

# Treasures from the Sherman Room

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## 1938 Hurricane and Flood

The 1938 hurricane was one of the worst storms in recorded history to ever strike the Northeast. For five days prior to the hurricane striking on September 21, torrential downpours had released over 8 inches of rain in the area, saturating the soil. The 100 mile an hour winds compounded the vulnerability of the weakened root structures of trees resulting in devastation to rural forests. Buildings did not escape the damage of high winds and flooding either. The First Congregational Church especially suffered massive damage. The following photos portray the destruction to Brimfield that words alone can't describe.



First Congregational Church



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Field east of Hitchcock Academy



First Congregational Church



Brimfield Library



Route 20 and Warren Road



Common





Looking toward Wales Road

