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**MSS-09-007
First Parish Church**

Historical & Biographical Note: The First Church of Taunton was said to be founded in 1637 when a group of Puritans, among them Elizabeth Pole, settled in the area now known as Taunton after purchasing it from Massasoits. The first meeting house was built sometime before 1637, and the second, third, and fourth meeting houses were erected over the years. The fourth and current meeting house was first constructed in 1829-1830.

The church was known as the First Church of Christ until 1791, the First Congregational Society from 1791 to 1821, and the First Congregational Society (Unitarian) from 1821 to 1937, until becoming in 1937 the First Parish Church in Taunton, the name which remains today.

Scope & Content Note: This box contains church histories, records, newspaper articles, bulletins, and programs ranging from 1637 to 2013.

Cross referenced: VH763W and VK635M

Series Description: 1 box containing 15 folders total; six of which are VF519P #1-6, one of which is VCH 473, and one of which is VH18L

Inventory:

Box:	Folder:	Contents:
1	(VF519P) 1	Forty-seven sheets, photocopy of "Records of Church Oct. 2, 1821-July 7, 1850/ Call to Rev. Luther Hamilton/ List of Members 1821/ Baptisms, Deaths, and Marriages 1834-1854
		Nineteen typed sheets, "Early Church Record Taunton. All the Vital Record extant," including a member index, marriages, and church history
		Twelve photocopied sheets, history of the church meeting houses and list of marriages and baptisms in the church, 1729-1839
		Six written sheets, list marriages and baptisms by the Rev. Ephraim Judson, 1780-1790
		Five written sheets, list of baptisms and marriages by the Rev. John Foster, 1792-1799
		Seven written sheets, list of marriages by the Rev. Thomas Clapp, 1729-1739

		Eight written sheets, list of marriages by the Rev. Andrew Bigelow, 1833-1839
		Twenty-four written sheets, list of marriages and baptisms by the Rev. John Pipon, 1820-1821
		Nine sheets, photocopy of <i>Taunton Daily Gazette</i> clippings of early church records
	(VF519P) 2	Receipt of Joseph Dean, Secretary to the Trustees of the First Congregational Society in Taunton for his salary, from John Pipon, May 9, 1808
		Receipt of payment to Joseph Dean for his salary, from John Pipon, May 15, 1809
		Receipt of payment to Joseph Dean for his salary, from John Pipon, July 2, 1810
		Receipt of payment to Joseph Dean for his salary, from John Pipon, May 20, 1811
		Receipt of payment to Joseph Dean for his salary, from John Pipon, May 24, 1813
		Receipt of payment to Joseph Dean for his salary, from John Pipon, August 9, 1814
		Receipt of payment to Joseph Dean for his salary, from John Pipon, May 29, 1815
		Receipt of payment to Joseph Dean for his salary, from John Pipon, June 4, 1816
		Receipt of payment to Joseph Dean for his salary, from John Pipon, July 17, 1817
		Three collection receipts for society tax of the First Congregational Society, Society Collector Ichabod Lincoln, to Capt. Job W. Hall, 1824-1829
		Three blank collection receipt for society tax of the First Congregational Society, Society Collector Ichabod Lincoln
		Collection receipt for society tax of the First Congregational Society, Society Collector Ichabod Lincoln, to Joseph C. Brigham, 1829
		Deed for a pew to Robert Dean in the First Congregational Meeting House, Taunton, January 22, 1808
		Deed for a pew to Luscomb et al. in the Meeting House, October 5, 1804
		Deed for a pew to Gideon Babcock in the First Congregational Meeting House, Taunton, October 27, 1804
		Deed for pew to Sarah S. L. Dean in the First Congregational Meeting House, Taunton, December 9, 1830
		Deed for pew to Sarah S. L. Dean in the First Congregational Meeting House, Taunton, August 10, 1839
		Document regarding the church's and town's vote on appointing the church's pastor and Mr. Thomas Clap of Scituate, Taunton, October 4, 1728
		Document on the town meeting regarding the assignment of Thomas Clap as minister and the division of the town into precincts, Taunton, November 4, 1728
		Notice to Joseph Dean, Collector of the First Congregational Society in

		Taunton, to collect payment for Rev. John Foster's salary, January 20, 1775
		Letter regarding the ordination of Mr. Thomas Clap as pastor of the congregation, February 26, 1728/9
		Letter regarding the seats in the meeting house, with notes and sums on the reverse
		Booklet, First Congregational Society Tax Valuation list, by Assessors Joseph Dean, Seth Leonard, and Rufus Dean, Taunton, December 27, 1810
		Booklet, Valuation for Minstrel Tax for 1792
		Note to pay the First Congregational Society thirty-eight dollars and two cents, signed by Benjamin Shores, August 21, 1797
		Note naming the Rev. Mr. Samuel Danforth, pastor of the Church of Christ in Taunton
		List of names of selectmen and assessors
	(VF519P) 3	Program for the 200 th Anniversary of the March from Taunton to Roxbury by the Taunton Minutemen, First Parish Church, April 20, 1975
		Ticket for the First Parish Church Couples Club Jesse "Buff" Buffum event, March 29, 1950
		Two tickets for the Illustrated Lecture on Alaska by Bradford Washburn, Unitarian Church Auditorium, March 10, 1947
		Ticket for the Alliance Supper, February 15, 1934
		Ticket for the Annual Dessert Bridge and Hat Show at the First Parish Church, March 18, 1965
		Ticket for the Couples Club Christmas Party, December 11, 1950
		Two sheets, list of ministers in the First Parish Church, Taunton, 1638-1971
		Three photocopied sheets, "A Report of Committee Within Town of Taunton to Determine Ownership of Meeting House Common," May 6 to June 2, 1828
		Three printed pages, history of the First Congregational Society, pp. 13-17
		Clipping of article in First Parish Church News, "St. John's Sunday"
		Six sheets, Sermon delivered by Sinclair Weeks, Jr. at the First Parish Church, on the occasion of the 200 th Anniversary of the raising of the "Liberty & Union" flag on Taunton Green, October 13, 1974
		Pamphlet on the Hook Organ, 1864, First Parish Church, Taunton
		Three sheets, photocopy of town records regarding the conflict between the Town of Taunton and the First Congregational Society over ownership of open land at Church Green, 1828
		Two typed sheets, copy of deed for a parcel of real estate from the First Congregational Society to the Trustees of the First Congregational Society, Taunton, January 25, 1870
		Three typed sheets, letter of assessment of the First Parish Church, to the Members and Friends of First Parish Church, Taunton, February 13, 1992
		Four sheets, history of the First Meeting House
		Two copies of leaflet, tour of the First Parish Church in Taunton

		Leaflet for Benefit for the Organ Fund, 1983
		Written list of ministers of the First Parish Church, 1637-1837
		Resolution by the Parish Committee to accept the resignation of Pastor Alfred Rodman Hussey, Taunton, June 2, 1902
		Letter from the First Congregational Society requesting a copy of Rev. Alfred R. Hussey's sermon delivered May 12, 1901
		Two sheets, "The Way It Is," Sermon Preached in First Parish Church on Sunday, February 8, 1981, by Robert W. Williams III, Senior Deacon
		Two written sheets, The Boston News Lettter, August 5 to August 12, 1706
		Two sheets, photocopy of The Boston News Lettter, August 5 to August 12, 1706
		Photocopy of two pages from a book "Early Records" mentioning the First Congregational Society in Taunton
		Letter from Lisa A. Compton at the Old Colony Historical Society regarding the history of the organ at the First Parish Church, March 17, 1987
		Photocopy of list of The Colonial Churches of New England, 1620-1636
	(VF519P) 4	Photocopy of newspaper article, "Re-Dedication and Installation," <i>Union Gazette & Democrat</i> , December 23, 1869
		Printed booklet, <i>Apostle Paul, A Unitarian</i> , 2 nd edition, 1 st series No. 19, printed for the American Unitarian Association, Boston, Grey and Bowen, 1832
		Printed booklet, <i>A Sermon Preached May 16th. 1792 at the Installation of the Rev. Mr. John Foster over the Church, and First Congregational Society in Taunton</i> , by Zabdiel Adams, A.M., Pastor of the Church in Lunenburgh, 1792
		A second printed booklet, <i>A Sermon Preached May 16th. 1792 at the Installation of the Rev. Mr. John Foster over the Church, and First Congregational Society in Taunton</i> , by Zabdiel Adams, A.M., Pastor of the Church in Lunenburgh, 1792
	(VF519P) 5	Photocopy of newspaper clipping, "At the First Church, The old Century Departs and the New Comes in," 1900
		Photocopy of newspaper article, "Taunton's First Church: It's Missing Papers and Early Marriage Records: A Paper Read Before the Old Colony Historical Society," <i>Taunton Daily Gazette</i> , April 13, 1905
		Photocopy of newspaper article, history of the meeting house buildings and list of early baptisms and marriages by reverends in the First Parish Church
		Photocopy of newspaper article, list of early baptisms and marriages by reverends in the First Parish Church
		Photocopy of newspaper clipping, "Rev. Cross honored by Unitarian Universalists," <i>Taunton Daily Gazette</i> , July 12, 1986
		Photocopy of obituary, "Rev. Wilton Cross dies at age of 93"
		Photocopy of newspaper clipping, "TV Gift Marks 20 Parish Years: Rev. Wilton Cross Installed in 1932"

		Photocopy of newspaper article, "First Parish Church Pre-dates Town; was Established in Year 1637," <i>Taunton Daily Gazette</i> , January 13, 1951
		Photocopy of newspaper article, "Reverend Rachel Tedesco installed," <i>Taunton Daily Gazette</i> , September 19, 2003
		Photocopy of newspaper article, "First Parish Church welcomes its female pastor," <i>Taunton Daily Gazette</i> , January 1, 2003
		Photocopy of newspaper article, "3 Centuries of Parish History Are Summarized in Pageant," June 10, 1937
		Photocopy of newspaper article, "Grants aid restoration of historic church," <i>Brockton Enterprise</i> , August 14, 1988
		Photocopy of newspaper article, "History of First Parish Church Linked to City's Growth: Tradition Says Church Traces Back to 1637"
		Photocopy of newspaper clipping, "Taunton Church Bell, Silent 40 Years, Peals Forth Again"
		Photocopy of newspaper article, "Priceless Tiffany glass window under costly repair," <i>Taunton Daily Gazette</i> , November 5, 1990
		Photocopy of engraved picture of the church on the Church Green
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		Photocopy of newspaper article, "Now and Then," <i>Taunton Daily Gazette</i> , January 21, 1954
		Photocopy of newspaper clipping, "Taunton government steps back to a much simpler time," June 1987
		Photocopy of newspaper clipping, "Two of Taunton's Oldest Churches Holding Celebrations on Weekend," October 1978
		Photocopy of newspaper article, "Will Preach From Civil War Sermon"
		Photocopy of newspaper article, "End of Century Sermons: The Oldest Church: Rev. Alfred R. Hussey Preaches on 'Then Cometh the End' at Unitarian Church"
		Photocopy of newspaper picture, "Happy 93 rd Birthday" about Mrs. Walter E. Bowman from Rev. Wilton E. Cross, October 12, 1952
		Photocopy of newspaper picture, "First Parish Church Launches 325 th Anniversary Observance," June 3, 1962
		Photocopy of newspaper picture, "Accepting Check from Church," with Rev. Robert W. Cummings, October 8, 1970
		Photocopy of newspaper article, "Rev. Christensen, former First parish pastor, dies in crash," October 12, 1986
		Photocopy of newspaper picture, "All in the Family," with Rev. Richardson Reid, March 31, 1985
		Photocopy of newspaper clipping, "Church elects minister," November 4, 1985
		Photocopy of newspaper picture, "Another Tree for Elizabeth," tree planted for Elizabeth Pole in Plain Cemetery, 1980
		Photocopy of newspaper picture, "Many Hands Mean Success," with Rev. Richardson Reid, March 15, 1964
		Photocopy of newspaper picture, "Mrs. Frank Hart," with Mrs. Wilton E. Cross, November 28, 1954
		Photocopy of newspaper clipping, "Rev. Keyes is installed as First Parish minister," October 19, 1986
		Photocopy of newspaper picture, "Gang's All Here – Santa Too,"

		Christmas party at First Parish Church, December 24, 1952
		Photocopy of newspaper article, marriage announcement of Heather R. Moffatt and Peter T. Reid, son of the Rev. Richardson Reid
		Photocopy of newspaper picture, "Double Trouble," with Rev. Wilton E. Cross, November 28, 1954
		Photocopy of newspaper article, "Rev. Christensen is Heading South," January 10, 1981
		Photocopy of newspaper article, "English had intuition to see future," with a picture of the First Parish Church, <i>Taunton Daily Gazette</i> , June 28, 1985
		Photocopy of newspaper article, "Looking for the highest bidder: Re. Wagner finds fun in auctioneering," April 23, 1993
		Photocopy of newspaper article, "Mayor Starts Fund Drive to Aid Vandalized First Parish Church," November 22, 1976
		Photocopy of newspaper article, "Eulogy Traces History of Taunton's Founder," <i>Taunton Daily Gazette</i> , June 4, 1954
		Photocopy of newspaper clipping, "Church lights chalice to symbolize union of sects," January 1990
		Photocopy of newspaper article, "Dr. Fenn Retires From First Parish But Pastor-Emeritus Has Work to Do," <i>The Town Crier</i>
		Photocopy of newspaper article, "Hart, Coyle, Marsden honored for services," May 30, 1984
		Photocopy of newspaper article, wedding of Cynthia Williams and Paul A. Reardon, <i>Taunton Daily Gazette</i> , August 29, 1970
		Photocopy of newspaper article, "Church celebrates history with ecumenical service," October 4, 1991
		Photocopy of newspaper picture, "There's a Hint of Spring," with a picture of the First Parish Church on Taunton Green, May 3, 1980
		Photocopy of newspaper picture, "Hitching Post" on the Church Green
		Photocopy of newspaper pictures, "Pictures News Highlights of Week Recorded by Gazette Cameras," including of Rev. and Mrs. Wilton E. Cross, <i>Taunton Daily Gazette</i> , December 3, 1954
		Photocopy of newspaper article, "History of First Parish Linked to City's Growth: Tradition Says Church Traces Back to 1637"
		Photocopy of newspaper clipping, early records of the First Parish Church
		Photocopy of newspaper article, "Resurrection of a window: First Parish's original Tiffany stained glass window is reborn in top condition," <i>Taunton Daily Gazette</i> , November 17, 1992
		Photocopy of newspaper article, "Woman's legacy gave church its wall," <i>Taunton Daily Gazette</i> , June 29, 1991
		Photocopy of newspaper article, "Taunton history in the making: Residents gather outside First Parish Church for an old-fashioned rally," <i>Taunton Daily Gazette</i> , November 6, 1995
		Photocopy of newspaper clippings, "Alfred Williams Donate Window to First Church," "Baptist Church 5-Year Repairs to Cost \$30,000," and "Taunton Growing," <i>Taunton Daily Gazette</i> , 1950-1951
		Photocopy of newspaper articles, "Third Meeting House Motif Adorns First Parish Church Seventh Memorial Window," and "To Dedicate New Memorial Window Sunday Morning," <i>Taunton Daily Gazette</i> ,

		1950-1951
	(VF519P) 6	Six programs for the 325 th Anniversary of the First Parish Church of Taunton, Massachusetts, June 3-10, 1962
		Five programs for "Three Hundred Years a Church: A Pageant of Gratitude," June 10, 1937
		Six programs for the Tercentenary Celebration, First Parish Church, June 6-13, 1937
		Three programs for the Order of Service for the Observance of the One Hundredth Anniversary of the Building of the Present Church Edifice of the First Congregational Society, October 18, 1930
	7	Three printed booklets, "Covenant of the First Congregational Church in Taunton, with a List of Members," January 1, 1853
		Printed booklet, "Year Book First Congregational Society Unitarian," 1912
	8	Card, notice of A 17 th Century Service of Worship, First Parish Church
		Card, "Unitarian Belief" by Rev. A. Judson Rich
		Printed booklet, "A Living Church: A Sermon," preached by Alfred Rodman Hussey in Taunton, Mass, May 12, 1901
		Two printed booklets, "An Historic Sermon Commemorating the Centenary of the Present Church Edifice of the First Congregational Society (Unitarian)," October 19, 1930
		Printed booklet, "Is Future Punishment Everlasting?" by Rev. Samuel C. Beane, American Unitarian Association, Boston
		Card, The First Church in Taunton, Founded 1637
		Two programs for The 207 th Anniversary of the Raising of the Taunton Flag, October 17, 1982
		Four sheets, "Two Emancipators: Abraham Lincoln and Charles Darwin on their 200 th Birthdays," a sermon by the Rev. Rachel Tedesco, February 15, 2009
	9	Two cards to Commemorate the Tenth Anniversary of the Settlement of Rev. John Perkins Forbes, First Congregational Society, Taunton, April 7, 1897
		Two programs, Order of Services at the Installation of the Reverend Alfred Rodman Hussey, January 3, 1899
		Two pamphlets, The First Parish Church in Taunton: A Unitarian-Universalist gathering
		Pamphlet for the First Parish Church (Unitarian-Universalist), 1972
		Two pamphlets, "We Welcome You to the Historic First Parish Church of Taunton"
		Notice for a meeting and list of members of the First Church of Christ, Taunton, December 15, 1935
		Program for the Order of Service at Christmas, First Congregational (Unitarian) Society, 1933
		Letter, "We Welcome You to the Historic First Parish Church of Taunton"
		Order of Service for Easter Sunday, First Parish Church, Taunton,

		April 22, 1962
		Program for Anna S. Hart Dinner, May 29, 1970
		Two bulletins for the First Parish Church, April 1937
		Order of Service for Children's Sunday at the First Parish Church, June 10, 1945
		Order of Service for Children's Sunday at the First Parish Church, June 13, 1948
		Order of Service for Memorial Day Sunday, First Parish Church, May 29, 1983
		Order of Service for Graduating Class of the Taunton High School, June 23, 1901
		Service of Installation at the First Parish Church, Taunton, October 19, 1986
		Program, The Women's Alliance of the First Parish Church, 1991-1992
		Program, Order of Service, First Parish Church, October 22, 1972
		Program, Order of Service for Children's Sunday, First Parish Church, June 3, 1962
		Bulletin for the First Parish Church, May and June 1939
		Bulletin for the First Parish Church, "Our Three Hundredth Year begins," January 1937
		Bulletin for the First Parish Church, November 1936
		Two bulletins for the First Parish Church, December 1936
		Program, The Recital of Dedication on the Newly Rebuilt Pipe Organ, Derek P. Ferris, First Parish Church, June 3, 1962
		Program, Fellowship Day at First Parish Church, June 9, 1962
		Program for the 350 th Anniversary Convocation Honoring the Founders, First parish Church, June 3, 1987
		Program, Order of Service for Children's Sunday, First Parish Church, June 12, 1938
		Program, Order of Service for Children's Sunday, First Parish Church, June 10, 1934
		Program, Order of Service for Dedication Sunday, May 5, 1985
		Photocopy of newspaper clipping, "Minister Honored," tribute to Rev. Wilton E. Cross
		Program for the Installation of Reverend Dan Huntington Fenn, May 6, 1926
		Bulletin for the First Parish Church, June 2001
		Bulletin and Calendar for the First Parish Church, March 2002
		Bulletin for the First Parish Church, May 2000
	10	Bulletin, First Parish News Vol. IV No. 2, November 1942
		Bulletin, First Parish News Vol. V. No. 3, December 1943
		Bulletin, Parish News Vol. 11 No. 3, December 1954
		Bulletin, First Parish Church News, 325 th Anniversary Week, June 3-10, 1962
		Bulletin, First Parish Church News, "The Big Year," September 1963
		Bulletin, First Parish Church News, "Look to This Day," November 1964
		Bulletin, First Parish News, May – June 2005

		Bulletin, First Parish News, September – October 2007
		Bulletin, First Parish News, November – December 2007
		Bulletin, First Parish News, March – April 2009
		Bulletin, First Parish News, May – June 2004
		Bulletin, First Parish News, Vol. 365 Issue No. 3, December 15, 2002
		Bulletin, First Parish News, June 1970
		Bulletin, First Parish News, March – April 2004
	11	Order of Exercises at the Annual Picnic of the Sunday School, First Congregational Society of Taunton, September 1, 1846
		Two copies, Order of Services at the Ordination of Mr. Charles H. Brigham as Pastor of the First Congregational Church and Society in Taunton, March 27, 1844
		Program, Service of Worship for Honoring the Founders Sunday, First Parish Church, Taunton, January 22, 1950
	12	Card, print of the First Parish Church, Taunton, 1965
		Christmas card from Rev. Wilton E. Cross and Maud Alice Cross, 1941
		Card with picture of door of First Parish Church, from Wilton and Maud Cross
		Two cutout cards of the First Parish Church from Wilton and Maud Cross, Christmas 1953
		Christmas card from Wilton and Maud Cross, 1951
		Christmas card from Maud and Wilton Cross
		Card with print of the First Parish Church, 1637 – 1962
		Christmas Greetings card from Wilton and Maud Cross
		Christmas card and notice of Christmas Sunday Mass from the Rettigs, 1957
		Christmas card and notice of Christmas Eve Mass from the Rettigs, 1956
		Christmas card from Wilton and Maud Cross, 1952
		Card with picture of the First Parish Church by Elizabeth Owen
	13	Invitation to the installation of Rev. Rachel Gorn Tedesco as minister of the First Parish Church, September 21, 2003
		Order of Service for the Installation of Rev. Rachel Gorn Tedesco as Minister of the First Parish Church, September 21, 2003
		Invitation to the installation of Reverend Christana Wille McKnight as minister of the First Parish Church, November 3, 2013
		Four photocopied sheets, valuation and assessment of the pews in the First Congregational Meeting House, April 1881
		Fundraising pamphlet for renovations to the First Parish Church, 1963
		Four pink and blue pamphlets, history of the First Parish Church
		"First Parish Church History of its Four Meeting Houses," by Robert W. Williams II, First Parish Church Historian/Archivist, July 3, 2005
		Photocopy of newspaper article, "Windows to the soul: Church hopes to preserve history / Stained glass holds key to the past," <i>Sunday Gazette</i> , March 27, 2005
		Fifteen typed sheets, "Our Four Meeting Houses"

		Five typed sheets, information "For Tour Guides at First Parish Church," compiled by the Old Colony Historical Society, October 2012
		Booklet, First Parish Church information and list of members
		Seven sheets, "A visitor's guide to The First Parish Church in Taunton"
	VCH473	Two sheets, letter from M. K. Watkins at the Society of Colonial Wars to Mr. Seaver, February 2, 1905
		Tallied notes on a scrap of paper
		Notes on a sheet of paper, "Scadding, Wm Taunton 1638"
		Order of Services for the Installation of Rev. Joel H. Metcalf, Minister, First Congregational Society, December 27, 1904
		List of the members of the Old Parish Church, March 2, 1792
		Record of interest for the church by member in 1815
		Record of interest for the church by member in 1803
		List of Society Notes, 1815
		Record of Society Interest, January 7, 1807
		List of society notes and payment of the salary of John Pipon, 1804
		Promissory note from Abie Ingell to the First Congregational Society, March 10, 1814
		Letter from Job Godfrey to the Committee for calling meetings of the Members of the First Congregational Society in Taunton, July 30, 1796
		Accounting notes on the reverse of an envelope to Rev. Enoch Sanford
		Record of taxes and interest for the state from the First Congregational Society, December 1, 1810
		Various accounting notes and sums, September 7, 1807
		Accounting notes and sums, note of receipt from Joseph Dean, January 13, 1805
		Record of taxes and interest for the state from the First Congregational Society, December 1, 1799, with receipt notes on the reverse 1804-1806
		Record of taxes and interest for the state from the First Congregational Society, December 1, 1801
		Record of taxes and interest for the state from the First Congregational Society, December 1, 1812
		Record of Sundry Notes, taxes, and interest for the state from the First Congregational Society, December 1, 1813
		Record of Sundry Notes, taxes, and interest for the state from the First Congregational Society, December 1, 1804
		Record of Sundry Notes, taxes, and interest for the state from the First Congregational Society, December 1, 1802
		Account of Notes Belonging to the 1 st Congregational Society in Taunton, May 11, 1807
		Two notes about Trustees of the First Congregational Society in Taunton, 1809/1817
		Record of Sundry Notes, taxes, and interest for the state from the First Congregational Society, December 1, 1800
		Record of Sundry Notes, taxes, and interest for the state from the First Congregational Society, December 1, 1811

		Account of Notes Belonging to the First Congregational Society in Taunton, December 1, 1801
		Account of Notes Belonging to the First Congregational Society in Taunton, December 1, 180-
		Account of Notes Belonging to the First Congregational Society in Taunton, 1797
		Record of Sundry Notes, taxes, and interest for the state from the First Congregational Society, December 1, 1814
		Account of Notes due from interest, December 1, 1799
		List of notes on interest paid from members
		Record of Sundry Notes, taxes, and interest for the state from the First Congregational Society, December 1, 1805
		Record of Sundry Notes, taxes, and interest for the state from the First Congregational Society, December 1, 1809
	VH18L	Account book of James Leonard, 1824-1830
		Photocopy, excerpt from Emery's <i>The Ministry of Taunton</i> , referencing the First Parish, pp. 138-139
		Two booklets, <i>Worship God: A Sermon Preached at the Dedication of the Church of the First Congregational Society</i> , by Luther Hamilton, October 7, 1830

Other V-Files in the catalogue under “First Parish Church” (Taunton):

	VH763W	Photocopy of letter from Neil D. Thompson, consulting genealogist, to Mrs. Harold S. Cooke, on the ancestry of Susanna Hooke Darby, mentioning Rev. William Hooke, November 24, 1989
		Photocopy of article “As I Was Saying” by Wilton E. Cross, regarding Rev. William Hook
		Photocopy of clipping about William Hook
		Three photocopied sheets, excerpt from “Axmouth Church History” mentioning Rev. William Hooke, former vicar
		Three photocopied sheets, typed biography of Reverend William Hooke, by Raeola Cooke, Twin Falls, ID, July 1990
	VK635M	Three booklets, <i>A Sermon Preached at Taunton January 15, 1800 at the Ordination of John Pison</i> , by John Thornton Kirkland, Minister of the New South Church, Boston