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Manuscript Collections

<p>Name of collection:</p> <p>Babcock, William Smyth, Papers, 1757; 1788-1839</p>	<p>Location:</p> <p>Octavo vols. "B" Mss. boxes "B"</p>
<p>Size of collection:</p> <p>1 mss. box: 5 octavo volumes</p>	<p>N.U.C.M.C. number:</p> <p>MS 75-1884</p>
<p>Finding aids:</p> <p>None. Babcock's journal is not listed in Harriette Forbes, comp., <u>New England Diaries</u>. Biographical information about Babcock is available in <u>Boston Transcript</u>, Genealogical Record, 7 August 1905, #8040; see also a sketch of Babcock by his grandson, S.S. Mathews Jr., of Danielson, Conn.</p>	
<p>Source of collection:</p> <p>Deposited on loan by Elizabeth Mathews-Richardson, 1915. For more information, see American Antiquarian Society correspondence.</p>	<p>Copies available:</p> <p>Electrostatic <u> X </u> Microfilm <u> X </u> No copies <u> </u></p>
<p>Collection description:</p> <p>William Smyth Babcock (1764-), son of Boston merchant Adam Babcock, settled in Springfield, Vermont, in 1800 or 1801 after having converted to the Baptist Church from deism. In 1809 he married Elizabeth Merrill of Fisher's Field, New York. In the period 1812-1816, Babcock and his family moved to Barrington, New Hampshire, where he died. Little is known of this later period of Babcock's life.</p> <p>Babcock's conversion to the Baptist Church is fully traced in these papers. His journals (2 octavo volumes with three folders of complete typescript copy) record his itinerant preaching throughout northern New England in the first decade of the nineteenth century. Two octavo volumes contain packets of sermons and notes. Included is his testamentary address to his conversion and his sermons as a "teaching elder" for the Free Will Baptists of Springfield, Vermont.</p> <p>There is one folder of miscellaneous family papers. These papers include deeds, letters, notes, and a small personal account book of Babcock's. Also included in the collection is a commonplace book, dated 1757, of Babcock's uncle, C.J. Smith.</p> <p>See Contents List</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Contents List Added 4/16/91</p>	

William Smyth Babcock Papers, 1757; 1788-1839

Contents List

Octavo Volumes

- Vol. 1: Commonplace Book of C.J. Smith, uncle of William Smyth.
- Vol. 2: Sermons and Notes, 1800-1826.
- Vol. 3: Notes on Religion, c.1802.
- Vol. 4: Journals, 1801-1802.
- Vol. 5: Journals, 1803-1811.

Box 1

- Folder 1: Miscellaneous Papers, 1788-1839.
- Folder 2: Journal Typescript, 1801 February 14 - 1801 October 19.
- Folder 3: Journal Typescript, 1801 November 4 - 1802 October 6.
- Folder 4: Journal Typescript, 1802 October 14 - 1811 October 9.

LIST OF WRITERS FOR THE WILLIAM SMYTH BABCOCK PAPERS, 1788-1839

Adams, Eli
Aldrich, Benjamin. Jr.
Babcock, Adams. 2 documents
Babcock, Elizabeth
Babcock, Joshua, 2 documents
Babcock, William Smyth (1788-1839),
 52 documents
Bemis, Silas
Cate, Ebenezer
Davis, John
Davis, Loisa
Dike, Samuel
Hout, Daniel
Hubbard, Elizabeth
Hubbard, Joseph
Merrill, Fanny
Merrill, Samuel
Place, Enoch
Preston, James
Runnels, Samuel
Spencer, Jonas, 2 documents
Spencer, N.
Swan, Benjamin. See Vermont,
 Windsor County Court.
Swan, William
Taylor, Elizabeth
Taylor, Israel
Vermont, Windsor County Court.
Willson, Ephraim, 2 documents