



BHC-MSS 0136

Guide to the Records of West End Congregational Church

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Descriptive Summary

Creator: West End Congregational Church

Title: Records of West End Congregational Church

Dates: 1825-1888

Quantity: 1 linear foot (2 oversize boxes)

Abstract: The West End Congregational Church was officially organized on February 15, 1887, having originally begun as Mission Sunday School in 1884. Material within this collection represents an overhead view of a church that flourished in the 1910s into the 1960s. This includes a selection of photographs, reports, and newspaper clippings documenting specific activities of the congregation.

Language: English

Repository: Bridgeport History Center

Biographical History:

The West End Congregational Church was officially organized on February 15, 1887, having originally begun as Mission Sunday School in 1884. The first pastor, Rev. George Foster Prentiss oversaw a congregation that by 1912 had grown to some 300 members.

Additional information about the church is undergoing research, as it seems that the church may have declined in the 1970s or merged with another congregation. Newspaper clippings within the Bridgeport History Center have not yielded any information thus far.

Scope and Content note:

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Arrangement Note:

Arranged chronologically.

Administrative information:

Provenance: Found in collections

Preferred Citation:

Records of West End Congregational Church (BHC-MSS 0136), Bridgeport History Center, Bridgeport Public Library.

Names and Subject Tracings

Corporate names

Subject tracings
Bridgeport, Conn.

Detailed box and folder listing

Box 1

1. Anniversary, 25th, 1912
2. Photographs, 1912-1966
3. Yearbook, 1925
4. Worship service programs, 1926, 1942-1944, 1956
5. Sunday school annual report, 1944
6. Activities, 1948
7. Easter letters, 1952, 1954
8. Budget proposal, 1957
9. Anniversary, 75th, 1962
10. Building reconstruction display and photographs, undated
11. Scrapbook, 1953
12. Photographs of activities, 1967
13. Newspaper clippings, 1944-1967
14. Non-West End churches, undated