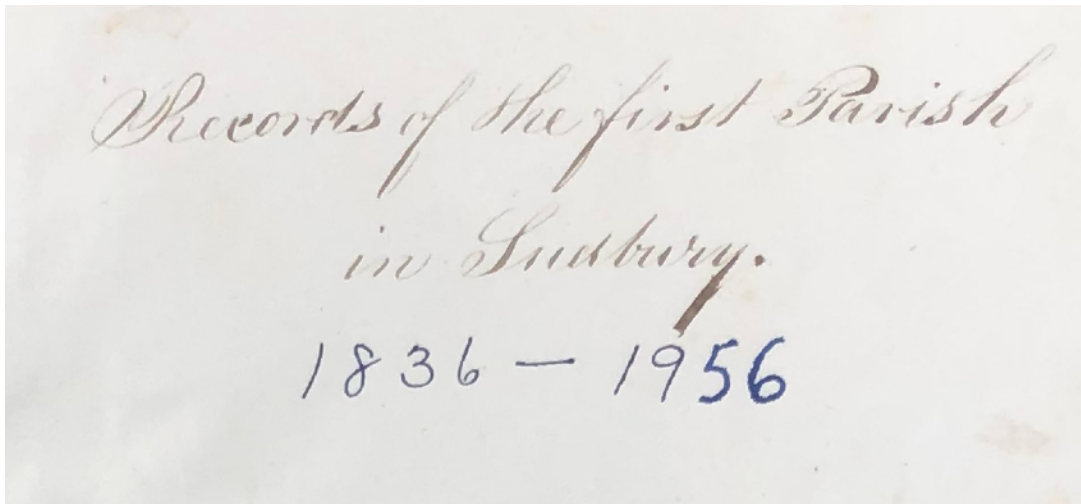
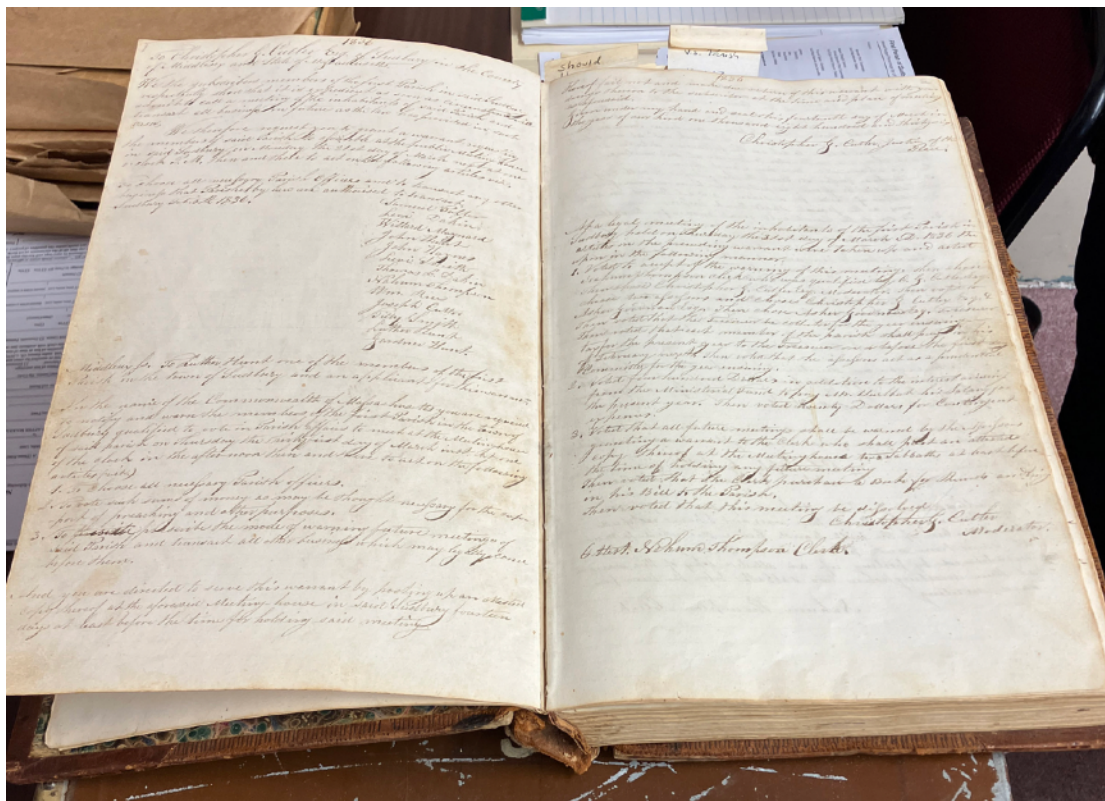


Records of the First Parish in Sudbury 1836-1956

This document describes the book of records started with the new corporation in 1836 and extending to 1956. Here is the title page text:



Here is a picture of the book as whole opened to the first page.



The first 2 pages of the book labelled Records of the First Parish in Sudbury 1836-1956 contains the record of a meeting to call for a warrant, the warrant itself and the record of the meeting itself. See Exhibit G (Meetings and Warrant for the First Parish Meeting on March 31, 1836)

The book labelled Records of the First Parish in Sudbury 1836-1956 contains the record of the meetings, warrants, bylaws and other records of First Parish of Sudbury from 1836 to 1956. This document contains an assortment of pages from the book.

First there are 3 pages of the contents that was created in the 1960s. (this doc, pages 2-5)

This uses page numbers that were added in pencil to the 1836 book.

Following the table of contents there are a few representative pages. They are referenced here using the page numbers in pencil.

Page 143 - Special Meeting - July 12th 1869, Allow the town to build a tomb. (p.6)

Page 167 - Annual Meeting - April 26 1875, Officers were elected and reports accepted. (p.7)

Page 427 - By-laws adopted in 1893 continued on page 428 (p.8 & 9)

Page 387 - Warrant for Annual Parish Meeting, April 17, 1944 (p.10)

Page 388 - Minutes of Annual Parish Meeting, April 17, 1944 (p.11)

Page 419 - Warrant and Minutes for Special Meeting, December 7, 1956 (p.12)

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November 4, 2023

1836 Record Book

- pp. 3 & 4 - dissatisfaction re Hurlbut exchanging
- pp. 5 & 6 - same: pulpit committee supplies pulpit during
H's absence
- pp. 7 & 8 - dispute re who owns church records
- 9 & 10 - lawsuit v.s. 1st parish for records
- 11 & 12 - fire Hurlbut
- pp. 29-30 - set up a bldg committee to split church
into two floors
- 36-37 - dedication of meetinghouse
- p. 40 - cost of bldg. program \$1485.93
- 44 - Linus Shaw to be preacher
- 47 - salary of \$450 per annum
- 48 - Shaw's letter of acceptance
- 51-52 - ecclesiastical council to install Shaw as minister
- 66 - Shaw paid \$325
- 67-68 - town trying to erect storage sheds on common
belonging to the church
- 79 - committee to exchange old bell for new
- 83-84 - enlarge horse sheds
- 87 - buy bell (the one we have now) for \$359.10
old bell sold for 211 dollars
- new one cast by Geo. H. Holbrooke, East Medway, Mass.
in 1851 - this can be read on the bell
- 102 - typical treas. report of Ministerial fund
5 trustees set up under legislature
\$3200.63 - \$192.03 interest/year
- usually goes to help defray the expense of
preaching
- 106 - Shaw gets \$386
- 113 - Shaw gets \$374.54 - 192.03 from Min Fund,
182.51 from subscription
- 114 - cost of bldg repairs, and painting (?)
- 117 - town again encroaches on church common
- 133 - need a new minister to supply pulpit

1836 Record Book - page two

- 145 - Geo. Knowles min for another yr
- 151 - call to Rev. A.P. Willard
- 154 - clock in steeple
- 161 vote on admitting those who want to join parish
also on pp. 182, 194, 205, 207, 232
- 161 - Willard fired because "by his course and conduct
(he has) destroyed his usefulness to the society."
- 173 - 1878: Rev. A.M. Sherman hired for one year
contract renewed next yr. (176)
- 214 - re monument to the revolutionary soldiers
- 216 - buy a new organ: 1895
- 222 - new organ cost \$1500 - this is the one we have
now; it would cost at least thirty thousand today
- 232 - Rev. Cyrus Heizer of Wayland joins church
probably preaching at Sudbury in afternoon
- 236 - \$77 to Almira Clarke for preaching
- 238 - preaching bill to F.R. Lewis
- 240 - preaching bills; Heizer, Clark, Lewis, Frank R. Gale
- 242 - church OK's town erecting 11 horsesheds - presentones
- 244 - AUA becomes member of parish committee
- 246 - letter from G.H. Badger (of AUA presumably) on the
unhappy condition of the parish and hopes for
its rejuvenation.
- 248 - Miss L. Freeman Clarke of Boston to preach
- 252 - Mr. Hosmer trespasses on church grounds (OHGHOH!)
- 258 - first eleven horse sheds to be repaired
- 264 - Rev. Ida Hultin to be minister; also 1905(266), 1906 (270)
- 274 - Ministerial Fund sells Marlboro land
- 278 - Hultin & Rev. Wm Chaning Brown join, 1908 - Brown is trustee
- 279 - insert: statement re investments
- 282 - 1913: Brown still trustee
- 294 - Hultin resigns as of Dec., 1915

Record Book of 1836 - page three

- 296 - write to Rev. Sam Nobles of AUA re pulpit supply
- 298 - Noble to provide minister
- 304 - Brown still on trustees: 1921
- 306 - 1921: sell the communion table for \$1000 Victory bond at 4 3/4% interest
- 312,4- Rev. Wm Wood preaches in summer of 1924, 1925
- 318 - Rev. Geo Patterson (evidently of AUA) joins parish -
- 320 - investigate electricity and water installation
- 321 - 1928: Patterson becomes AUA rep on the trustees
- 322 - electricity installed on Ralph Barton's report: 1928
auditorium repaired on Abel Cutting's report: 1928
- 331 - subscriptions to the town clock purchased in 1871 - still in the steeple - cost \$300
list of donors and how much they gave
- 332 - Mrs. Warren Hunt, organist - asked by rising vote to continue as same
- 336 - moved by minister to hold Ancestor's Sunday on Sept. 20. 1931
- 340 - Patterson still AUA rep (this in '32)
thanks voiced to Abel Cutting for his services
\$10 given to AUA
Ancestor's Sunday on Sept. 18, 1932
- 356 - old-style lights put on common
stone wall built in front of church - there now
- 362 - AUA delegates instructed to vote for Frederick May Eliot
- 364 - Rev. John Foglesong, Min delegate to AUA
- 371 - April 10, 1939 - water to be installed in church
- 375 - Tercentenary: stand in silent tribute to Miss Alice Barton
- 378 - silent tribute to Miss Sarah Pratt
- 377 - Article 5 re welcoming new members into church
- 388 - vote to pass the plate in church - April of 1944
- 390 - refuse to merge with another Sudbury church
PURPOSE OF A UNITARIAN CHURCH IN A COMMUNITY
VOTE TO CONTINUE AS THE FIRST PARISH OF SUDBURY
- 394 - note made of V-E and V-J day - evening services
Ward Clarke preached here in July and August of 1946

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Sudbury July 12th 1869.

The Parish met agreeable to the order
of the Warrant of July 2^d 69 and transacted
the following business

Viz-

Article 1st Chose J P Fairbank
as Moderator to preside at said Meeting.

2^d Voted to grant leave to the Town
of Sudbury to build a Receiving Pond
on Land belonging to said Parish and
on Land lately occupied by the Town's Horse-house

Article 3^d Voted to pass over.

4th Voted to pass over

Then Voted to dissolve said Meeting.
and it was so declared by
J P Fairbank Moderator.

John Goodnow. Clerk.

Meeting on April 26 1875 - The moderator, Clerk, Parish Committee and Treasurer were elected and reports accepted.

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April 26, 1875.

At a legal meeting of the members of the First Parish in Sudbury held at this date the following business was transacted,

Chas. Isaac M. Jones Moderator
Lucius P. Bent Clerk.
Geo. W. Barton, Isaac M. Jones, J. P. Stone
Parish Committee. J. P. Fairbank Treasurer.

Voted, that the report of the treasurer of the Ministerial Fund Corporation be accepted and placed upon record "

Voted, that the report of the Parish Com^y be accepted and recorded "

Voted that the Church records be hereafter kept by the Parish Clerk in his possession "

Voted That the supply of the Pulpit be left with the Parish Committee "

Voted That the matter relating to the Common be left with the Parish Committee to do or act as they judge best "

The meeting was then dissolved

Attest: Lucius P. Bent Clerk, Isaac M. Jones Moderator

Report of Treasurer of Ministerial Fund Corporation
Total amount of funds belonging to the Parish April 1st 1875- \$ 4986.02
Interest from fund collected during the year ending April 1st 1875, \$ 355.59
The corporation received a legacy of one thousand dollars Oct 1st 1874, from the executor of the estate of Mr Cyrus Hunt, (by his brother Aaron Hunt,) which has been invested "
Submitted by J. P. Fairbank Treasurer.

Report of Parish Committee April 26, 1875.
Cash on hand March 23, 1874 - April 1, 1875 \$ 120.85
Total amount of money during the year ending April 1, 1875 378.39
Paid for preaching and other necessary expenses Total 499.24
Balance on hand April 1, 1875 385.30
Attest L. P. Bent Submitted 26, 1875 \$ 773.94
Clerk. By J. P. Fairbank. Isaac M. Jones

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By-Laws
The First Parish, Sudbury Mass.
Adopted April 10-1893

Art 1 This Society shall retain its old name, namely: *The First Parish of Sudbury Mass.* Its object shall be to provide for public religious worship, and instruction, and for such charitable, and benevolent activities as belong to a religious Society.

Art 2 Any person may be admitted to a membership of this Society, by a majority vote of those present and voting at any meeting at which an article shall have been inserted in the warrant for the purpose. The vote of admission or invitation to membership may be taken with or without the approval of those whose membership is decided.

- By-laws -

Acceptance of membership shall be by signing these -

* Art 3 The officers of this Society shall be a clerk, treasurer, ~~collector~~ and a parish committee, or trustees of ~~three~~ five all of whom shall be chosen by a plurality ballot of the members present and voting at the Annual Meeting to be held on the second Monday in April. But vacancies may be filled at any time, a meeting having been called for the purpose.

Art 4 Meetings may be called by a warrant under the hands of the Parish Committee or a majority of them, directed to the clerk, or, if there be a vacancy in that office, to any member of the Society specifying the subjects to be brought before the meeting.

The warrant shall be served by posting an attested copy thereof on the outer door of the place of worship, and in the post office or some other public place, at least two Sundays previous to the time of meeting, or by publishing a copy in two weekly issues of a newspaper in the town or neighbouring towns, previous to the date of meeting.

Art 5 Meetings for the admission of members may be called by the president of the Parish Committee by giving notice at least two Sundays previous to the time of meeting.

* Amendment to Article III under June 11, 1901.
 " " " " " April 9, 1928

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Art 6 The Clerk shall keep a record of the doing of the Society, and shall note against the signatures of members the date of their signatures, and also the time when they cease to be members by death, or withdrawal.

Art 7 The collector shall collect all sums due the Society, and pay the same promptly to the Treasurer.

Art 8 The Treasurer shall have charge of all the moneys of the Society, and shall pay bills only with the approval of at least two of the Parish Committee.

Art 9 The Parish Committee or Trustees, shall have the general care and management of all the affairs and property of the Society, subject to such directions as they shall receive by vote of the Society. They shall examine the Treasurer's accounts, and report fully in meeting, at the Annual Meeting, the financial and general condition of the Society.

Art 10 These by-laws may be changed or amended by a two thirds vote of the members present and voting at any meeting at which notice of proposed change has been given in the warrant.

- Signatures of Members -

April 10th 1899 } Frank Cutting } April 8 1911 } 232
 12 " } George E. Harrington } died }
 10 " } Rev. C. J. Weiser } died } (Matthew B. Gordon
 pr 22 1901 } Rev. J. S. Badger } res. - died } p. 238
 April 18 1904 } Leanne C. Lonsil } p. 264 }
 " " } Barker } died } + Earl

to be found

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Warrant
For Annual Parish Meeting of First Parish, Sud-
bury, Mass., to be held on April 17, 1944

To Harriet J. Goodnow, Clerk of First Parish, Sudbury-
Meeting:

You are hereby warned to notify the members of
the First Parish of Sudbury to meet at the meeting
house of said Parish on Monday, the seventeenth
of April, 1944, at 3 o'clock in the afternoon to hear
and act on the following articles:

Article I To choose a moderator to preside at said meeting

Article II To hear and act on all reports

Article III To elect Parish officers for the ensuing year -
a Clerk, a Treasurer, and five Parish Trustees

Article IV To consider admitting new members to the Parish

Article V To see if the Parish will appoint its minister and
two lay delegates to represent the Parish at the
annual meeting of the American Unitarian
Association

Article VI To act on any business that may legally
come before the meeting

And you are hereby requested to post this warrant
as the by-laws direct and give account of your
doings at the Annual Parish Meeting.

Given under our hands this eighth day of April in
the year of our Lord, the one thousand nine hundred
forty-fourth.

Trustees:

Charles R. Capron
Beatrice A. Cutting
Warren Hunt

A true copy. Attest:
Harriet J. Goodnow
Clerk

Juddbury, April 17, 1944

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The meeting was called to order by the clerk at 3 P. M., and Mr. Forgesono was chosen moderator. He read the warrant. The clerk read the report of the last annual meeting. It was accepted.

The reports of the chairman of the trustees, (Warren Hunt) and the treasurer of the church (Ralph H. Barton) were read and approved. The President of the Alliance, (Mrs. Chas. Capron) told of the activities of this auxiliary.

Under article IV Mrs. Stuart Edgerly was admitted to membership in the First Parish.

The following Parish officers were then elected:

Treasurer - Ralph H. Barton - Clerk - Harriet Goodnow

Trustees: Warren Hunt, Chas. R. Capron, Mrs. Webster Cutting, Mrs. Stuart Edgerly, A. U. A.

May delegates named for the May meeting of the American Unitarian Association were Mrs. Capron and Mrs. Edgerly. Alternates were Mrs. Field and Mrs. Ralph Barton.

Under Article VI the following business was transacted:

1. Mr. Capron told us that First Parish funds for which the A. U. A. is trustee amounts to \$10899.70
2. Mrs. Cutting reported that there were \$40⁶⁶ of Sunday School funds in the Asahet Bank, Maynard, to be turned over to the Sunday School if it re-opened at a future date.
3. Voted to inquire of Miss Frances Wood, Field Secretary of the Association's Division of Education, as to the possibility of securing a person to start and carry on a Sunday School as an experiment - the matter to be left in the hands of the trustees, and a sum up to \$500 a Sunday to be offered for the service.
4. A motion was made and carried that a plate for collection be passed at each Sunday service.
5. The meeting then voted unanimously to thank the Goodman Improvement Society for their interest in planting trees around the First Parish Church and agreed to cooperate with the Society.
6. Mr. Eison explained the meeting to be held April 30 in the Cambridge church to consider the need of closer cooperation of a stronger single Unitarian organization in this Greater Boston area. (Mrs. Hunt and Mrs. Capron were asked to be delegates to the Cambridge meeting.)

The annual meeting was dissolved - Eleven members were present.

Respectfully submitted,

Harriet J. Goodnow
Clerk

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Warrant for Special Meeting of the
First Parish Church of
Sudbury, Massachusetts
December 7, 1956

To: Priscilla Amesbury, Clerk of the First Parish.

Greetings:
You are hereby requested to warn the members of
the First Parish Church of Sudbury that a special
meeting of said church will be held in the Parish
Hall on Friday, December 7th at 7:00 P.M. in
the evening; then and there to act on the following
articles to wit:

- Article I To elect a Moderator
- Article II To nominate and elect a Trustee to
fill vacancy created by the resignation
of Mr. A. L. Gardiner.
- Article III To act on any other business that
may properly be brought before the meeting.

a true copy. attested

Clerk

Trustees of First Parish
Dor. F. Amesbury
H. L. Ritchie
Ralph H. Robins

Minutes of a Special Meeting of the First Parish Church
December 7, 1956, of Sudbury, Massachusetts

The meeting was opened at 7:00 P.M. by the Chairman of
the Board of Trustees, Mr. H. L. Ritchie.

Article I. Mr. John Powers was elected Moderator. By unanimous
vote it was decided to dispense with the reading of the
warrant.

Article II. Mrs. Thomas McDonough was unanimously nominated
as Trustee to replace Mr. A. L. Gardiner who had resigned.
In the absence of the clerk, the chairman of the Trustees
was authorized by unanimous vote to cast one vote
for the unanimous election of Mrs. McDonough.

Resolutions were passed expressing the vote of thanks to
Mr. A. L. Gardiner for his service to the church as a Trustee
and to the Women's Alliance and the 1640 Club for the
successful preparation of the supper.

Mr. Hammond asked for an expression of an opinion
concerning time of the Sunday morning service. The
opinion was 4 to 1 in favor of continuing the 9:30 A.M. time
instead of at 10:00 A.M.

Since there was no other business the meeting was
then adjourned.

Respectfully submitted

1956 new clerk's book purchased.

clerk,