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# **Adonijah Bidwell sermons, circa 1754-1781. MS5153**

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## Summary Information

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<b>Repository:</b>	Congregational Library & Archives
<b>Creator:</b>	Bidwell, Adonijah, 1716-1784
<b>Title:</b>	Adonijah Bidwell sermons, circa 1754-1781.
<b>ID:</b>	MS5153
<b>Date [inclusive]:</b>	circa 1754-1781
<b>Physical Description:</b>	1 Folder
<b>Language of the Material:</b>	English
<b>Abstract:</b>	Adonijah Bidwell (1716-1784) was born in Hartford, Connecticut in 1716 to Thomas and Prudence Bidwell. He attended Yale, graduating in 1740. In 1750 he settled in Tyringham (now Monterey), Massachusetts, as the first pastor. Adonijah Bidwell died in 1784. The collection contains sermon notes and scriptural references for sermons preached by Bidwell at Tyringham.

### Preferred Citation

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## Biographical Note

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Adonijah Bidwell (1716-1784) was born in Hartford, Connecticut in 1716 to Thomas and Prudence Bidwell. He attended Yale and graduated in 1740. In April of 1745 Bidwell joined the Connecticut Fleet during the early part of King George's War. He served as the chaplain aboard the sloop-of-war "The Colony" and participated in the capture of Cape Breton. After the war, Bidwell returned to Hartford, Connecticut, and in 1750 settled in Tyringham (now Monterey), Massachusetts, as the first settled pastor. In 1752, Bidwell married Theodosia Colton, daughter of his Yale tutor Rev. Benjamin Coulton. Theodosia died in 1759. In 1760, Bidwell married Theodosia's first cousin, Jemima Devotion, with whom he had four children. She died in 1770. Bidwell married Ruth Kent in 1772. Bidwell supported independence from Britain and used the pulpit to surreptitiously advocate for this position prior the American War for Independence. Adonijah Bidwell died in 1784.

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## Scope and Contents

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This collection contains two booklets of sermon notes and scriptural references for sermons preached by Bidwell at Tyringham, Massachusetts. Sermons are dated with multiple years, most likely indicating that many sermons were preached multiple times. In some cases, it is difficult to infer the original date of creation versus a date of re-use. The booklets contain notes on their covers with dates and locational information, though it is difficult to determine if this is original or added at a later date by an unknown author.

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## Administrative Information

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### Revision Description

Zachary Bodnar: Revised collection title and containers among other minor edits. 2019-06-28

### Restrictions on Access

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## Acquisition Information

Materials were transferred internally from the library to the archives, 2014; Accession: 2014-7.

## 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 Sari Mauro, January 2014. Additional description by Zachary Bodnar, July 2018, using DACS Second Edition.

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## Controlled Access Headings

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- New England's Hidden Histories.
- Sermons, American -- Early works to 1800.
- Tyringham (Mass.) -- Church history.

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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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## Collection Inventory

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Title/Description	Instances
Sermons, circa 1754-1781 <u>Physical Description:</u> 2 Items	box NEHH- folder 25 Small 1

Digital Copies:

**Digital Copies**

These sermon booklets were digitized as part of the New England's Hidden Histories project. Digital reproductions of the [first sermon booklet](#) and the [second sermon booklet](#) are available to view online.