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Manuscript Collections

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Name of collection:

Sparhawk, Edward Perkins, Diary, 1770

Location:

Octavo volumes "S"

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Size of collection:

1 octavo volume (40 pp.)

N.U.C.M.C. number:

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Sources of information on collection:

See accompanying sheet(s) for additional information.

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Source of collection:

Purchased from Goodspeed's Book Shop, 1958

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Collection description:

Edward Perkins Sparhawk (1728-1796), the son of Rev. Nathaniel and Elizabeth (Perkins) Sparhawk, was born on 28 September 1728. He graduated from Harvard in 1753, and though he periodically preached throughout Essex County, never accepted a parish of his own. He married, on 8 November 1759, Mehitabel ("Hittee") Putnam (1734-1778) of Danvers, the daughter of Col. David and Rebecca (Perley) Putnam. They resided on a family farm in Lynnfield, Massachusetts. He married second, on 20 April 1780, Mrs. Zerua Adams. He died at Lynnfield on 8 March 1796.

The diary, interleaved in Nathaniel Ames's An Astronomical Diary; or Almanack, for the Year of Our Lord Christ, 1770 ... (Boston, [1769]), records weather, deaths of various people, sermons preached by Rev. Benjamin Adams (1719-1777), and the ordinations of Peter Thacher (1752-1802) and Thomas Haven (1744-1782). There are also some accounts.

The diary was formerly attributed to Rev. Benjamin Adams (1719-1777).

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