

A Finding Aid to The Evangelical Congregational Church of Easton Collection

Date Range: 1840-2014

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Summary

Creator: The Evangelical Congregational Church of Easton

Title: The Evangelical Congregational Church of Easton Collection

Dates: 1840-2014

Extent: 27.19 linear feet; 16 Hollinger Boxes and 12 Large Bankers Boxes

Abstract: This collection dates from 1840 to 2014 and contains: annual reports, account books, committee minutes, death and baptismal records, newspaper articles, correspondence, church advertisements, estate donations, mission materials, directories, membership lists, musical arrangements, obituaries and photographs.

Language: English

Administrative Information

Acquisition Information: This collection is a temporary donation to the Society by The Evangelical Congregational Church. They are currently unable to store these materials.

Accruals: No further accruals expected.

Restrictions on Access: Collection may only be accessed with the permission of the Easton Historical Society and Museum.

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Biographical Note

The Evangelical Congregational Church of Easton originates from seven settlers who moved to the area in 1696. In the 1830s there was a religious split between the Congregationalists and the Unitarians, resulting in a new church building. At this point in time, the church was called The Church of Christ in Easton. That building burned down in 1882 and a new one was constructed in 1885, which is still an active church to this

day. The Evangelical Congregational Church of Easton Massachusetts or TECCOE, was incorporated soon after in 1889. The records of this collection reflect the daily activities of the church and its congregation until the building's recent sale in 2022.

Scope and Content Note

This collection dates from 1840 to 2014 and contains: annual reports, account books, committee minutes, death and baptismal records, newspaper articles, correspondence, church advertisements, estate donations, mission materials, directories, membership lists, musical arrangements, obituaries and photographs. It is arranged into eight subgroups by document genre and ordered alphabetically. Subsequent series and subseries are arranged by document genre and presented alphabetically. Notable materials in this collection include: an 1840s booklet indicating early church practices and an 1899 photograph of the original church building.

Subgroup 1: Account Books and Financial Records. The materials in this subgroup date from 1870 to 2011 and are composed of mostly physical books. Series and subseries are arranged by document genre. All groupings are presented alphabetically. There are no notable materials for this subgroup.

Subgroup 2: Annual Reports and Meeting Minutes. The materials in this subgroup date from 1899 to 2014. All series and subseries are arranged alphabetically and by committee, board or document genre where applicable. There are no notable materials for this subgroup.

Subgroup 3: General Records. The materials in this subgroup date from 1880 to 2014. Series and subseries are arranged by document genre and presented alphabetically. Notable materials include: annual fair booklets and programs from church services and functions.

Subgroup 4: Mission Materials. The materials in this subgroup date from 1973 to 1999. Series and subseries are arranged by specific mission, institution, missionary family or document genre where appropriate. All groupings are ordered alphabetically. There are no notable materials in this subgroup.

Subgroup 5: Music. The materials in this subgroup are undated and arranged by the holiday the composition was intended for or by document genre. All series are ordered alphabetically. There are no notable materials in this subgroup.

Subgroup 6: Photographs. The materials in this subgroup date from 1889 to sometime in the 1990s. Series are arranged by the subject focus or the physical size of

the photographs. Each series is presented alphabetically. Notable materials include: pictures of the chapel being removed and highlights from a mission to Bolivia.

Subgroup 7: Miscellaneous. The materials in this subgroup date from 1840 to 2008. Series are arranged by document genre and do not fit well into any other subgroup. Each series is ordered alphabetically. Notable materials include: certificates of recognition for church volunteers and communion instructions.

Subgroup 8: Accruals: Correspondence. The materials in this subgroup date from 1925 to 2003. Series are arranged by subject matter and ordered alphabetically. The most notable materials are resignation letters from former pastors and various committee members.

Series Outline

The Evangelical Congregational Church Collection is arranged into eight subgroups, with multiple series and subseries. The arrangement is as follows:

Subgroup 1: Account Books and Financial Record Books, 1870-2011

Series 1.1: Estate Documents, 1988-2000

Series 1.2: General Financial Documents, 1942-2011

Series 1.3: Ladies Benevolent Society, 1870-1989

Series 1.4: Loose Leaf Materials, 1934-1994

Subseries 1.4.1: Committee Accounts, 1934-1994

Subseries 1.4.2: Various Accounts, Undated

Series 1.5: Men's Club, 1931-1957

Series 1.6: Salaries and Benefits, 1959-2009

Series 1.7: Sheldon Guild, 1938-1990

Series 1.8: Sunday School, 1940-1999

Series 1.9: Various Account Books, 1939-1975

Series 1.10: Miscellaneous, 1926

Subgroup 2: Annual Reports and Meeting Minutes, 1899-2014

Series 2.1: Annual Reports, 1910-2014

Subseries 2.1.1: Reports, 1899-2012

Subseries 2.1.2: Reports, 1910-1960

Subseries 2.1.3: Reports, 1964-1996

Subseries 2.1.4: Reports, 1997-2014

Series 2.2: Board of Deacons, 1958-1969

Series 2.3: Board of Trustees, 1954-2011

Subseries 2.3.1: Records, 1991-2001

Subseries 2.3.2: Records, 2002-2006

Subseries 2.3.3: Records, 2007-2011

Subseries 2.3.4: Miscellaneous Oversized Records, 1899-2012

Subseries 2.3.5: Miscellaneous Records, Undated

Series 2.4: Christain Education Committee, 1955-1974**Series 2.5: Church Report Booklets, 1925-1957****Series 2.6: Constitutions and By-Laws, 1928-1989**

Subseries 2.6.1: Section 1, 1928-1979

Subseries 2.6.2: Section 2, 1989-2010

Series 2.7: Deaconess Committee, 1973-2004**Series 2.8: Diaconate Committee, 1997-2010****Series 2.9: Ladies Benevolent Society, 1928-1990****Series 2.10: Missionary Committee, 1959-1984****Series 2.11: Schedules and Job Postings, Undated****Series 2.12: Secretary Reports, 1971-1973****Series 2.13: Sheldon Guild, 1944-1985****Series 2.14: Various Committees, 1941-Undated****Series 2.15: Youth Minister Reports, Undated****Series 2.16: Miscellaneous, Undated****Subgroup 3: General Records, 1880-2014****Series 3.1: Advertisements, 1926-Undated**

Subseries 3.1.1: Annual Fair Booklets, 1926-1952

Subseries 3.1.2: Miscellaneous, Undated

Series 3.2: Baptism Papers, 1960-1988**Series 3.3: Camp Fireside, 1968-1981****Series 3.4: Certificates of Transfer, 1893-1968**

Subseries 3.4.1: Section 1, 1893-1968

Subseries 3.4.2: Section 2, 1893-1968

Series 3.5: Directories and Membership Lists, 1925-1992

Subseries 3.5.1: Directories, 1941-1965

Subseries 3.5.2: Member Lists, 1925-1992

Series 3.6: Funeral Documents, 2000-Undated

Subseries 3.6.1: Death Records, 2000-2014

Subseries 3.6.2: Obituaries, 2002-Undated

Series 3.7: History, Undated**Series 3.8: Land Documents, Undated-2010**

Subseries 3.8.1: Correspondence, 1985

Subseries 3.8.2: Maps and Plans, Undated

Subseries 3.8.3: Official Documents, Undated-2010

Series 3.9: Marriage Certificates and Ceremony Proceedings, 1990-1997

Series 3.10: Membership Records, 1950s-1960s

Series 3.11: Merger Documents, 1946-1950

Series 3.12: Newsletters, TECCO Tidings, 1960s-2010s

Subseries 3.12.1: Part 1, 1960s-2010s

Subseries 3.12.2: Part 2, 1960s-2010s

Series 3.13: Newspaper Articles, 1929-2010

Series 3.14: Programs, 1885-2001

Series 3.15: Receipts and Banking Documents, 1880s-1990s

Subseries 3.15.1: Banking Bags, Undated

Subseries 3.15.2: Receipts and Banking Documents, 1880s-1990s

Series 3.16: Remembrance and Guest Books, 1956-1988

Subgroup 4: Mission Materials, 1973-1999

Series 4.1: Africa Inland Mission (Masons), 1969-1986

Series 4.2: Child Evangelist Fellowship, 1971-1983

Series 4.3: Children's Heaven, 1971-1982

Series 4.4: Christians for Urban Justice, 1971-1983

Series 4.5: General Mission Materials, Undated

Subseries 4.5.1: Annual Reports and Meeting Minutes, 1975-1985

Subseries 4.5.2: Correspondence, 1972-1983

Subseries 4.5.3: History and Newsletters, Undated

Subseries 4.5.4: Pamphlets, Undated

Subseries 4.5.5: Miscellaneous, Undated

Series 4.6: Jews for Jesus, 1973-1999

Series 4.7: Merrimac Mission (Masons), 1968-1985

Series 4.8: Mission News, Undated

Series 4.9: Missionary Conference Programs, 1966-1999

Series 4.10: Overseas Crusaders Ministries, 1971-1983

Series 4.11: Scholarships, 1966-1980

Subseries 4.11.1: Anderson, Jay, 1978-1980

Subseries 4.11.2: Campbell, Beverly, 1975-1976

Subseries 4.11.3: Joksch, Carol, 1967

Subseries 4.11.4: Kendall, Robert Jr., 1966-1968

Subseries 4.11.5: Mason, David, 1966-1969

Subseries 4.11.6: Mason, Marilyn, 1969

- Subseries 4.11.7: Matheson, Chester, Undated
- Subseries 4.11.8: Sylvester, Ronald, 1969-1971
- Subseries 4.11.9: Watts, Richard, Undated
- Subseries 4.11.10: Wilcox-Matheson, Frances, 1966

Series 4.12: Tarascan Missionary Society, 1969-1982

Series 4.13: Wycliffe Bible Translators, 1968-1983

- Subseries 4.13.1: Jackson Family (Texas), 1970-1982
- Subseries 4.13.2: Matheson Family (Brazil), 1968-1983
- Subseries 4.13.3: Newell Family (Philippines), 1969-1983
- Subseries 4.13.4: Trowbridge Family (New Guinea), 1971-1982

Subgroup 5: Music, Undated

Series 5.1: Christmas Carols, Undated

Series 5.2: Easter Carols, Undated

Series 5.3: Famous Composer Choral Pieces, Undated

Series 5.4: General Choral and Hymn Pieces, Undated

Series 5.5: Hardcover Hymn Books, Undated

Subgroup 6: Photographs, 1889-1990s

Series 6.1: Buildings, 1889-1983

Series 6.2: Children's Events, 1990s

Series 6.3: Group Photographs, Undated

Series 6.4: Other Gatherings, 1949-1981

Series 6.5: Oversized Photographs, Undated

Series 6.6: Single Person Photographs, Undated

Series 6.7: Wycliffe Bible Translators Bolivia, Undated

Series 6.8: Miscellaneous, Undated

Subgroup 7: Miscellaneous, 1840-2008

Series 7.1: Booklets, 1840-1956

Series 7.2: Certificates and Official Documents, 1899-1979

Series 7.3: Communion Materials, Undated

Series 7.4: Newsletters, 1951-2008

Series 7.5: Play Scripts, Undated

Series 7.6: Miscellaneous, Undated

Subgroup 8: Accruals: Correspondence, 1925-2003

Series 8.1: Donation Correspondence, 1932-1996

Series 8.2: General Correspondence, 1925-2001

Series 8.3: Memorial Correspondence, 1968-2001

Series 8.4: Official Business Correspondence, 1929-1990

Series 8.5: Pastoral Search Correspondence, 1927-1974

Series 8.6: Resignation Letters, 1931-2003

Series 8.7: Thank You Notes and Condolences Cards, 1950-Undated

Related Materials

All materials are available upon request or at the Easton Historical Society and Museum's webpage: <https://www.eastonmahistoricalsociety.org/#/>.

Researchers may also be interested in the Easton Churches Collection and the Unity Church Collection, both of which can be accessed through the Easton Historical Society and Museum's webpage.

Container List

Subgroup 1: Account Books and Financial Record Books, 1870-2011

Series 1.1: Estate Documents, 1988-2000

Box	Folder	Description
1	1	Estate Documents, 1988-2000

Series 1.2: General Financial Documents, 1942-2011

Oversized Box	Description
1	Financial Account Books, 1942-2011

Series 1.3: Ladies Benevolent Society, 1870-1989

Oversized Box	Description
1	Ladies Benevolent Society Account Books, 1870-1989

Series 1.4: Loose Leaf Materials, 1934-1994

Box	Folder	Description
1	2	Committee Accounts, 1934-1994
1	3	Various Accounts, Undated

Series 1.5: Men's Club, 1931-1957

Oversized Box	Description
1	Men's Club Account Books, 1931-1957

Series 1.6: Salaries and Benefits, 1959-2009

Oversized Box	Description
1	Salary and Benefit Account Books, 1959-2009

Series 1.7: Sheldon Guild, 1938-1990

Oversized Box	Description
2	Sheldon Guild Account Books, 1938-1990

Series 1.8: Sunday School, 1940-1999

Oversized Box	Description
2	Sunday School Account Books, 1940-1999

Series 1.9: Various Account Books, 1939-1975

Oversized Box	Description
2	Account Books from Various Committees, 1939-1975

Series 1.10: Miscellaneous, 1926

Oversized Box	Description
3	Miscellaneous Account Books, 1926

Subgroup 2: Annual Reports and Meeting Minutes, 1899-2014**Series 2.1: Annual Reports, 1910-2014**

Oversized Box	Description	
5	Reports, 1899-2012	
Box	Folder	Description
1	4	Reports, 1910-1960
1	5	Reports, 1964-1996
2	6	Reports, 1997-2014

Series 2.2: Board of Deacons, 1958-1969

Box	Folder	Description
2	7	Board of Deacons, 1958-1969

Series 2.3: Board of Trustees, 1954-2011

Box	Folder	Description
3	8	Records, 1991-2001
3	9	Records, 2002-2006
3	10	Records, 2007-2011
3	11	Miscellaneous Records, Undated
Oversized Box	Description	

4	Miscellaneous Oversized Records, 1899-2012	
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Series 2.4: Christain Education Committee, 1955-1974

Box	Folder	Description
3	12	Christain Education Committee 1955-1974

Series 2.5: Church Report Booklets, 1925-1957

Box	Folder	Description
3	13	Church Report Booklets, 1925-1957

Series 2.6: Constitutions and By-Laws, 1928-1989

Box	Folder	Description
4	14	Section 1, 1928-1979
4	15	Section 2, 1989-2010

Series 2.7: Deaconess Committee, 1973-2004

Box	Folder	Description
4	16	Deaconess Committee, 1973-2004

Series 2.8: Diaconate Committee, 1997-2010

Box	Folder	Description
4	17	Diaconate Committee, 1997-2010

Series 2.9: Ladies Benevolent Society, 1928-1990

Box	Folder	Description
5	18	Ladies Benevolent Society, 1928-1990

Series 2.10: Missionary Committee, 1959-1984

Box	Folder	Description
5	19	Missionary Committee, 1959-1984

Series 2.11: Schedules and Job Postings, Undated

Box	Folder	Description
5	20	Schedules and Job Postings, Undated

Series 2.12: Secretary Reports, 1971-1973

Box	Folder	Description
5	21	Secretary Reports, 1971-1973

Series 2.13: Sheldon Guild, 1944-1985

Box	Folder	Description
5	22	Sheldon Guild Meetings, 1944-1985

Series 2.14: Various Committees, 1941-Undated

Box	Folder	Description
6	23	Various Committee Meetings, 1941-Undated

Series 2.15: Youth Minister Reports, Undated

Box	Folder	Description
6	24	Youth Minister Reports, Undated

Series 2.16: Miscellaneous, Undated

Box	Folder	Description
6	25	Miscellaneous Reports and Meetings, Undated

Subgroup 3: General Records, 1880-2014**Series 3.1: Advertisements, 1926-Undated**

Box	Folder	Description
6	26	Annual Fair Booklets, 1926-1952
6	27	Miscellaneous Advertisements, Undated

Series 3.2: Baptism Papers, 1960-1988

Box	Folder	Description
6	28	Baptism Papers, 1960-1988

Series 3.3: Camp Fireside, 1968-1981

Box	Folder	Description
6	29	Camp Fireside, 1968-1981

Series 3.4: Certificates of Transfer, 1893-1968

Box	Folder	Description
7	30	Section 1, 1893-1968
7	31	Section 2, 1893-1968

Series 3.5: Directories and Membership Lists, 1925-1992

Box	Folder	Description
8	32	Directories, 1941-1965
8	33	Member Lists, 1925-1992

Series 3.6: Funeral Documents, 2000-Undated

Box	Folder	Description
8	34	Death Records, 2000-2014
8	35	Obituaries, 2002-Undated

Series 3.7: History, Undated

Box	Folder	Description
8	36	Historical Accounts, Undated

Series 3.8: Land Documents, Undated-2010

Box	Folder	Description
8	37	Correspondence, 1985
8	38	Maps and Plans, Undated
9	39	Official Documents, Undated-2010

Series 3.9: Marriage Certificates and Ceremony Proceedings, 1990-1997

Box	Folder	Description
9	40	Marriage Certificates and Ceremony Proceedings, 1990-1997

Series 3.10: Membership Records, 1950s-1960s

Oversized Box	Description
6	Membership Records, 1950s-1960s

Series 3.11: Merger Documents, 1946-1950

Box	Folder	Description
9	41	Merger Documents, 1946-1950

Series 3.12: Newsletters, TECCO Tidings, 1960s-2010s

Oversized Box	Description
7	Part 1, 1960s-2010s
8	Part 2, 1960s-2010s

Series 3.13: Newspaper Articles, 1929-2010

Box	Folder	Description
9	42	Newspaper Articles, 1929-2010

Series 3.14: Programs, 1885-2001

Box	Folder	Description
9	43	Programs, 1885-2001

Series 3.15: Receipts and Banking Documents, 1880s-1990s

Oversized Box	Description
9	Banking Bags, Undated
9	Receipts and Banking Documents, 1880s-1990s

Series 3.16: Remembrance and Guest Books, 1956-1988

Oversized Box	Description
8	Remembrance and Guest Books, 1956-1988

Subgroup 4: Mission Materials, 1973-1999**Series 4.1: Africa Inland Mission (Masons), 1969-1986**

Box	Folder	Description
10	44	Africa Inland Mission, 1969-1986

Series 4.2: Child Evangelist Fellowship, 1971-1983

Box	Folder	Description
10	45	Child Evangelist Fellowship, 1971-1983

Series 4.3: Children's Heaven, 1971-1982

Box	Folder	Description
10	46	Children's Heaven, 1971-1982

Series 4.4: Christians for Urban Justice, 1971-1983

Box	Folder	Description
10	47	Christians for Urban Justice, 1971-1983

Series 4.5: General Mission Materials, Undated

Box	Folder	Description
11	48	Annual Reports and Meeting Minutes, 1975-1985
11	49	Correspondence, 1972-1983
11	50	History and Newsletters, Undated

11	51	Pamphlets, Undated
11	52	Miscellaneous, Undated

Series 4.6: Jews for Jesus, 1973-1999

Box	Folder	Description
11	53	Jews for Jesus Newsletters, 1973-1999

Series 4.7: Merrimac Mission (Masons), 1968-1985

Box	Folder	Description
12	54	Merrimac Mission, 1968-1985

Series 4.8: Mission News, Undated

Box	Folder	Description
12	55	Mission Newsletter Drafts, Undated

Series 4.9: Missionary Conference Programs, 1966-1999

Box	Folder	Description
12A	56	Missionary Conference Programs, 1966-1999

Series 4.10: Overseas Crusaders Ministries, 1971-1983

Box	Folder	Description
12	57	Overseas Crusaders Ministries, 1971-1983

Series 4.11: Scholarships, 1966-1980

Box	Folder	Description
12	58	Scholarships by Candidate Name, 1966-1980

Series 4.12: Tarascan Missionary Society, 1969-1982

Box	Folder	Description
12	59	Tarascan Missionary Society, 1969-1982

Series 4.13: Wycliffe Bible Translators, 1968-1983

Box	Folder	Description
12	60	Jackson Family (Texas), 1970-1982
13	61	Matheson Family (Brazil), 1968-1983
13	62	Newell Family (Philippines), 1969-1983
13	63	Trowbridge Family (New Guinea), 1971-1982

Subgroup 5: Music, Undated

Oversized Box	Description
10	Christmas Carols, Undated
10	Easter Carols, Undated
10	Famous Composer Choral Pieces, Undated
11	General Choral and Hymn Pieces, Undated
11	Hardcover Hymn Books, Undated

Subgroup 6: Photographs, 1889-1990s

Box	Folder	Description
13	64	Buildings, 1889-1983
13	65	Children's Events, 1990s
14	66	Group Photographs, Undated

14	67	Other Gatherings, 1949-1981
14	68	Single Person Photographs, Undated
14	69	Wycliffe Bible Translators Bolivia, Undated
14	70	Miscellaneous, Undated
Oversized Box	Description	
12	Oversized Photographs, Undated	

Subgroup 7: Miscellaneous, 1840-2008

Box	Folder	Description
14	71	Booklets, 1840-1956
14	72	Certificates and Official Documents, 1899-1979
14	73	Communion Materials, Undated
14	74	Newsletters, 1951-2008
14	75	Play Scripts, Undated
15	76	Miscellaneous, Undated
Oversized Box	Description	
9	Miscellaneous Items, Undated	

Subgroup 8: Accruals: Correspondence, 1925-2003

Series 8.1: Donation Correspondence, 1932-1996

Box	Folder	Description
15	77	Donation Correspondence, 1932-1996

Series 8.2: General Correspondence, 1925-2001

Box	Folder	Description
15	78	General Correspondence, 1925-2001

Series 8.3: Memorial Correspondence, 1968-2001

Box	Folder	Description
15	79	Memorial Correspondence, 1968-2001

Series 8.4: Official Business Correspondence, 1929-1990

Box	Folder	Description
16	80	Official Business Correspondence, 1929-1990

Series 8.5: Pastoral Search Correspondence, 1927-1974

Box	Folder	Description
16	81	Pastoral Search Correspondence, 1927-1974

Series 8.6: Resignation Letters, 1931-2003

Box	Folder	Description
16	82	Resignation Letters, 1931-2003

Series 8.7: Thank You Notes and Condolences Cards, 1950-Undated

Box	Folder	Description
16	83	Thank You Notes and Condolences Cards, 1950-Undated