

Guide to the Joseph Bellamy Papers

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Collection Overview

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SUMMARY: The papers consist of correspondence, sermons and manuscripts of Joseph Bellamy, theologian and minister. In 1738 Bellamy became minister of the new parish of Bethlehem, Connecticut, where he remained until his death. He was a disciple of Jonathan Edwards and a prominent advocate of the New Light theology in the Great Awakening. Correspondents include Jonathan Edwards, John Erskine, Samuel Finley, Samuel Hopkins, John Long, William Smith, and Benjamin Trumbull.

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Key to the container abbreviations used in the PDF finding aid:

b. box
f. folder

Administrative Information

Immediate Source of Acquisition

Gift of Dr. Harold S. Arnold in 1948 and of Mrs. David Bellamy in 1964.

Conditions Governing Access

The materials are open for research. The entire collection is available on microfilm. Patrons must use HM 4 instead of the originals.

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Joseph Bellamy Papers (MS 609). Manuscripts and Archives, Yale University Library.

Existence and Location of Copies

Entire collection is also available on microfilm (235 frames on 1 reel, 35mm.) from Manuscripts and Archives, Yale University Library, at cost. Order no. HM4.

Scope and Contents

The papers contain twenty-one items of correspondence, sermons, and manuscripts of Joseph Bellamy, theologian and minister of Bethlehem, Connecticut. He was a disciple of Jonathan Edwards and a prominent advocate of the New Light theology in the Great Awakening. Correspondents include Johnathan Edwards, John Erskine, Samuel Finley, Samuel Hopkins, John Long, William Smith, and Benjamin Trumbull.

The papers came to Yale University in two gifts: from Dr. Harold S. Arnold in 1948 and from Mrs. David Bellamy in 1964. This collection has been filmed. See MICROFILM HM 4.

The researcher should note that the major part of Bellamy's papers is at the Case Memorial Library, Hartford Seminary Foundation, in Hartford, Connecticut.

Collection Contents

Correspondence

b. 1, f. 1reel 1DN	1752, 1754-1755	
b. 1, f. 2reel 1DN	1756, 1758-1759, 1763, 1766	
b. 1, f. 3reel 1DN	1768, 1770-1771	
b. 1, f. 4reel 1DN	1783, 1785, n.d.	
b. 1, f. 5reel 1DN	AMS, sermon, "The Law Our School-Master"	1756 June 8

Sermons

b. 1, f. 6reel 1DN	1741-1755	
b. 1, f. 7reel 1DN	1756-1764	
b. 1, f. 8reel 1DN	1765-1778	
b. 1, f. 9reel 1DN	1779-1798	
b. 1, f. 10reel 1DN	n.d.	
b. 1, f. 11reel 1DN	Unidentified manuscripts	undated
b. 1, f. 12reel 1DN	Diploma	1768

Selected Search Terms

The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the Library's online catalog. They are grouped by name of person or organization, by subject or location, and by occupation and listed alphabetically therein.

Subjects

Clergy
Great Awakening

Geographic Names

Bethlehem (Conn.)
United States -- History -- Colonial period, ca.
1600-1775

Genres / Formats

Sermons

Names

Bellamy, Joseph, 1719-1790
Edwards, Jonathan, 1745-1801
Erskine, John, 1721-1803
Finley, Samuel, 1715-1766
Hopkins, Samuel, 1721-1803
Long, John
Smith, William, 1697-1769
Trumbull, Benjamin, 1735-1820