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Manuscript Collections

<p>Name of collection:</p> <p>Dana, Massachusetts, Baptist Church Records, 1768-1822</p>	<p>Location:</p> <p>Misc. mss. boxes "D"</p>
<p>Size of collection:</p> <p>1 folder, 97 items</p>	<p>N.U.C.M.C. number:</p> <p>N.A.</p> <p>SEE ALSO MICROFILMS FILE</p>
<p>Finding aids:</p> <p>None</p>	
<p>Source of collection:</p> <p>Gift of F. C. Holbrook, 1945</p>	
<p>Collection Description:</p> <p>The Dana, Massachusetts, Baptist Church was founded prior to the American Revolution and was located in the south part of Petersham, Massachusetts. In 1801 the town of Dana was incorporated from lands in Hardwick, Petersham, and Greenwich and the church moved to Dana center around the time of incorporation. Ministers for the church included the Reverend Samuel Dennis (-) and the Reverend Mr. Sellon (-). The church disbanded during the 1830s and the building was used as a Universalist meeting house. The town itself was dismantled and flooded for the Quabbin Reservoir.</p> <p>This collection of records for the Baptist Church of Christ in Dana, from 1768 to 1822, includes records of church meetings, records of ecclesiastical councils, the articles of faith and the church covenant, descriptions of controversies within the church, letters from churches in other towns recommending members, etc. Many items are signed by Jacob Whipple (1755-1818), elder and minister of the church, and many originate from the town of Hardwick, Massachusetts. Items are arranged chronologically, with many undated items.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">22 October 1975 rev 20 October 1978</p>	