

Notes

These five volumes of the Records of the First Congregational Church of Milford were brought to the Connecticut State Library January 30, 1930 by David A. Clarke, 5th, for his father, David L. Clarke, Clerk of the Church. These records begin in 1839 and come down to 1926.

While every effort has been made according to the light of each decade to take proper care of these records, it was not until recent years that they had the protection of any kind of a safe. When they came into the custody of Mr. Clarke, he placed them in his safe located in his home. It was this safe which, when the Clarke home burned in 1922, preserved these invaluable records dealing with the religious life of Milford from 1839. While some of the pages were badly charred, no part of the records were lost.

Mr. Clarke also brought in for deposit the records of the Plymouth Congregational Church in Milford, a daughter of the First Church, two volumes covering the period from 1855-1898. (There is another volume of the Plymouth Records from 1898 to 1926, at which time Plymouth Church became reunited with the First Church under the name of The Church of Christ Congregational - its present name.) This third volume of Plymouth Records will be deposited in the State Library a little later.

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