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## Summary Information

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<b>Repository:</b>	Congregational Library & Archives
<b>Creator:</b>	Rogers, John, 1666-1745
<b>Creator:</b>	Wise, John, 1652-1725
<b>Title:</b>	John Rogers papers, 1689-1714, undated.
<b>ID:</b>	MS0153
<b>Date [inclusive]:</b>	1693-1714, undated
<b>Physical Description:</b>	3 Folders
<b>Language of the Material:</b>	English
<b>Abstract:</b>	John Rogers was born on July 7, 1666. He graduated from Harvard College in 1684. In October of 1692, he was ordained as the junior minister of the First Church in Ipswich; he officially became minister of the church in 1704. He served as minister until his death in 1745. This collection includes manuscript sermons written by John Rogers, a courtship proposal written by John Wise, and John Rogers' final Will and Testament.

### Preferred Citation

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## Biographical Note

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John Rogers, the son of Rev. John Rogers, the fifth president of Harvard College, was born on July 7, 1666. He graduated from Harvard College in 1684 and soon after began to teach at the Ipswich grammar school. He married Martha Whittingham on Mar. 4, 1691, in Ipswich. They had 10 children together. In October of 1692, he was ordained as the junior minister of the First Church in Ipswich, working under his uncle, Rev. William Hubbard. In 1702 Rev. Hubbard fell ill and John Rogers took over Hubbard's ministerial duties completely. After Rev. Hubbard's death in 1704, the parish accepted John Rogers as their next minister. He was an acquaintance of John Wise, minister of the Chebacco Parish and early protester against British taxation of the colonies. In 1714 the two families were united by the marriage

of John Wise Jr. and Mary Rogers. John Rogers continued to serve as minister of the First Church in Ipswich until his death on December 28, 1745. His funeral was paid for by the parish in honor of his long service to the church.

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## Scope and Contents

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This collection contains some of the personal papers of John Rogers. Included in the collection are some of the manuscript sermons he wrote while acting as the junior minister of the First Parish in Ipswich. Also included is a courtship proposal written by John Wise to John Rogers and a copy of Rogers' final will and testament.

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## Arrangement

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Materials have been arranged in chronological order by start date.

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## Administrative Information

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## Acquisition Information

No acquisition information is available for this collection.

## 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

Originally processed by Anderson Boone, September 2014, using DACS Second Edition. Rearranged and redescribed by Zachary Bodnar, April 2019, using DACS Second Edition.

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## Controlled Access Headings

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- Courtship.
- New England's Hidden Histories.
- Sermons, American -- Early works to 1800.
- Wills.
- First Church (Ipswich, Mass.)

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## Technical Requirements

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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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## Bibliography

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Find A Grave, database and images (<https://www.findagrave.com> : accessed 24 April 2019), memorial page for Rev John Rogers (7 Jul 1666–28 Dec 1745), Find A Grave Memorial no. 125759055, citing Highland Cemetery, Ipswich, Essex County, Massachusetts, USA ; Maintained by Kline Lynch (contributor 47937188).

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## Collection Inventory

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Title/Description	Instances
Sermons, 1689-1701	box NEHH- folder 1 Small 1
<u>Digital Copies:</u> <b>Digital Copies</b>	
These sermons were digitized as part of the New England's Hidden Histories project. Digital reproductions are <a href="#">available to view online</a> .	

### Scope and Contents

This folder contains manuscript sermons written by John Rogers as the junior pastor at the First Churn in Ipswich. There are two versions of each sermon with most being preached on different days.

### Index of Sermons

- 1 Malachi 3:16 – "Then they that feared the Lord spoke often..."

- 2 Matthew 7:21 – "Not every one that saith unto me Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven, but he that doth the will of my Father which is in heaven..."
- 3 Luke 1:68 – "For he hath visited & redeemed his people..."
- 4 Luke 1:71-72 – "That we should be saved from our enemies..."
- 5 Luke 1:77 – "To give knowledge of salvation by the remission of sin..."

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Courtship proposal, 1714

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Small 1

folder 2

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### **Scope and Contents**

This proposal, dated June 14, 1714, was written by John Wise, to John Rogers, about beginning a formal courtship between John Wise Jr. and Mary Rogers. The letter is complimentary towards John Rogers and his family, and offers suggestions how a union between John and Mary might benefit the families involved. Evidently the courtship went forward as Mary and John were married four months later on October 23, 1714.

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Will and Testament, undated

box NEHH-  
Small 1

folder 3

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### **Scope and Contents**

This folder contains an unsigned copy of John Rogers' final will and testament. In the will he enumerates how his property and money was to be split between his wife, sons, daughters, and sons-in-law.