 October • Notice, minutes, reports for annual meeting of 1928 January 11 • Notice for special meeting, 1928 September 11

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Box 2

Folder 2

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