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HISTORICAL NOTE
Town founded in 1630; church gathered in 1632; First Parish incorporated in 1803; Separatist split in 1749. Charlestown was annexed to Boston in 1874. UCC church since 1962; extant as First Church in Charleston UCC in 1996.

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE
Parish financial records including pew rents and financial records. Also includes building committee records. Letter written October 1866 from Sidney E. Morse, son of Jedidiah Morse, an early 19th-century minister. The letter concerns the Sunday School.

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Box 1


Copy in fair condition.

(According to card catalogue entry (pre-1962), the original mss. record book is "in Lee Higginson vault.") (For contents, see Worthley, *Inventory*, p. 90.)

Parish Records, 4 mss. vols.


Parish Treasurer's Accounts

Volume 6. PT I - 1808-1811

Volume 7. PT II - 1856-1870, 1878

Folder 1. News clippings, church plan removed from volume 7

Parish Assessors' Accounts, 4 mss. vols.

Volume 8. 1803

Volume 9. 1804

Volume 10. 1805

Volume 11. 1807
Pew Deeds, 1 mss. vol.

Volume 12. 1834-1927

Building Committee, 2 mss. vols.

Volume 13. Record book, 1833

Parish Miscellany, 2 mss. vols.

Volume 15. Parish Land Company records, 1835
Volume 16. Proprietors of Pews, 1800

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