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## **Isaac Watts and Mrs. Sewall correspondence, 1728. MS0995**

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## Summary Information

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<b>Repository:</b>	Congregational Library & Archives
<b>Creator:</b>	Watts, Isaac, 1674-1748
<b>Title:</b>	Isaac Watts and Mrs. Sewall correspondence, 1728.
<b>ID:</b>	MS0995
<b>Date:</b>	1728
<b>Physical Description:</b>	1 Folder
<b>Language of the Material:</b>	English .
<b>Abstract:</b>	Isaac Watts was born on July 17, 1674. Watts attended the Dissenting Academy in Stoke Newington due to his nonconformist beliefs. Watts was called to be a pastor at the independent chapel, Mark Lane Congregational Chapel, in London. Watts wrote many hundreds of hymns during his life, as well as works on theology and logic. He died on November 25, 1748. This collection contains a single letter written by Isaac Watts to a Mrs. Sewall on the occasion of the death of her infant.

### Preferred Citation

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## Biographical Note

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Isaac Watts was born on July 17, 1674. Watts grew up in a nonconformist household and held on to those nonconformist beliefs his whole life. As Oxford and Cambridge were open only to Anglicans, Watts attended the Dissenting Academy in Stoke Newington. Watts was called to be a pastor at the independent chapel, Mark Lane Congregational Chapel, in London. Watts is perhaps best known for his prolific hymn writing; he is credited as the author of about 750

hymns. He also wrote widely read works on theology and logic. Isaac Watts died on November 25, 1748.

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## Scope and Contents

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This collection contains a single letter written by Isaac Watts to a Mrs. Sewall on the occasion of the death of her infant. The letter was written in response to "the favor of several letters from my friends in New England". The letter contains religious allusions and advice for Mrs. Sewall.

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## Controlled Access Headings

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- Church records and registers.
- Clergy -- Correspondence.
- Infants -- Death.
- Watts, Isaac, 1674-1748

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## Technical Requirements

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## Collection Inventory

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Title/Description	Instances
Letter from Isaac Watts to Mrs. Sewall, 1728	box NEHH- Small      folder 36