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Manuscript Collections

Name of collection: Hale, Robert, Papers, 1717-1741	Location: Octavo volumes "H"
Size of collection: 5 octavo volumes	N.U.C.M.C. number: 62-3101
Finding aids: None. For biographical information see <u>Sibley's Harvard Graduates</u> , vol. VI.	
Source of collection: Source unknown	Copies available: Electrostatic <u> X </u> Microfilm <u> X </u> No copies <u> </u>

Collection description:

Colonel Robert Hale (1702/03-1767) was the son of Robert (1668-1718/19) and Elizabeth Clark Hale. He graduated from Harvard College in 1721, studied medicine with Joseph Manning of Ipswich, Mass., and was one of the most important citizens of Beverly, Mass.

This collection includes a 528 page volume of notes on arithmetic, logic, metaphysics, physics, geography, and Euclid. It was compiled by Hale in 1720 and 1721. There is a 21 page "Quotidiana" or commonplace book of medical notes transcribed by Hale in 1722, and a copy of extracts from Charles Morton's science textbook, "Compendium Physicae," transcribed in 1717. The latter volume includes drawings and diagrams (some pages have been torn from the volume). From c.1727-c.1741 Hale kept a notebook of eclectic information including charts of men's and women's names that appear in the Bible, extracts from a technical lexicon, surnames of men who had earned Harvard degrees to 1727, and his schedule of reading the Bible. According to Clifford K. Shipton these manuscripts constitute one of the best surviving collections of student papers of the period.

There is also a brief journal of a trip Hale made to Nova Scotia, June and July, 1731, with additional notes for August to 2 September, 1732. At the back of the journal there are accounts for 1731, a few miscellaneous jottings, and an incomplete letter. This journal has been printed in the Essex Institute Historical Collections, XLIII, pp. 218-44.

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Octavo Volumes

- Vol. 1: Extracts from Charles Morton's science textbook, "Compedium Physicae", transcribed by Robert Hale in 1717.
- Vol. 2: Notebook on the Bible , 1717-1741.
- Vol. 3: Volume of arithmetic, logic, metaphysics, physics, geography and Euclid by Robert Hale, 1720-1721.
- Vol. 4: "Quotidiana" or commonplace book of medical notes transcribed by Robert Hale in 1722.
- Vol. 5: Journal of Robert Hale's trip to Nova Scotia, Summer of 1731. also includes accounts for 1731, miscellaneous jottings and an incomplete letter.