

CARROLL-STRAFFORD ASSOCIATION, NEW HAMPSHIRE CONFERENCE UCC  
RECORDS, 1854-1976 (gaps)

1/2 linear foot

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Gift of the Carroll-Strafford Association, July 1992

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#### HISTORICAL NOTE

Ministers from the New Hampshire county of Strafford, which originally included the present day counties of Strafford, Belknap, and Carroll, met June 4, 1828, to organize a conference of churches. The stated purpose of the Strafford Conference of Churches was to bring local churches together, to increase the spirit of the gospel in the church members, and to help the destitute. When Strafford County divided in 1840, the members voted to maintain their conference indefinitely.

To further its mission, the conference formed a variety of benevolent societies. These included Home and Foreign Missionary Societies; Tract, Colonization, and Temperance Societies; and a Seaman's Friends Society.

The conference underwent several name changes throughout its history. In 1909 the organization took the title Association rather than Conference in order to avoid confusion with the state organization; in 1911, the constitution was amended to reflect that change. Other changes included the addition of "Christian" to the title in 1937, (reflecting the 1931 union of the Congregational and Christian denominations) and, in 1953, with the withdrawal of Belknap County from the Association, it took its current name, Carroll-Strafford Association. The Association donated their records to the Congregational Library in July 1992.

#### SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

The records of the Carroll-Strafford Association, New Hampshire Conference UCC, consist of five volumes, two of Association minutes arranged in Series 1, and three treasurer's accounts in Series 2. The first volume of minutes, spanning the years 1855-1926, includes a historical sketch, a copy of the original constitution, and a revision, treasurer's reports, and minutes of meetings. The second volume, covering 1927-1974, in addition to the above, includes ordination and installation records, executive committee and ecclesiastical council minutes, and dismissal and admission records, with a large number of attached and loose sheets. The treasurer's records, less complete than the minutes, include accounts from 1854-1867 arranged by "cause" or mission, and assessments on member churches. The cash book was found inside the earlier treasurer's account book and includes notes made by the treasurer concerning the collection of assessments.

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Series 1. Minutes

Volume 1. 1855-1926

Volume 2. 1927-1974

Series 2. Treasurer's Records

Volume 1. 1854-1867

Volume 2. 1876-1882 Cash book

Volume 3. 1954-1976