

AMERICAN ANTIQUARIAN SOCIETY

Manuscript Collections

<p>Name of collection:</p> <p>Cotton Family, Sermons, 1682?-1728/29?</p>	<p>Location:</p> <p>Octavo volumes "C"</p>
<p>Size of collection:</p> <p>4 octavo volumes; 2 unbound leaves</p>	<p>N.U.C.M.C. number:</p> <p>N.A.</p>
<p>Finding aids:</p> <p>For biographical information, see <u>Sibley's Harvard Graduates</u>, vol. I, pp.496-508; and vol. IV, pp.398-402.</p>	
<p>Source of collection:</p> <p>Gifts of Mrs. Hannah Crocker, 1814; Rev. D. Parkman, 1840</p>	<p>Copies available:</p> <p>Electrostatic <u>  X  </u></p> <p>Microfilm <u>  X  </u></p> <p>No copies <u>      </u></p>
<p>Collection description:</p> <p>Three generations of Cottons were Puritan ministers and leaders in early New England theological and political affairs.</p> <p>John Cotton (1585-1652) was born and educated in England. In 1633 he came to New England, was ordained at the First Church of Boston, and remained in Boston until his death.</p> <p>His son, John Cotton (1639/40-1699), graduated from Harvard in 1657 and was missionary to the Indians at Edgartown, Martha's Vineyard, 1664-1667. He then settled in Plymouth where he was ordained and served as minister until 1697.</p> <p>Josiah Cotton (1679/80-1756) was the son of John Cotton (1639/40-1699) and graduated from Harvard in 1698. He was a school teacher in Marblehead and Plymouth, and Indian missionary, 1707-1744. As a missionary he preached to the Indians, translating sermons, and compiled an Indian dictionary.</p> <p>Two volumes, dated 1710 and 1711, contain five sermons written by Josiah Cotton and delivered on a number of occasions to Indians. The sermons are completely written in English and Indian. Location and date of delivery are noted.</p> <p>There is one incomplete volume of sermons with sermons numbered 10-15, another titled "Respecting the Keeping of the Sabbath Day," and two unbound leaves. Both volumes appear to be sermons of the Cotton family, however, there is no substantial evidence to determine exactly who wrote them. The incomplete volume of sermons was owned at one time by Nathaniel Mather, and the sermons were attributed to John Cotton (1585-1652).</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Contents List Added 4/30/91</p>	

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Octavo Volumes

- Vol. 1: Sermon in English and Indian by Josiah Cotton, 1710.
- Vol. 2: Sermon by Josiah Cotton to the Indians, 1711.
- Vol. 3: Incomplete Sermon, "Respecting the Keeping of the Sabbath Day",  
author unknown, not dated.
- Vol. 4: Sermons of John Cotton, 1682.