

Finding Aid to the Martha's Vineyard Museum
Record Unit 203
Religious Records of Martha's Vineyard 1803-1998
By Barbara Murphy

Descriptive Summary

Repository: Martha's Vineyard Museum

Call No.

Title: Religious Records of Martha's Vineyard 1803-1998

Creator: various

Quantity: 1 cubic foot

Abstract: The Religious Records of Martha's Vineyard 1803-1998 is a compilation of published pamphlets, sermons, administrative records, anniversary information, newspaper and magazine articles, and research notes.

Administrative Information

Acquisition Information: The Religious Records of Martha's Vineyard 1803-1998 was acquired by the Martha's Vineyard Museum by many donors throughout the twentieth century.

Processing Information: Barbara Murphy

Access Restrictions: none

Use Restrictions: none

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Index Terms

- Church history
- Baptist Church
- Christ United Methodist Church
- Aquinnah
- Vineyard Haven
- Methodist Episcopal Church
- Hebrew Center
- Quakers

Series Arrangement:

Series I: Lectures, Sermons

Series II: Baptist Church: Vineyard Haven/Aquinnah

Series III: Methodist Churches: Vineyard Haven

Series IV: Episcopal Churches: Vineyard Haven/Edgartown

Series V: Religious Institutions on Martha's Vineyard and New Bedford

Historical Note:

The collection of records in Record Unit 3 has been “artificially” created. There is no original order to these documents. Rather, it is assumed that the organization's librarians, interns, and volunteers have brought these records together at some point. The institution's own records do not shed any light on when and why the collection was originally formed. What is known is that the MVM was founded in 1922. And, the organization began to collect documents in 1923. Thus, the formation of this record unit can only be dated to sometime between 1923 and the present day. The processing of this collection in 2006 has largely kept this artificial collection together.

Scope and Content Note:

This record unit consists of history and records of many religious institutions on Martha's Vineyard, including religious tracts and sermons dating from 1803, and a history of the Vineyard Haven Baptist Church, 1866.

Series Descriptions

Series I: Lectures, Sermons

Box 1 of 2

Folder 1: 1866 sermon, Benjamin Scott

Folder 2: 1803 sermon, Thomas Wilcocks

Folder 3: Religious tracts: 1809, 1811, 1827 (?), 1831

Folder 4: Advertisement collection of tracts, *Mayhew Detected*

Folder 5: Biography of Rev. Ralph Smith of Plymouth: 1629-1636-1921

Folder 6: Addresses, Edward Tucker, John Dillingham 1907

Folder 7: Sermons, 1833

Series II: Baptist Church: Vineyard Haven/Aquinnah

Box 1 of 2

Folder 8: History of Church 1882, original; membership document 1828

Folder 9: 175th anniversary 1955

Folder 10: History and Vital Records – copies 1997, 1998

Folder 11: Aquinnah 260th anniversary pamphlets

Series III: Methodist Churches in Vineyard Haven

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Folder 12: Christ United Methodist Church articles, 1920-1986

Folder 13: History of Methodist Episcopal Church, Vineyard Haven, 1885

Folder 14: Methodist Episcopal Church Vineyard Haven cornerstone laying 1923

Folder 15: Methodist Episcopal Church Vineyard Haven 1760-1784

Folder 16: Methodist Church State of Church, 1856

Series IV: Episcopal Churches: Vineyard Haven/Edgartown

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Folder 17: Articles from "The Church Militant" on Grace Episcopal, St. Andrew's (Edg.), 1898-1959

Folder 18: History of Grace Episcopal Church, Vineyard Haven

Series V: Religious Institutions on Martha's Vineyard and New Bedford

Box 2 of 2

Folder 1: "First Church on Martha's Vineyard," Rev. Adonirum Leach, 1924

Folder 2: Hebrew Center, Vineyard Haven

Folder 3: Quakers on Martha's Vineyard

Folder 4: St. Augustine's Catholic Church

Folder 5: First Unitarian Church in New Bedford

Folder 6: Unitarian Church on Martha's Vineyard

Folder 7: Vineyard Assembly of God, history 1991

Folder 8: "Church Life on Martha's Vineyard," original mss John Awnes, 1970