

Peabody Church Papers

Finding Aid

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Collection Summary

Title: Peabody Church Papers

Accession Number: 2004.200

Dates: 1827-1958

Bulk Dates: 1866-1920

Location: Sutton Room, Foster Family Papers.

Physical Description: Seven Folders of Papers

Abstract: Peabody Church Papers are a collection of miscellaneous papers and sermons left to the Peabody Institute from the Unitarian Church, Universalist Church, St. John's Catholic Church, the Methodist Episcopal Church, St. Paul's Episcopal Church and the West Congregational Church.

Search Terms

Unitarian Church

Universalist Church

St. John's Catholic Church

Methodist Episcopal Church

St. Paul's Episcopal Church

West Congregational Church

Peabody Churches

Provenance

The provenance of the Peabody Church Papers is unknown. However, the handwritten reports for the Universalist Church and their transcriptions were apparently donated by John Wells sometime in the late 1980s.

Processing

The papers were reviewed and sorted in 2004 and processed in June 2007.

Conservation Work

Papers were unfolded and tears mended.

Restrictions

Property of the Peabody Institute Library and all copyrights belong to the library. Access is only in the Sutton Room and all research is supervised.

Scope and Content Note

Peabody Church Papers are a collection of miscellaneous papers found at the Library and which document the history of six churches within the city.

Included are sermons preached in 1827 at the ordination of Charles Sewall, another given at the ordination of Frank Appleton in 1846, a talk given at the Semi-Centennial of the Unitarian Society in 1876, two annual reports on the Universalist Church's Sunday School in 1866 and 1867, two 1985 notes sent to John Wells regarding the transcription of those reports, Programs for the First Grand Reunion of St. John's Parish in 1911, a 1935 Reunion of St. John's Church, a 1946 letter written by a child at St. John's School, a 1949 Program for the Diamond Jubilee of the Church, a 25th Anniversary Celebration of the Ordination of Rev. John J. Murray, a Dedication program of the Edgerly Memorial Chapel in 1958, 75th Anniversary Program of the Methodist Episcopal Church in 1914, a 1929 History of the Methodist Episcopal Church, 1918 Consecration of St. Paul's Church, a 59th Year Jubilee Program, a press release announcing that Norman Kellett would become the new rector at St. Paul's, the *Parish Chronicle* from September 1900 to June 1901 and a 1958 history of the West Congregational Church.

Organization and Container List

Container

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Foster Family Papers

Folder 13	Unitarian Church Papers, 1827-1876.
Folder 14	Universalist Church Papers, 1866-1867.
Folder 15	Transcriptions of Annual Reports and notes to John Wells.
Folder 16	St. John's Church Records, 1911-1957.
Folder 17	Methodist Episcopal Church Papers, 1914, 1929.

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Folder 18

St. Paul's Episcopal Church Papers, 1918-c.1940.

Folder 19

History of the West Congregational Church, 1958.

Church Self

The Parish Chronicle, September 1900 to June 1901.