

**Kingston Public Library: Local History Room**  
**Manuscript Collection Finding Aid**  
**October 3, 2003**

**Kingston Baptist Church and Kingston Federated Church**  
**Assorted Papers**  
**Bulk dates: 1922 – 1965**

**Pamphlet Collection, PC -6**

1 Box (3 linear inches)

**Historical Sketch:** The information for this sketch was derived from a pamphlet titled *155th Year Celebration of Kingston Baptist Church* published on March 27, 1960.

The Kingston Baptist Church was gathered in 1804, and recognized by the Council of Churches in 1805. In 1808 the first meetinghouse (Fuller Hall) was completed. The Church Sunday school was organized circa 1820. The second meetinghouse of the Church was built and dedicated in 1835. The third meetinghouse was dedicated in 1887. In 1929, for reasons of economy, the Kingston Baptist Church and the Mayflower Congregational Church joined together to form the Kingston Federated Church. The Federated Church shared the same minister and services were held, on alternating months, at both the Baptist and Congregational meetinghouses. Helen Foster notes that: "running expenses were shared, but each denomination was to keep its own property." The Kingston Federated Church dissolved in 1958 at which time the Kingston Baptist Church and the Mayflower Congregational Church resumed operations as separate entities.

**Scope and Content note:**

This collection includes programs, newsletters, and announcements of both the Kingston Baptist Church and the Kingston Federated Church. Items in the Collection include historical sketches of the Church, Church programs, and Church newsletters.

**Box and Folder List:**

<b>Box</b>	<b>Folder</b>	<b>Item</b>
1	1	Historical sketches of the Baptist Church (including sketch by Cornelius A. Bartlett, 1862.
	2	Programs
	3	Anniversaries: pamphlets, announcements
	4	Newsletters, 1964 – 1965
	5	Correspondence – business
	6	Federated Church programs (donated by Helen Foster estate)
	7	Federated Church correspondence – business, 1922 – 1958 (donated by Helen Foster estate)
	8	Chart for the Flower Committee

**Acquisition:** Many of the items in this Collection were donated retrospectively. The Helen Foster estate donated items, including the Federated Papers.

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