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Summary Information

Repository:	Congregational Library & Archives
Creator:	Marsh, John, 1742-1821
Title:	John Marsh sermons, 1774-1776.
ID:	MS5370
Date [inclusive]:	1774-1776
Physical Description:	1 Folder (2 items)
Language of the Material:	English
Abstract:	John Marsh was born on November 2, 1742 in Haverhill, Massachusetts. He graduated from Harvard in 1761. On January 12, 1774 John Marsh was ordained as the minister of the First Church of Christ in Wethersfield, Connecticut, a position he kept until his death on September 13, 1821. This collection includes two manuscript sermons.

Preferred Citation

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Biographical Note

John Marsh was born on November 2, 1742 in Haverhill, Massachusetts. He graduated from Harvard in 1761 and in 1765 he received his license to preach. Between 1771 and 1773, Marsh was employed as a tutor at Harvard. On January 12, 1774 John Marsh was ordained as the minister of the First Church of Christ in Wethersfield, Connecticut, a position he held for 48 years until his death. He married Ann Grant of East Windsor, Connecticut in December of 1775. They had seven children together, three boys and four girls, though the youngest son died very young.

John Marsh was a life-long academic and proponent of education. In 1801, he was elected Fellow of Yale College and retained the position for 19 years. In either 1806 or 1808, John Marsh received his Doctor of Divinity from Yale. As a pastor, he provided monetary assistance for some young men to continue

their education. His eldest and middle sons too pursued academic careers. The eldest son, Ebenezer Grant Marsh, was employed as a professor-elect of languages and ecclesiastical studies at Yale before his death in 1803. The middle son, John Marsh Jr. (April 2, 1788 – August 4, 1868), graduated from Yale in 1804, became a minister and advocate for the temperance movement, and received his Doctor of Divinity in 1852. John Marsh was also described as a patriotic supporter of independence from Britain and the continental army.

John Marsh died on September 13, 1821 following a short illness. He was survived by his wife, four daughters, and John Marsh Jr.

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Scope and Contents

This collection includes two manuscript sermons written and preached by Rev. John Marsh while the minister at Wethersfield, Conn.

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Acquisition Information

Sermons were loaned to the Congregational Library & Archives, April 2018, by the First Church of Christ in Wethersfield Connecticut; Accession 2018-11.

Location of Originals

The physical sermons in this collection are currently held by the First Church of Christ in Wethersfield, Connecticut. The Congregational Library & Archives maintains the digital surrogate.

Accruals

Additional accruals are expected for this collection in the form of full-text transcription. There is no anticipated date for this accrual.

Processing Information

Processed by Zachary Bodnar, September 2018, using DACS Second Edition.

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Related Materials

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Material related to John Marsh's son, Ebenezer Grant Marsh, may be found in the Ebenezer Grant Marsh papers, circa 1798, MS0919 held by the Congregational Library & Archives.

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Controlled Access Headings

- Ministers -- United States.
- New England's Hidden Histories.
- Sermons, American -- Early works to 1800.
- First Church of Christ (Wethersfield, Conn.)

Technical Requirements

To access digital user's copies via online-interface, a java-enabled web browser is required. Internet Explorer 8.x and later, Firefox 5.x and later, Opera 12 and later, Safari 5.x and later, or any version of Google Chrome are recommended.

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Collection Inventory

Title/Description	Instances
Sermons, 1774-1776 Digital Copies:	

Digital Copies

These manuscript sermons were digitized as part of the New England's Hidden Histories project. Digital reproductions are [available to view online](#).

Scope and Contents

This folder contains two manuscript sermons, each in the hand of John Marsh. Each sermon also lists additional dates and locations on which the sermon was preached.

List of Sermons

Luke 12:4-5

first preached August 14, 1774

2 Corinthians 1:20

first preached August 11, 1776