

**Attleboro, MA. Second Congregational Church, United Church of Christ**  
Records, 1743-1994 [MICROFILM]  
RG 1326  
4 microfilm reels, positive, 35 mm

Records are owned and held by the church as of March 1, 1996. No access restrictions.  
Filmed on behalf of Second Congregational Church United Church of Christ, Attleboro, MA  
Records 1743-1932 processed 1985. Records 1933-1994 processed January 1996. Updated April  
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with the archivist or librarian.

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**HISTORICAL NOTE**

The church was gathered on November 30, 1748 as the East Church in Attleboro, and was  
incorporated as the Second Congregational Church on March 1, 1893. It served the East Precinct  
of Attleboro, which was incorporated in 1743, when the Second Parish in Attleboro was  
organized. The Second Congregational Parish in Attleboro or Congregational Society in the  
Second Precinct of Attleboro was incorporated in 1807. The proprietors of the Meeting House  
were organized in 1824.

**SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE**

The records were filmed in 1985 and 1996 in two separate sets. Harvard University Library  
Reproductions Service filmed the records from 1743-1932 during the summer of 1985 and the  
records from 1933-1994 February 1996.

Records, 1743-1932 consist of eight volumes of records: five books of church records and four  
books of precinct/parish/society records. Records 1933-1994 consists of 3 record books and  
approximately 0.5 linear feet of annual reports.

**RECORDS, 1743-1932. REEL 1:**

Church Records, Volume 1, (1743-1851).  
Includes: memoranda regarding the church's organization, 1743-1748; vital statistics, 1743/1748-  
1851; church votes, 1792, 1796-1797, 1800-1851.  
Church Records, Volume 2, (1851-1866, 1908-1932).  
Church Records, Volume 3, (1866-1896).

Includes: church votes and vital statistics.  
Church Records, Volume 4, (1896-1908).  
Includes: church votes only.  
Church Records 2/5 (1851-1866, 1908-1932)

**RECORDS, 1743-1932. REEL 2:**

Precinct Records, Volume 1 (1743-1791).  
Precinct Records, Volume 2 (1790-1831).  
Precinct Records, Volume 3 (1831-1881).  
Society Records, Volume 1 (1807- )

**RECORDS, 1933-1994. REEL 1:**

Includes: minutes of annual meetings; membership statistics; lists of officers and committee members; annual budget; committee, club and society financial records; income from endowment funds; and baptisms.  
Filmed in 2B position 14:1.  
Church Records, Volume 6 (1933-1951).  
Church Records, Volume 7 (1951-1961).  
Church Records, Volume 8 (1962).

**RECORDS, 1933-1994. REEL 2:**

Contains annual reports 1953-1994.  
Filmed in 1B position 12:1.

**NOTES OF FILMING RECORDS, 1933-1994, FEBRUARY 1996:**

There were numerous objects adhered to the record book pages filmed for reel 1. If the objects could fit on the record book page and could easily be removed, the page was detached and mounted with archival quality plastic photo corners. If there was information on both sides of the page or if the insert was oversize, the page was removed and placed in an acid free folder in the record book, with the record book number and page number written lightly on the document and on the folder. These objects were removed for preservation purposes, as the tape, staples and paper clips the documents were originally adhered with will eventually discolor the pages. An "INSERT" target was placed before these pages when they were being filmed.

There are some pages that were glued into the record books. These pages could not be removed without severely intrusive methods and were left as they were found.

**APPENDIX A**

A transcription of targets for records, 1743-1932.

Church records, volume 1

Cover label reads: "Records of Second Congregational Church. Attleboro, Mass. 1743-1851."

Flyleaf reads: "records of the Persons and Acts of the Second Church of Christ in Attleborough, from their Foundation, Anno Domini 1748."

Contains memoranda regarding the church's organization, 1743-1748; vital statistics, 1743/1748-1851; church votes, 1792, 1796-1797, 1800-1851.

Loose pages, tattered on all edges.

The following volume contains both Church Records 2 and Church Records 5. The microfilm copy presents the Church Records 2 portion here, and the Church Records 5 portion in its proper sequence.

Church Records, Volume 2

Spine label reads: "Records." "2." "5." "Gladdings & Proud Stationers Prov. R.I."

Cover reads: "2nd. Congl. Church Attleboro. Mass."

Flyleaf reads: "Records from June 1851 to September 1866. Also from February 1908 to December 31, 1932."

Contents as described above.

Church records, Volume 3

Spine label reads: "Records" "3"

Cover label reads: "2nd, Congregational Church Attleboro, Mass."

Flyleaf reads: "Records of the Congl Church Attleboro Mass. Formed November 30 1748. From 1866 to 1896."

Contents as described above, including both church votes and vital statistics.

Church Records, Volume 4

Spine label reads: "Records No. 3/\_sic\_/" "4"

Cover label reads: "Second Congregational Church Attleboro, Mass."

Flyleaf reads: "Records of the Second Congregational Church Attleborough Mass. Organized November 1748 Incorporated March 1893 From 1896 to Date January 31, 1908."

Last page says: "For later records see Book #2 of the Church Records, Page 95."

Contents as described above, church votes only.

The following volume contains both Church Records 2 and Church Records 5. The microfilm copy presents the Church Records 5 portion here, and the church Records 2 portion in its proper sequence.

Church Records, Volume 2

Spine label reads: "Records." "2." "5." "Gladdings & Proud Stationers Prov. R.I."

Cover reads: "2nd Congl. Church Attleboro. Mass."

Flyleaf reads: "Records from June 1851 to September 1866. Also from February 1908 to December 31, 1932."

Contents as described above.

At end: Remaining pages (537-554) blank and not filmed.

REEL 2:

First page of finding aid repeated.

Precinct Records, Volume 1

Inside cover reads: "A Book of Records for the second precinct in Attleboro."

Flyleaf reads: "A Book of Records for The Second Precinct In Attleborough."

Contents as described above, 1743-1790/1791.

Precinct Records, Volume 2

Cover label reads: "The 2nd Book of Records."

Flyleaf reads: "The 2d Book of Records for the 2d Precinct in Attleborough The first Records of this book begins in the year of Our Lord 1790."

Contents as described above, 1790-1831.

Precinct/Parish Records, Volume 3

Spine labels read: "Records" "Parish Book No. 3" "1831-1881."

Flyleaf reads: "The 3rd Book of Records For the 2d Precinct in Attleborough The first Records of this Book begins in the year of Our Lord 1831."

Contents as described above, 1831-1881.

Society Records, Volume 1

Cover label reads: "First Book of Records 1807."

Flyleaf reads: "The First Book of Records for the Congregational Society in the 2d Precinct in Attleboro. The first Records of this Book begins in 1807."

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