

GUIDE TO THE FREE CHURCH OF MANHASSET RECORD BOOK

Collection Abstract: The record book of the Free Church of Manhasset, which was founded in 1859 in Port Washington, NY, spans the years 1859-1882. The Free Church was used as a meeting place for Baptists, Episcopalians, Methodists and Quakers in the years before they established their own houses of worship.

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Inclusive Dates: ca. 1859-1882

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INTRODUCTION:

The Free Church of Manhasset (also known as the Union Free Church, the Free Church, the Union Free Chapel) founded in 1859, was the first church in Port Washington, New York. It was built by funds from public subscriptions and was intended as a place of worship where various denominations could hold services. The ground for the church, which was located at the head of the Mill Pond on the corner of Pleasant Ave. and Harbor Rd. was donated by the Cocks family (sometimes spelled "Cox"). The unconsecrated building was home to services of Methodists, Episcopalians, Baptists and Quakers. Eventually, all the congregations established their own houses of worship, and the building was demolished in the 1920's.

SCOPE AND CONTENT:

The collection includes a record book, 1859 – 1882, typed transcripts of Constitution and By-Laws and a clipping announcing plans to build the church. The contents of the record book include: Officers; Committees; Trustees; Subscription List; Constitution; By-Laws. Family names which appear in the records include: Hegeman, Mackey, Mott, Vanderhof, Dodge, Hyde, Mitchell, Onderdonk, Willets, Van Pelt, Messenger, Weeks, Burtis, Purdy, Duryea, Hicks, Bogart, Townsend, Cocks, and many others.

BOX LIST:

Folder	Contents
1	The Free-Church of Manhasset, L.I. Record Book (1 volume) - [Book is bound in marbled paper, with black leather spine, and measures 34x21 cm.]
2	Typed transcript of By-Laws and Constitution (8 pages) News clipping, 1859