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Summary Information

Repository:	Congregational Library & Archives
Creator:	Davenport, John, 1597-1670
Title:	John Davenport sermon book, 1649-1652.
ID:	MS5374
Date [inclusive]:	1649-1652
Physical Description:	1 Volume
Language of the Material:	English
Abstract:	John Davenport was born on April 9, 1597 to a wealthy family in England. After becoming an associate of John Preston, Davenport joined the Puritan movement. In 1637 he acquired a patent for a colony in Massachusetts and in 1638 he co-founded the colony of New Haven. In 1668 Davenport became the minister at the First Church in Boston. He died on March 15, 1670. This collection contains a single bound volume of manuscript sermons.

Preferred Citation

[Identification of item], in the John Davenport sermon book, 1649-1652, MS5374. The Congregational Library & Archives, Boston, MA.

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Biographical Note

John Davenport was born on April 9, 1597 to a wealthy family in Coventry, Warwickshire, England. He attended Oxford University but left before completing his degree. He served as chaplain of Hilton Castle and later became the curate of St. Lawrence Jewry in London. In 1624 he became vicar of St Stephen's Church in London and in 1625 he returned to Oxford to complete his degree. After becoming an associate of John Preston, a leading Puritan scholar, Davenport joined the Puritan movement. Frustrated at the establishment, he resigned from the Church of England in 1633 and moved to Holland.

In 1637 he acquired a patent for a colony in Massachusetts and soon thereafter departed for Boston. In 1638 he co-founded the colony of New Haven; his other co-founder was a classmate from Oxford,

Theophilus Eaton. In 1667 the Connecticut colony was reorganized and New Haven became an incorporated town within Connecticut. That same year, Davenport was invited to become the minister of the First Church in Boston. He moved to Boston in 1668 and was installed as the minister in December of that year. Davenport served as the minister of the First Church of Boston until March 15, 1670 when he died of apoplexy.

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Scope and Contents

This collection contains a single bound volume of manuscript sermons. There are at least 43 sermons within the volume and there are extensive notes in the margins next to most sermons. The majority of the sermons are based on passages found within Mark and Luke.

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Acquisition Information

Volume was temporarily loaned to the Congregational Library & Archives, June 2018, by the First Church in Cambridge, Congregational, UCC for the purpose of digitization; Accession 2018-15.

Location of Originals

The physical volume is held by the First Church in Cambridge, Congregational, UCC.

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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Controlled Access Headings

- New England's Hidden Histories.
- Puritans.
- Sermons, American -- Early works to 1800.

Technical Requirements

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Collection Inventory

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Sermon book, 1649-1652

Digital Copies:

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

Scope and Contents

This manuscript volume contains approximately 43 sermons, the majority of them preached on passages from the New Testament, specifically Mark and Luke. There are extensive notes in the margins next to most sermons.