

## ***RELIGION AND CHURCH***

Religion played a major role in the lives of Newton's early settlers. The colonists traveled to Cambridge for worship, a unique Christian community of Indians, under the vigorous leadership of John Eliot, gathered for services at Nonantum every fortnight, beginning in 1646. When the first Puritan meeting house was built in 1660 on Centre Street, it served for town meetings as well as religious services.

Newcomers brought with them other customs, and Newton's Protestant denominations expanded and began to diversify as the population increased. Although Catholic and Jewish congregations are well established today, they are comparative latecomers on the local scene. Saint Mary's Church built in 1867 is the oldest Catholic church building in Newton, and the oldest Jewish congregation, Agudas Achim Anshei Sfarad, was established in 1911.

Newton Free Library. June 2011, Hidden gem : historic Myrtle Baptist Church [videorecording]. [Newton, Mass. : NewTV, 2011]. 1 videodisc : sd., col. ; 4 3/4 in.

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Library program on June 16 with documentary filmmaker Joe Hunter, his film "Myrtle Baptist Church : pillar of the community" and a panel discussion with Rev. Howard Haywood, pastor emeritus, longtime church members Leahnora Hill, Sam Turner and Shirley Wright and State Representative Byron Rushing.

Recorded live at the Newton Free Library, June 16, 2011.

Originally broadcast on the NEWTV local cable television network.

Young, Edward James. THE MINISTERS' CLUB, 1870-1899, AN HISTORICAL SKETCH READ AT THE HOTEL BRUNSWICK IN BOSTON. Cambridge, University Press, 1900. 56 p.

N 206 Y48M (*Also Microform*)

Survey of the first thirty years of the Ministers' Club by the man who served as secretary for the entire period; included are highlights of each meeting and the titles of the essays delivered.

Donovan, Winfred N., ed. NEWTON THEOLOGICAL INSTITUTION: HISTORICAL CATALOGUE. 12th ed. Newton Centre, Mass., June 1925. 278 p.

NEWTON/Reference N 207 D71N

Prepared for the Centennial. The catalogue gives a listing of all trustees, professors, librarians and matriculated students.

Herrick, Everett Carleton, TURNS AGAIN HOME: ANDOVER NEWTON THEOLOGICAL SCHOOL AND REMINISCENCES FROM AN UNKEPT JOURNAL. Boston, Pilgrim Press, 1949. 98 p. index. NEWTON/Special N 207 H43T

Reminiscences of the President of the Newton Theological Institution from 1926-1946. During this period the school affiliated with Andover Seminary.

Hovey, Alvah, 1820-1903. HISTORICAL ADDRESS DELIVERED AT THE FIFTIETH ANNIVERSARY OF THE NEWTON THEOLOGICAL INSTITUTION, JUNE 8, 1875. Boston, Wright & Potter, 1875. 72 p. 23 cm.

NEWTON/Special N 207 H82H 1875

The historical address begins with a brief biographical sketch of each of the founders of Newton Theological Institution as inserted in the Charter signed by Governor Levi Lincoln, February 22. 1806: Joseph Grafton (d.12-16-1836); Lucius Bolles (d. 1-5-1844); Daniel Sharp (d. 6-25-1853); Jonathan Going (d. 11-9-1844); Bela Jones (d.5-22-1836); Ebenezer Nelson (d. 4-6-1852); Francis Wayland (d. 9-30-1865); Henry Jackson (d. 3-2-1863); Ensign Lincoln (d. 12-2-1832); Jonathan Batcheller (d. 4-26-1864); Nathaniel R. Cobb (d. 5-22-1834). Hovey gives tribute to the five past presidents of the Board of Trustees: Rev. Joseph Grafton, known affectionately as Father Grafton, 1826-1835; Rev. Daniel Sharp, 1835-1853; Alexis Caswell, 1853-1854; Rev. Baron Stow, 1854-1869; Gardner Colby, 1870-1875; and to the first ten professors called to serve at the Institution; These professors are: Rev. Isiah Chase, Rev. Henry J. Ripley; Rev. James D. Knowles, Rev. Barnas Sears, Rev. Horatio B. Hackett, Rev. Robert E. Pattison, Rev. Albert N. Arnold, Rev. Arthur S. Train, Rev. G. D. B. Pepper. At the conclusion is a poem written by Rev. Samuel Francis Smith - "Newton's Semi-Centennial."

Pierce, Richard Donald, Ed. GENERAL CATALOGUE OF THE NEWTON THEOLOGICAL INSTITUTION 1826-1943, WITH BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCHES OF PROFESSORS AND STUDENTS... 1931-1943. Newton Centre, Newton Theological Institution, 1943. 382 p. NEWTON/Special N 207 P61G

This catalogue includes biographical sketches of all trustees, faculty and matriculated students of the institution, from its founding in 1825 through 1946. A historical sketch of the school is also included, as well as statistical summaries of each class, a list of alumni organizations and name indices.

Rowe, Henry Kalloch, HISTORY OF ANDOVER THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY. Boston, Thomas Todd, 1933. vii, 208 p. front., plates, ports. 20 cm.

NEWTON/Special N 207 R79H (*Also Microform*)

Written for the 125th anniversary of the first Christian Seminary in New England. Details history from beginning to affiliation with Newton Theological Institute. Many pictures included.

Clark, Rufus W. (Rufus Wheelwright). 1813-1886.

THE NEW QUESTION BOOKS ON THE GREAT DUTIES TAUGHT IN THE BIBLE : IN THREE VOLUMES, GRADUATED TO DIFFERENT AGES / by Rufus W. Clark. Boston : For sale by the Congregational Sabbath-School and Pub. Society, c1868. 3 v. ; 14 cm. NEWTON/Special N 220 NEW

A catechism prepared for children to be taught in Congregational Sabbath schools. Based on teachings from the Holy Scriptures. 1. For children -- 2. For youth --3. For adults.

Barker, Esther T. THE UNUSED CRADLE. Nashville, Tennessee: The Upper Room, 1968. 48 p. ill.

NEWTON/Reference N 232 B24U

According to the Author's Note, a "might-have been story" about a cradle that Joseph made for the infant Jesus before Jesus' birth, "to bring to the reader ... a greater understanding of the birth and boyhood years" of Jesus. Mrs. Baker, the author of many children's stories, was born and brought up in Newton, and received her early education in the Newton school system.

Ripley, Henry Henry Jones), 1798-1875. HINTS ON THE PROMOTION OF PIETY IN MINISTERS OF THE GOSPEL : READ BEFORE THE CONFERENCE OF BAPTIST MINISTERS IN MASSACHUSETTS, AT THEIR ANNUAL MEETING IN BOSTON, MAY 29, 1832 Boston : Lincoln and Edmands, [1832] 12 p. ; 22 cm.

NEWTON/Special N 242 R48H 1832

The essay was published at the request of ministers in attendance at the conference. H. J. Ripley was a professor at Newton Theological Institute.

COLLECTION OF SERMONS DELIVERED IN NEWTON, OR BY NEWTON MINISTERS IN THE MID-NINETEENTH CENTURY.

(various paging)

NEWTON/Special N 252 C68C (*Also Microform*)

Twelve sermons delivered on various occasions. Nineteenth century oratory reveals much about the values and culture of that era. Particularly revealing is "A Eulogy on the Life and Character of Zachary Taylor" by Alfred B. Ely.

Jaynes, Julian Clifford MAGIC WELLS: SERMONS. Boston, Press of Geo. H. Ellis Co., Inc., 1922. 303 p.

NEWTON/Special N 252 J33M (*Also Microform*)

Seventeen sermons reflecting Reverend Jaynes' theme of "life more abundant" delivered to the First Unitarian Society in Newton where he spent 38 years as pastor.

Wellman, Joshua W. (Joshua Wyman), 1821-1915.

THE CHURCH POLITY OF THE PILGRIMS: A SERMON, by Rev. J.W. Wellman . . . With an appendix . . . Boston, Congregational board of publication, [1857] 144 p., 20 cm.

NEWTON/Special N 252 W46C 1857 (*Also Microform*)

This sermon, delivered at the Eliot Church of Newton on the 21st of December, 1856, to the author's congregation. It covers the early Congregational Church organization of the colonists of Plymouth, 1620. The emphasis is on the worth of preserving their religious principles as the basis of true Christian church practices despite the growth of other churches.

Wellman, Joshua W. MISCELLANY [A collection of sermons]. varied publishers mainly in Boston, 1857-1890. 2 v.

N 252 W46M (Also Microform)

These two volumes of individually printed pamphlets contain 8 sermons and essays including a funeral tribute for James Monroe Bacon, 1818-1874. The works cover the years 1857 to 1890 of this Eliot Church minister.

Grafton, Joseph, 1757-1836. SERMON DELIVERED AT NEWTON, ON THE THIRD LORD'S DAY IN OCTOBER, 1802 / OCCASIONED BY THE DEATH OF MISS SALLY GRAFTON, æt. 12 / by her father Joseph Grafton. Boston : Printed by Manning & Loring, 1805. 3<sup>rd</sup> ed.

20 p. ; 21 cm.

N 252.6 GRAFTON 1805 COMPACT SHELVING

A funeral sermon delivered on October 3, 1802 by Rev. Grafton, Minister of the First Baptist Church in Newton. Rev. Grafton's eldest daughter Sally, died when she was 12 years old. Before Sally's untimely death the family had made plans for furthering her education as she was an exceptionally intelligent young lady. Rev. Grafton states in his sermon "*It might too much expose the feelings of a fond parent, or betray too much of the weakness of human nature, to notice at this time, and to this assembly, the sweetness of temper, the capacity and thirst, which the deceased possessed for useful knowledge and improvement. But, as dear as my daughter was to me, I sincerely aver to you, my young friends, that such is my desire for your salvation, that if her death should be a mean, under God, of your spiritual and eternal life, it would operate as another and an important argument to part with her.*" Rev. Grafton (1757-1836) was a founder of the Newton Theological School, now known as Andover Newton Theological School in Newton Centre. Early American imprints. 2nd series ; no. 8548. Indexed in: Sh & Shoemaker, 8548.

Field, Edith G. A HISTORY OF THE WALKER MISSIONARY HOMES, AUBURNDALE, MASSACHUSETTS. -- Boston, Mass. (?), [s.n., 1964?] 141 p.

N 266.022 F45H 1964?

A excellent history is given, plus lists of members of the Board of Trustees, official visitors, members of the Board of Managers, and Superintendents.

WALKER MISSIONARY HOMES, INC. Auburndale, Mass. : 1938.  
17 p. : ill.

N 266.022 W15M 1938

Mrs. Eliza Harding Walker, was the founder and Mother of the Home. The Booklet was printed 1930, with corrections made 1938. The Home was succeeded by the Walker Home for Missionaries' Children. There are many pictures of the buildings which comprised the Home.

A BRIEF HISTORY OF OUR MAJOR RELIGIOUS FAITHS. n.p. 1973.  
7 p ill.

N 270 B76B 1973

Prepared for the Newton Centennial in 1973 this booklet lists the historical backgrounds of Newton's three major religions. Contents: *A Synoptic View of Protestant Beginnings in Newton*, by Rev. Howard Boardman, *The Catholic Tradition in Newton*, by Fredson T. Bowers and *A Brief History of the Jewish Tradition in Newton*, by Lois Weltman. Includes a listing of the houses of worship in Newton as of 1973. Pamphlet with black & white photographs.

BOX BV: CHURCH SOCIETIES / [compiled by the staff of the Newton Free Public Library]. [199-] 1 box ; 25 X 31 X 8 cm.

N 270 CHURCH

A collection of the yearbooks of the Women's Benevolent Society of The First Church in Newton, Mass. Also includes "Order of Exercises at the ... Public Anniversary of the West Newton Congregational Sabbath School" for the years 1865-1867.

THE STORY OF OUR LADY HELP OF CHRISTIANS, NEWTON, MASSACHUSETTS, AND A HISTORY OF CATHOLIC AMERICA. -- Hackensack, N.J. : Custombook, 1978. (various paging) 1 v. ill.

N 270.82 S880 1978

History of Our Lady Help of Christians Church, plus a history of Catholic America.

CATHEDRAL OF THE PINES. [S.l.:n.p., 195-?] 72p. :ill (part col.) ; 23 cm.

N 277.42 C28C COMPACT SHELVING

The location for this chapel was originally planned for the grounds of Douglas and Sibyl Sanderson Sloane's Newtonville, Massachusetts home. The Cathedral of the Pines is dedicated to Almighty God as a place where all people of all faiths may come and worship. The Alter of the Nation which is dedicated to the memory of all the American War dead has seen services by Baptists, Congregationalists, Greek Orthodox, Jews, Methodists, Presbyterians, and Roman Catholics. Included are many pictures of the various faith ministers who participated in the services.

MARY IMMACULATE OF LOURDES CHURCH, 100TH ANNIVERSARY, 1870-1970. Newton Upper Falls, Mass., 1970. 32 p. N 282.09 M36M 1970

Celebrating the 100th anniversary of the founding of Mary Immaculate of Lourdes Church in Newton Upper Falls, this program book includes, in addition to the celebration program, a history of the church as well as the history of Lourdes, France. Has many illustrations of the church and tables showing parish boundary lines.

MARY IMMACULATE OF LOURDES CHURCH: 1870-2000 / [June 2000 Anniversary Committee]. [Newton Upper Falls, Mass.: Mary Immaculate of Lourdes, 2000]. 32 p. ill. (some color); 28 cm. N 282.09 MARY 2000

A publication by the parishioners of the Parish of Mary Immaculate of Lourdes in Newton Upper Falls commemorating the 130 anniversary of the Parish, the first Catholic Church established in Newton. Included are photographs, some in color, of the stained glass windows. The six sections are: Pastors/Administrators, Clergy List, Church History, Stain Glass Windows, "I remember", and St. Mary's Cemetery.

GRACE EPISCOPAL CHURCH, Newton, Mass., 1978. 10 p. ill. N 283 G75G 1978

Pamphlet with brief history and overview of activities of the church which was founded in 1858.

Grace Episcopal Church. YEARBOOK OF THE PARISH OF GRACE CHURCH IN THE CITY OF NEWTON DIOCESE OF MASSACHUSETTS 1956-1957. Newton, 1956/57. 52 p. ill. N 283 G75Y

This detailed annual summary of parish activities includes statistics, parish organizations, lists of church membership, committees and finances.

Hollis, William H. THROUGH THE YEARS WITH ST. MARY'S. n.d.  
32 p.

N 283 H72T

Brief sketches by the parish historian of people and places dealing with St. Mary's Parish, Newton Lower Falls from the beginnings of the church in 1811, through the early years of the twentieth century.

THE PARISH OF GRACE CHURCH, NEWTON, MASSACHUSETTS,  
1855-1955: CENTENNIAL BUILDING PROJECT. n.d. 7 p.

N 283 P2IP

Pamphlet giving brief outline of changes in the church buildings with a description of goals for the Centennial building.

Saint John's Church, Newtonville, Massachusetts. A HISTORY ISSUED ON THE FIFTIETH ANNIVERSARY OF THE LAYING OF THE CORNERSTONE, JUNE 25, 1952. Boston, Thomas Todd, 1952. 51 p.

N 283 S24S

This fifty-page pamphlet provides a general history of the Episcopal Church in Newtonville through a discussion of its ministers' goals and activities through the years. A historical list of officers is included, as well as a list of active members as of May 15, 1952.

BOX NA : churches (miscellaneous collection, programs of services, ministers' sermons) / [compiled by the staff of the Newton Free Library]. [19--].

N 283.3 BOX

A collection of pamphlets, booklets and newspaper clippings related to Church history in Newton, Mass. between 1850 and 1950. Includes a selection of speeches/addresses and sermons, individual church histories, programs for special church services (installments of Pastors, dedications, anniversaries, memorial services, funeral services), weekly church bulletins and announcements, programs for church sponsored activities such as prayer groups and bible studies, and finally, church documents such as financial reports (treasurers reports, reports of collection money), by-ls, directories, manuals, catalogues of church libraries and yearbooks. Churches included are: Eliot Church, Newton Highlands Congregational Church, Channing Church, the Baptist Church at Newton Corner, Grace Church, Trinity Church, the Methodist Episcopal Church, Auburndale Congregational Church, St. John Episcopal Church, Our Lady of Help Christians Church, First Church in Newton, Second Church in Newton, Corpus Christi Church, the United Presbyterian Church, Evangelical Congregational Church of Auburndale, Central Congregational Church of Newton and the First Unitarian Church --



Constitution of Our Lady Help of Christians Parish Council, Newton, Mass.

CENTRAL CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF NEWTON : (UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST) NEWTONVILLE, MASSACHUSETTS : A CENTENNIAL HISTORY

Central Congregational Church of Newton, 1968

N 283.3 C33C 1968

Book is divided into four parts. Part I: Historical Sketch, (1868 - 1928) by Wallace C. Boyden. Part II: From the Sixieth Year to the Ninetieth Year ( 1928 -1958) by Randolph S. Merrill. Part III: The Last Decade (1959 -1968) The Histoircal Committee. Part IV: Appendices.

GRACE CHURCH, NEWTON: ITS ARCHITECTURE AND ADORNMENTS; OR THE SILENT VOICES THAT SPEAK OF CHRIST AND HIS SALVATION. Boston: Press of Rockwell & Churchill, 1875. 46 p. : ill. ; 20 cm.

N 283.3 GRACE 1875

A small book which describes the architecture and adornments of Grace Church and their significance. Includes index.

A LIGHT FROM HEAVEN: THE SANCTUARY WINDOWS OF THE NEWTON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH. Newton, Mass.: Newton Presbyterian Church, 1987. 10 p. ill. ; 23 cm.

N 283.3 LIGHT 1987

A description of the process for creating stained glass windows; an account of the inspiration for the Newton windows provided by the work of the artist, Raphael, and a description of the seven windows in the church are included in this pamphlet. Both the front and rear covers contain colored photographs of the windows. There is a black and white illustration of the church in the pamphlet.

MacDonald, Bruce. GRACE CHURCH NEWTON CORNER, 1855-1906 / Bruce MacDonald. Newton, MA.. : [s.n.],1997. 1 v. (various pagings) : ill. ; 28 cm.

N 283.3 M14G 1997

A history of Grace Church (Episcopal) during the first fifty years of its existence, together with a brief summary of events and developments of six separate periods from 1906-1997. Includes short biographies of many parishioners and pastors.

1873-1973, THE ONE HUNDREDTH ANNIVERSARY OF THE FIRST SERVICE IN THE PRESENT CHURCH. Newton Corner, Mass.: Grace Church, 1973. [10] p.: ill. ; 26 cm.

N 283.3 ONE 1973

Order of service for "A celebration of the One Hundredth Anniversary of the First Service of Worship held in Grace Episcopal Church..." on the First Sunday of Advent December 2, 1973, and St. Andrew's Day.

THE ORDER OF SERVICE FOR MORNING PRAYER AND SERMON ON THE ONE HUNDREDTH ANNIVERSARY OF THE FIRST SERVICE OF WORSHIP TO BE HELD IN THE NEW STONE CHURCH OF THE PARISH OF GRACE CHURCH, NEWTON, MASS. [Newton, Mass.: Grace Church, 1973]. [14] p. ; 28 cm.

N 283.3 ORDER

Cover: "November 30, 1873 – November 25, 1973." Order of Service for the celebration of the 100th anniversary in Grace Church, including hymn music and prayers. Pages are copies that are stapled together.

THE STAINED GLASS OF GRACE CHURCH, NEWTON, MASSACHUSETTS 1873-2002 / [photographs by Peter Vanderwarker]. [Newton, Mass. : Grace Church, 2000]. 40 p. : ill. (some color), ports. ; 28 cm.

N 283.3 STAINED 2002

Contains detailed descriptions of each of the stained glass windows of Grace Church, located in Newton Corner. The descriptions include the maker, design, date of installation, memorial dedication, biographical data, donor and source of information.

Robinson, Howard E. CLERGY OF THE PARISH OF SAINT PAUL (EPISCOPAL) NEWTON HIGHLANDS, MASSACHUSETTS, 1883-1995. 1995. 1 v. ill. maps.

N 283.7 R56C 1995

Parish historian Howard E. Robinson has compiled a fine church history by focusing on the church rectors' lives. Photocopied pictures of most of the clergy are presented with each biography. . Of added interest is the autograph of the author at the bottom of his biography page.

Budge, Eveleen B. and Susan T. Wiard. ST. MARY'S THROUGH THE YEARS.....1812-1988. Newton Lower Falls, Mass. St. Mary's Episcopal Church, 1988. 106 p. ill. map.

N 283.744 B85S 1988

This new edition of St. Mary's parish history is particularly detailed in the period since 1963, when the previous history was published. Additional information on architecture, music, church projects and membership is included.

ANNUAL OF ELIOT CHURCH INCLUDING ROLL OF NAMES AND DIRECTORY OF FAMILIES 1845-1887. Newton, Massachusetts. Eliot Church, 1887. 42 p.

NEWTON/Special N PRIORITY 285.8 A61A 1845-1887

*(Also Microform)*

Lists of ministers, deacons, original members and later members, including status of membership; record of church finances, current events, and annuals to 1885. Frontispiece is reproduction of church building.

CELEBRATION OF THE ONE HUNDREDTH ANNIVERSARY OF THE ORGANIZATION OF THE SECOND CHURCH, NEWTON, MASSACHUSETTS AT WEST NEWTON, TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 1881. Boston, Beacon Press, 1882. 163 p.

N 285.8 C33C *(Also Microform)*

Reverend William Greenough, pastor of the church for its first fifty years was the central figure of these anniversary addresses. Lack of index and table of contents make this history difficult to peruse. However, the history of the church throws light on the development of West Newton as an entity.

THE COMMEMORATIVE SERVICES OF THE FIRST CHURCH IN NEWTON, MASSACHUSETTS, ON THE OCCASION OF THE TWO HUNDRED AND TWENTY-FIFTH ANNIVERSARY OF ITS FOUNDATION. SUNDAY AND MONDAY, OCTOBER 6 AND 7, 1889. Boston, published by the Society, 1890. 271 p.

N 285.8 C73C COMPACT SHELVING *(Also Microform)*

Highlight is the 112-page history of the church by Dr. Daniel L. Furber. Addresses given at the services are also included. Index of names in back is particularly useful in looking up people who had any connection with the church.

THE COMMEMORATIVE SERVICES OF THE FIRST CHURCH IN NEWTON, MASSACHUSETTS ON THE OCCASION OF THE TWO HUNDRED AND FIFTIETH ANNIVERSARY OF ITS FOUNDATION. Published by the Church, 1915. 207 p.

N 285.8 C73D

Similar in organization to the *Commemorative Services* published twenty-five years earlier. Additional five black and white plates of past ministers and one fold-out color plate of the Furber Memorial Window are valuable.

Fray, Harold R. CONFLICT AND CHANGE IN THE CHURCH.  
Boston, Pilgrim Press, 1969. 113 p.

N 285.8 F86C 1969

The Eliot Church in the mid-sixties was facing the changes that every church in the United States had to address. Local churches were projected into the 20th century by conflicts such as civil rights and Vietnam which necessitated moral and ethical stands on urban and global issues.

The human conflicts clashed as well with differences in opinion amongst members of the church; those who felt compelled to demonstrate for change and those who felt the church had no right to take a stand representing the entire congregation when in fact it did not.

Lord, Arthur Hardy. THE ELIOT CHURCH OF NEWTON THE HISTORY OF ONE HUNDRED YEARS, 1845-1945. Newton, Mass., 1945. 50 p.

N 285.8 L88E

Traces the development of the church from its founders' break with the First Church in Newton through the vigorous leadership of Rev. Wolcott Calkins in the 1880's and into the 1940's when an emphasis on "social gospel" dominates. Excellent series of eight plates traces development of the church and Newton Corner area.

Lord, Arthur Hardy. THE ELIOT CHURCH OF NEWTON; ITS HOUSES OF WORSHIP, 1845-1956. Newton, Mass., 1956. 38 p.

N 285.8 L88F 1956 (*Also Microform*)

History and description of the three church edifices preceding the present one with reproductions. Much of the book centers on the Memorial Windows of the third edifice which burned down on Feb. 11, 1956.

Lowry, Franklin P. THE LIFE OF SAMUEL EDGAR LOWRY AND THE STORY OF THE NORTH VILLAGE CHURCH. Newton, Mass., 1957. 23 p.

N 285.8 L95L 1957 (*Also Microform*)

Testimonial to the founder of the North Village Church. Based mainly on the memory of Edwin Otis Childs, member of the church from 1902-1950, who gave much of this information to the author.

MANUAL OF THE CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF  
AUBURNDALE, MASSACHUSETTS. Boston, Beacon Press, 1887. 55p.  
N 285.8 M31A *(Also Microform)*

Besides the Confession of Faith and Covenant, this manual includes a chronological progression of events relating to church affairs. Complete list of members including places from which members came and where past members moved.

MANUAL OF THE SECOND CHURCH IN NEWTON, WEST  
NEWTON, MASSACHUSETTS, 1760-1781-1910. n.d. 73 p.  
N 285.8 M31S *(Also Microform)*

Published around 1910, this manual includes an historical sketch, directory of the church, chronological record of members, and other information regarding traditions of the church.

OUR CHURCH: ITS HISTORY, ITS BUILDINGS, ITS SPIRIT. West  
Newton, the Second Church in Newton, 1926. 106 p.  
N 285.8 0930 *(Also Microform)*

Numerous photographs taken by Bacharach, Inc. are mostly of the present church structure. Appendix consists of copies "of the interesting documents preserved in the church archives," including a "letter to selectmen about an intended marriage."

SECOND CHURCH IN WEST NEWTON: MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS /  
[compiled by the staff of the Newton Free Library]. [199-]. 1 phase box ;  
45 x 30 x 9 cm  
N 285.8 SECOND

A collection of materials relating to Second Church in Newton. Includes a collection of sermons by Rev. Boynton Merrill delivered between May 24, 1931 and February 1943, Church directories, copies of "Second thoughts" a newsletter published by the church, a collection of sermons by Rev. J. Edgar Park delivered between February 16, 1919 and March 19, 1933, programs for special events given by the church, and programs for special services and pamphlets detailing the history of Second Church.

Wellman, Joshua W. THE ORIGIN AND EARLY HISTORY OF THE ELIOT CHURCH IN NEWTON, MASSACHUSETTS: AN HISTORICAL SERMON PREACHED ON JUNE 26, 1870. Newton, Mass., 1904. 35 p.

N 285.8 W460 (*Also Microform*)

Inspirational account by the pastor of the Eliot Church on its founding and growth. Includes an account of the life of John Eliot, the Indian Apostle.

Coogan, Barbara Tracy. CROWN THINE ANCIENT CHURCH'S STORY; BEING A HISTORY OF THE WOMEN OF THE FIRST CHURCH IN NEWTON GATHERED 1664, DISASSEMBLED 1972, AND OF THEIR BENEVOLENT SOCIETY. -- sine loco, 1974. 65 p.

N 285.83 C77C 1974

History of the women of The First Church in Newton, Massachusetts.

FIRST CHURCH IN NEWTON CONGREGATIONAL UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST AFTER 300 YEARS, 1664-1964. -- Newton Centre, Mass., 1964. 15 p. ill.

N 285.83 F51F 1964

History of Newton Congregational United Church of Christ, Newton, Massachusetts.

Husher, Jean M. THE LADIES CIRCLE OF THE UNION CHURCH IN WABAN, 1905-1925. Waban, Mass., Union Church in Waban, 1991. 1 v. (various paging) ill.

N 285.834 H95L 1991

The Ladies Circle from the beginning was a group of highly motivated women. Their major concern was funds to support the Union Church in its donations to charity, yet as an organization they were independent of the church. The ladies put much time and effort into fund raising for local charities which they supported by holding sewing circles, fairs, lectures, dinners and "sociables." A large contribution toward the building fund for the new church erected in 1912 was given by the club as well as full funding for the \$10,000 organ.

Herrick, Everett Carleton. HISTORICAL SKETCH OF THE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH IN NEWTON, NEWTON CENTRE, MASSACHUSETTS. (Commemorating the 175th anniversary of the First Baptist Church in Newton, 1780-1955). 16 p.

N 286 H43H

Briefly traces the story of the church's troubled beginnings through its 48 years with Rev. Joseph Grafton up to the ministry of Rev. Russell H.

Bishop. Rev. Grafton (1757–1836) was minister of the church for nearly forty-eight years.

HISTORICAL ADDRESSES DELIVERED AT THE NEWTON CENTENNIAL, JUNE, 1925. Newton Centre, Mass. The Institution Bulletin, vol. 18, no. 2. 63 p.

N 286 H62A

Abstracts of the historical addresses delivered at the centennial of the Newton Theological Institute. These three addresses follow graduates and sketch their influence on other educational institutions throughout the world.

MYRTLE BAPTIST CHURCH, WEST NEWTON, MA: 120 YEARS OF THANKIVING 1874-1994. Medford, Mass., Jubal Enterprises, Inc.

Graphi Covenants, 1994. ill.

N 286 M99M 1994

This historic calendar starts with a detailed account of the founding of the church. Each month is illustrated with either historic and/or recent photographs. Important dates are noted for each month, such as September, 1984, when Rev. Howard Haywood was voted to begin as Interim Pastor. As of 1996, Reverend Haywood is the Pastor for the Myrtle Baptist Church.

MYRTLE BAPTIST CHURCH, 21 CURVE STREET, WEST NEWTON, MASSACHUSETTS, FOUNDED OCTOBER 22, 1874, THE REVEREND EDMUND KELLY, PASTOR: CELEBRATING 124 YEARS OF GOD'S BLESSINGS / THE REVEREND HOWARD M. HAYWOOD, PASTOR. West Newton, Mass. Myrtle Baptist Church, 1998. 26 p. : ill. ; 28 cm.

N 286 MYRTLE

A compilation of articles, photographs, letters and records relevant to the celebration, dated June 6, 1998.

THE RECORDS OF THE BAPTIST CHURCH IN NEWTON, WHICH WAS INCORPORATED JULY 5, 1780. -- v. 1. -- Presented by the congregation 200 years later, Easter Sunday, April, 1980. 6 p

N 286 R24B v.1. 1780

A reproduction of the record of the first meeting of the Baptist Church in Newton on June 6, 1780.

HISTORY OF A CHURCH: FOR THE PEOPLE HAD A MIND TO  
WORK : LEGACY OF A COMMUNITY : MYRTLE BAPTIST  
CHURCH 1874-2009. [Newton, Mass.] : Myrtle Baptist Church, c2010.  
176 p. : col. ill. ; 29 cm.

N 286.097 H62H 2010 COMPACT SHELVING

Book published in conjunction with 135th anniversary celebration.  
Preface -- A history of a church -- A legacy of a community -- Newton's  
black community little known facts -- Portraits of a village -- Recognition  
and tributes -- Vision and future promise of Myrtle -- Sponsors.

Wellman, Joshua Wyman. (Joshua Wyman), 1821-1915. AN  
HISTORICAL DISCOURSE DELIVERED MAY 21, 1899 AT THE  
CELEBRATION OF THE TWO HUNDRED AND FIFTIETH  
ANNIVERSARY OF THE ORGANIZATION OF THE FIRST CHURCH  
OF CHRIST IN MALDEN, MASS. / by Rev. Joshua Wyman Wellman.  
Cambridge, [Mass.] : University Press, 1899. 29 p.

N 286.63 W46H 1899 (*Also Microform*)

The First Church in Malden was the only church in that area for 85  
years. It was the 43rd church in Massachusetts to be established in 1649.  
The historical discourse was in celebration of its 250th anniversary. It  
reflected the early history of the church from the first Calvinistic  
Protestant Reformers and their conflicts of interpretation between the  
church and the Cambridge Platform which was the authority for  
Calvinistic churches in New England.

Cappers, Elmer Ood. HISTORY OF THE FIRST CHURCH IN  
CHESTNUT HILL. NEWTON, MASSACHUSETTS 1861-1986.  
Newton, Mass., 1986. 46 p. ill.

N 288 C17H 2986

This brief history outlines the important people and developments  
of the church. Unlike Mary Lee's *A History of the Chestnut Hill Parish*,  
the author's account is a history of the church itself and not one of the  
community to which it serves.

Lee, Mary. A HISTORY OF THE CHESTNUT HILL CHAPEL.  
Published by the History Committee of the First Church in Chestnut Hill,  
1937. 91 p.



N 288 L51H

Author is the granddaughter of Joseph Lee, founder of Chestnut Hill. She intended this to be a social history "of the origin and development of this community" of Chestnut Hill. Many excellent pictures of early scenes and people.

Mayo, Lrence Sh. THE FIRST UNITARIAN SOCIETY IN NEWTON, 1848-1923. Written in commemoration of the seventy-fifth anniversary of the founding of the society. 1923. 34 p.

N 288 M48F

Extremely well written sketch of the history of the society in Newton. Services in commemoration of the anniversary are included in the back.

SERVICES IN COMMEMORATION OF THE FIFTIETH ANNIVERSARY OF THE ORGANIZATION OF CHANNING CHURCH AT NEWTON, MASSACHUSETTS. September 15, 1901. n.d. 39 p.

N 288 S49S.

Ceremony held the day following the assassination of President McKinley, included three addresses by former ministers of the church. Pictures of the Channing Church and its ministers are included.

Smalley, Gale. OUR STAINED GLASS WINDOWS: FIRST UNITARIAN SOCIETY IN NEWTON, WEST NEWTON, MASSACHUSETTS / [prepared by the Historic Preservation Committee ; drings by Elli Crocker based on photographs by Peter John Roberts ; text by Gale Smalley].

Newton: Historic Preservation Committee, 2000. [24] p. ill., plans ; 22 cm.

N 289.1 SMALLEY 2000

Includes a front piece and a sketch of the window locations. There is a century account of the background of the window complex and detailed descriptions and drings of each of the eleven windows.

Greater Boston Eruv Corporation. ERUV PLAQUE AND SILVER DOLLAR PRESENTED TO THE MAYOR OF NEWTON, AUGUST 11, 1992. Brookline (Mass.), Greater Boston Eruv Corporation, 1992. phase box.

N 296.18 G79E

In a 1992 ceremony, a plaque with a silver dollar was presented to Mayor Theodore Mann. The plaque states that the silver dollar is delivered "for the rental rights to the domain within the Eruv District of Newton,... in accordance with Orthodox Jewish L." The plaque with the

silver dollar, a perimeter map of the Eruv and a letter addressed to Mayor Mann are all preserved in a phase box.

CONGREGATION MISHKAN TEFILA, 1858-1983. [S.l. : s.n., 1984]  
(Stoughton, Mass.: Alpine Press; Boston: Colourpicture Pub.) , 1984.  
132 p. ill. (some col.), ports. ; 28 cm.  
N 296.6 CONGREGATION 1984

A history of the Congregation in Newton from its founding in 1858 through the year 1984. Included are numerous photographs of individual members and groups, building interiors and its more valuable contents. There is a list of Chronological Milestones and a 1984 List of Members.

[JEWS IN NEWTON]. [19--] 1 folder (2 items) ; 30 cm.  
N 296.6 J55J COMPACT SHELVING

[Excerpt from Jews in suburbia by Albert I. Gordon (Beacon Press, 1959)] -- Volunteer service ards : Hebrew Rehabilitation Center for Aged.

Fleishman, Thelma. AGUDAS ACHIM ANSHEI SFARD: THE  
ADAMS STREET SYNAGOGUE, NEWTON, MASSACHUSETTS.  
Newton, Mass. Jackson Homestead, 1984? 48 p. ill.  
N 296.65 F62A 1987?

The Adams Street Synagogue in Nonantum was built to accommodate the many Jewish families from the Ukraine and the Austro-Hungarian Empire who settled in and around the Nonantum area. In spite of cultural differences the celebration of Orthodox Judaism was the bond that held them in common. Built in 1912, the synagogue is the oldest Jewish congregation in Newton.

[SYNAGOGUES IN NEWTON]. [19--] 1 box.  
N 296.65 S99S COMPACT SHELVING

Collection includes newspaper clippings and pamphlets. [Jewish Synagogues in Newton, Massachusetts]. The Jewish tradition in Newton Massachusetts -- Brief outline of Jews in Newton : noted author states 22 percent of city's population is Jewish -- The Adams Street Synagogue -- Agudas Achim Anshei Sfard : The Adams Street Synagogue, Newton, Massachusetts -- Temple Reyim burgeons to 400 families in 15 years -- Temple Shalom was city's first Reform congregation -- Newton's first 'Conservative' house of worship : Temple Emanuel of Newton lists membership of about 1300 families -- Brotherhood integral part of Temple Mishkan Tefila -- Mishkan Temple Tefila is oldest conservative Jewish congregation in New England : founded in 1858 -- Newton's first

synagogue (from The Jewish Advocate, Aug. 9, 1912) -- The Brotherhood of Congregation Mishkan Tefila presents The Eternal Flame : a memorial program in observance of Yom HaShoa Holocaust Remembrance Day ; Piotrkow Trybunalski / by Jacob Birnbaum.

TEMPLE MISHKAN TEFILA : A HISTORY 1858-1958. Newton, Mass. : Temple Mishkan Tefila, [1958] 108 pages : illustrations ; 28 cm.  
N 296.65 T247T COMPACT SHELVING

Mishkan Temple Tefila is oldest conservative Jewish congregation in Newton England being founded in 1858. From the Foreword "This book is the result of but two months of hurried gathering of memorabilia, fragmentary mental recollections, exhausting researeach , an ever patient publisher, and reams of rewrite paper." Herbert J. Selib, Editor.

Of interest is an Historic Letter from Henrietta Szold that states Hadassah was founded in New England at a meeting held in Mishkan Tefila. (page 64).

FOUNDATION FOR RACIAL, ETHNIC & RELIGIOUS HARMONY. Newton, Mass. : The Foundation, [199-]. 1 sheet : ill. ; 22 x 28 cm. (folded to 22 x 10 cm.)

N 305.8 F82F 2003-2004 COMPACT SHELVING

Founded in 1975 by Mayor Mann with a Community Prayer Breakfast. Provides support for annual Martin Luther King Jr. Celebration. Provides grants to Newton North High School – Leadership Program, Jackson Homestead, Newton Public Schools’ All Children Can Learn - Efficacy Seminar, New Repertory Theatre and others. Fund raising literature for the Foundation for Racial, Ethnic & Religious Harmony. Sheet folded brochure-style to form six panels.

MEMORIAL SERVICES AT THE CEMETERY ON WALNUT STREET, NEWTON... [Mass.] : Grand Army of the Republic, Dept. of Mass., v. ; 17-20 cm. Annual. Began in the 1860s. Ceased in the early 1900s.

N 393.9 M51M archival photocopies COMPACT SHELVING

Description based on May 30, 1868. "Chas. Ward Post No. 62, G. A. R."

A MESSAGE TO THE CHURCHES OF AMERICA. New York City : General Acoustic Co., [19--]. 16 p. : ill. ; 19 cm.

N 534 G28M COMPACT SHELVING.

Promotional pamphlet on possible acoustic installations suitable for churches. This sound amplification system allowed hard of hearing churchgoers to hear the church service. Offered by the General Acoustic

Co. which had a branch office in Boston, Massachusetts. No endorsement from Newton, Massachusetts churches included in the booklet.

SMART ISRAPAGES. Brookline, MA : [s.n.], 1999- v. ; 24 cm.  
Irregular. 1999 ed.-  
N 658.8 S63S 2007-2008

Jewish/Israeli directory for Massachusetts with the ERUV boundaries of Newton described on pages 34-37.

CELEBRATING OUR HERITAGE OF FAITH: NEWTON'S OLDEST HOUSES OF WORSHIP AS VIEWED FROM A HISTORICAL PERSPECTIVE. Newton, Mass. : The Jackson Homestead. 2000.  
16 p. : ill. ; 28 cm.

N 726.58 CELEBRATING 2000

A brochure, published in connection with tours of four Newton houses of worship on March 5, 12, 19 and 26, 2000, consists of a one page history and one page photographs of St. Mary's Episcopal Church; Myrtle Baptist Church, Our Lady Help of Christians and Congregation Agudas Achim Anshei Sfarid.

THE TRADITION PRESERVED: THE RESTORATION OF OUR LADY HELP OF CHRISTIANS PARISH, NEWTON, MASSACHUSETTS, MAY 16, 1999, IN PREPARATION FOR THE GREAT JUBILEE OF 2000. Newton, Mass. : Our Lady Help of Christians Parish, 1999. 19 p. ill. ; 28 cm.

N 726.58 TRADITION 1999

A brochure published by Our Lady Help of Christians Church in connection with the restoration of the church building, including a detailed floor plan.

NEWTON INTERFAITH SOLIDARITY VIGIL, SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 2001. [Newton, Mass. : The Town, 2001] [4] p. ; 22 cm.

N 973.931 N48N 2001 COMPACT SHELVING

Program of events for a vigil that took place after the Terrorist Attacks on September 11th, 2001. Includes a program of events and words to the hymns sung and a community prayer.

Husher, Elsie M. THE GREAT AKENING IN NEWTON, MASSACHUSETTS: THE PROLOGUE AND THE AFTERMATH 1720-1790. 1969. 19 p. bibliog.

N 974.4 H95G 1969

Religion in Newton in the 18th century under spiritual leaders such as John Cotton, Jonas Meriam, Jonathan Homer, Nathan Ward, and others.

...ANNUAL NEWTON MAYOR'S COMMUNITY PRAYER  
BREAKFAST. [Newton, Mass. : Office of the Mayor], 1975- v. : ill. ; 22  
cm. Annual. 1975-

N 974.44 A61P COMPACT SHELVING 2007

N 974.44 A61P COMPACT SHELVING 2008

N 974.44 A61P COMPACT SHELVING 2010

N 974.44 A61P COMPACT SHELVING 2011

N 974.44 A61P COMPACT SHELVING 2012

N 974.44 A61P COMPACT SHELVING 2013

Includes a program of events, biographies of the speakers and advertisements. The guest speaker in 2010 was the Honorable Deval L. Patrick, Governor, Commonwealth of Massachusetts. In 2012 the featured speaker was Joshua Kraft.

THE ADMAS STREET SHUL : A CONGREGATION, A COMMUNITY  
A CULTURE THE STORY OF NEWTON, MASSACHUSETTS'  
OLDEST SYNAGOGUE / Beryl Gilfix Delaware : [publisher not  
identified], 2017 illus.

N 974.44 G39A COMPACT SHELVING

Written by the grand-daughter of one of the founders -  
"This book explores and celebrates the origins of Newton, Massachusetts'  
oldest synagogue (one hundred five years old) and families who built new  
lives and a Jewish congregation in a neighborhood of Italian, Irish, and  
French immigrants." The goal of the author is to provide a written history  
where none existed. Many photographs are included.

ST. MARY OF CARMEN: 76TH ANNIVERSARY, 1935-2011. Newton Free Library. 2 items.

N 974.44 S246S COMPACT SHELVING 2011

Two copies of this title were donated to the Newton Free Library's Newton Collection by Gerry Marrocco of the St. Mary of Carmen Society.

A letter from the president of the Madonna Del Carmine Society says, "When our forefathers came to this country they brought with them many strong and cherished traditions. They wanted to pass these on to their children and their children's children. This is how The Madonna Del Carmine Society was founded in 1935." One of these traditions is of the adoration to Our Lady of Mount Carmel. A flyer prepared for contributions indicates that "money raised from various functions is donated to the Church as well as to numerous organizations in need." Organized by and for Newton's Italian community primarily based in the village of Nonantum, the "Festa" parades and programs were planned in and around Hawthorne [sic] Playground, later known as Hawthorn Park. Held annually in mid-July, more recent publicity shows the dates for the 76th annual festival to be July 13-17, 2011 at Pellegrini Park (formerly known as Hawthorn Park) in Nonantum.

St. Mary of Carmen Society. St. Mary of Carmen Society officers for 2011 (p.3): Anthony C. Gentile, Sr., President; Charles Proia, Festival Chairman, and others. From the President Gentile's closing statement in his anniversary letter, "This 76th Festa is dedicated to all the deceased members of the Society whose work and dedication helped keep this beautiful tradition alive."

Contents contain three facsimiles of early documents of the Society: a 1937 application in Italian for admission to the Society: "Domanda D'Ammissione, Soc. di Maria Santissima del Carmine, Loggia No. 1 (p.18); a flyer for the Carnival Concert with the Napoli Band, July 13-16, 1967 (p.21); a newspaper advertisement for the Second Annual Celebration in Honor of Maria SS. Del Carmine, July 18-20, 1936 (p. 56). The book is primarily comprised of advertisements from merchants, anniversary wishes, memorial tributes, contemporary and historic photo reproductions, a letter of welcome from the president of the Society, and lists of officers and other positions, such as the Sick Committee and the Scholarship Committee.