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Finding Aid for

Samuel S. Smith, 1772-1817



Detail of Sermons [1772-1799]. UTS1: Henry Preserved Smith Papers, 1864-1925, Series 1, Box 1, Folder 2. The Burke Library at Union Theological Seminary, Columbia University in the City of New York.

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Summary Information

Creator: Samuel Smith,
Title: Samuel Smith Papers, 1772-1817
Inclusive dates: 1772-1817
Bulk dates: 1790-1801
Abstract: A.B., Columbia University, 1786; minister in Saratoga, NY and Connecticut Farms, NY
Size: 1 box, 0.5 linear feet
Storage: Onsite storage
Repository: The Burke Library
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Administrative Information

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Biography

Reverend Samuel Smith was a Presbyterian minister who lived and preached throughout upstate New York in the late mid to late 1700s. He attended Concordia College and Columbia University, graduating with his A.B. from Columbia in 1786. Very little is known of Smith at present, though the materials assembled here give clear evidence to this Columbia-trained minister's sermons as he preached on everything from salvation to the religious history of upstate New York.

Samuel S. Smith likely died in the mid-1800s.

Source: The only available biographical information on Smith comes from his papers themselves, and from Columbia student registries that confirm his graduation in 1786.

Collection Scope and Content Note

This collection consists of correspondence relating to Smith's personal and ministry-related correspondence, including letters from Enoch Leonard and Smith's sister, Eliza, who was residing in Albany at that time. Materials arranged here also include sermons Reverend Smith gave in Saratoga, New York and Connecticut Farms, New Jersey, between 1789 to 1801. Notable sermons include New Years and Christmas Day celebratory sermons.

- **Correspondence, Sermons and Diplomas, 1772-1817**

One correspondence file, arranged in chronological order, followed by three sermons files which have been maintained in their original order, resulting in some chronological overlap, one unbound manuscript notice dated from 1775 issued by Yale University (then Yale College) calling for income increases for professors of divinity employed there. This item's relationship to Smith is uncertain, but it is likely that Smith either taught, preached, or had affiliates at Yale during this time. The collection concludes with Smith's diplomas,

Processing

Materials were placed in new acid-free folders and boxes. The diplomas were flattened and placed in an oversize box.

Contents list**Series 1: Correspondence, Sermons and Diplomas, 1801-1817**

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1	1	5	Notice Regarding Income for Professors of Divinity at Yale College, 1755
1	2	1	Diplomas from Columbia University, 1786