

**AMERICAN ANTIQUARIAN SOCIETY  
MANUSCRIPT COLLECTIONS**

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**NAME OF COLLECTION:**

Mather Family, Papers, 1613-1819

**LOCATION(S):**

Mss. boxes "M"  
Octavo vols. "M"  
Folio vols. "M"  
Oversize mss. boxes "M"  
Mather Library 0248  
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**SIZE OF COLLECTION:**

13 manuscript boxes; 89 octavo volumes; 5 folio volumes; 1 oversize manuscript box

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**SOURCES OF INFORMATION ON COLLECTION:**

See accompanying sheets for additional information.

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Collection Description:

**Richard Mather (1596-1669)** was born in Lowton, Lancashire, England, in 1596. He attended Oxford briefly before being called as minister to the Toxteth Park Puritan congregation. He was ordained in 1620, but was suspended from preaching in 1634. He sailed for Massachusetts in 1635 and was called by the church in Dorchester, Mass., where he remained until his death in 1669.

Mather was an active preacher and writer and was a leader of Massachusetts Congregationalism. His Church Government and Church Covenant Discussed (London: R.O. and G. D. for Benjamin Allen, 1643) was the first defense of the New England theory of religion. He collaborated with the Rev. John Eliot (1604-1690) and the Rev. Thomas Welde (1595-1600/01) in adapting the Psalms for singing in a work called the Whole Booke of Psalms (Cambridge, Mass.: Stephen Day, 1640), better known as the Bay Psalm Book. Mather also authored a draft of the "Cambridge Platform", the principal doctrinal statement of New England Congregationalism, and was an advocate of the Half-Way Covenant at the Synod of 1662.

Richard Mather married Catherine Holt ( -1656) in 1624 and had six sons by her, four whom became ministers. He later married Sarah Story ( -1676), widow of the Rev. John Cotton (1585-1652).

**Increase Mather (1639-1723)**, youngest son of Richard Mather, was born in Dorchester, Mass. He received his early education from the Rev. John Norton (1606-1663) and graduated from Harvard in 1656. He sailed for England and Ireland in 1657 and received his M.A. from Trinity College, Dublin, in 1658. Mather held various religious offices in England, but returned to his father's parish in Dorchester after the Restoration. In 1664 he was chosen minister of the Second Church of Boston, and in 1685 he was elected president of Harvard, an office which he held until 1701. Mather took an interest in politics and went to England in 1688 to request the return of the Massachusetts charter. He served as an agent

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for Massachusetts from 1690 to 1692 and returned in 1692 with Governor William Phips (1650/51-1694/95) and a new charter granted by William and Mary. Mather suffered criticism for his support of the governor and the charter, and consequently took a less active part in politics after 1692. He devoted himself to his ministry and his writings in the later years of this life.

**Cotton Mather (1662/63-1727/28)**, son of Increase Mather and grandson of Richard Mather, was born in Boston in 1662/63. He received his early education at home and graduated from Harvard in 1678. He received his M.A. from Harvard in 1681, and in 1685 he was ordained at the Second Church of Boston, where he preached for the remainder of his life.

Mather, like his father, supported Governor William Phips and defended the Massachusetts charter. He was also involved with the Salem Witchcraft Trials in 1692, although he was an advocate of moderation. In 1702 Mather unsuccessfully attempted to oust Joseph Dudley (1647-1720) as governor and was passed over as president of Harvard. Despite these setbacks, he remained a leader of Massachusetts Congregationalism.

In his later years, Cotton Mather devoted himself to humanitarian causes, such as aiding the poor, building churches, and opening a school for slaves. Mather was also an early advocate of smallpox inoculation. He spent much time on his writings, completing more than four hundred fifty books on topics ranging over religion, medicine, and history. His *Magnalia Christi Americana* (London: Thomas Parkhurst, 1702) was the most complete work on the New World to date. Mather constantly overworked himself and died in 1727/28.

**Samuel Mather (1706-1785)**, a son of Cotton Mather, was born in Boston and attended the North Grammar School. He graduated from Harvard in 1723 and became the chaplain of Castle William in Boston Harbor. In 1731 he was chosen assistant to the Rev. Joshua Gee (1698-1748) at the Second Church of Boston and was elected pastor in 1732. He was dismissed in 1741 and formed a new church, the Tenth Congregational Society, with part of the old congregation and remained pastor there until his death in 1785.

Mather published nearly twenty books and pamphlets, but lacked the influence or prestige of preceding generations. He outlived two of his sons, and his eldest son was a loyalist during the Revolution. With his passing the Mather "dynasty" in Boston came to an end.

The Mather Family papers span the period 1613 to 1819 and document the activities of five generations of Mathers, including Richard Mather (1596-1669), Increase Mather (1639-1723), Cotton Mather (1662/63-1727/28), Samuel Mather (1706-1785), and Hannah Mather Crocker (1752-1829). The papers document to a lesser extent other Mather family members and other early New England divines. The papers include correspondence, diaries, essays, sermons and sermon notes, notebooks, and other miscellaneous items.

The papers of **Richard Mather** span the period 1633 to 1662 and include five letters and drafts of letters to Thomas Shepard (1605-1649), John Cotton (1585-1652), and three unidentified recipients. There is a box of writings with eight essays, including "An Apologie of the Churches of New England against the exceptions of Mr. Richard Bernard...", an early draft and copy of the "Cambridge Platform", "Observations and Arguments respecting the Government of Christian Churches", and others. There are additional essays filed with the bound volumes as well as an indexed volume of sermon notes, a volume of notes on verses of the Bible, and a sermon in the volume of "Specimens of the Handwriting of the N.E. Fathers." Finally, there are miscellaneous notes, manuscript fragments, and photostat copies of the title pages of Mather's printed works.

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The papers of **Increase Mather** contain correspondence (including photocopies and transcripts), 1664-1702, and undated; a box of writings with seven essays, including: "What are the evils that have provoked the Lord to bring his Judgments on New England?", "A Testimony against several profane and superstitious Customs now Practised in New England", as well as others. There are fifteen diaries, 1659-1721, with photocopies and also edited typescripts (published in the AAS Proceedings) by Mason I. Lowance and David Watters, as well as Mather's "Autobiography" with a transcript by Abijah P. Marvin. There are approximately three hundred twelve bound and unbound sermons, 1667-1719, two volumes of sermon notes, c.1670, and sermon fragments. There are undated manuscript fragments, along with copies and photostat copies of the title pages of various printed works of Increase Mather.

The papers of **Cotton Mather** include correspondence, 1690-1725?, with undated letters and fragments. There is a box of writings with nine essays, including "Seven Essays on the Mission of Jesus Christ", "Problema Theologicum. An Essay concerning...the Church upon Earth...", "Curiosa Americana. In Eight Letters to Dr. James Jurin", and others. There is also the "Angel of Bethesda" with Mather's "Proposals for printing..." the volume and a typescript of the work by Worthington C. Ford. There are nine diaries, 1688-1717, five volumes of notes from various works labeled "Quotidiana", and a notebook on Books of the Bible and references to sermons and undated sermons and sermon fragments. There are twenty-three volumes of sermon notes, 1676-1704, as well as other manuscripts, manuscript fragments, photocopies, and photostat copies of the title pages of Mather's printed works.

The papers of **Samuel Mather** include a small amount of correspondence, 1742-1761, and a box of writings with five essays, including "Scriptural Philosophy...", "The Song. The very Songs of Shelomah, or Solomon Himself...", "An Apology for the Liberty of the Churches in New England", and others. There are five volumes of notes taken from books and pamphlets labeled "Adversaria", two volumes of "Quotidiana", and an unidentified index to a volume. There are approximately five hundred twenty-seven sermons, dated 1744-1785, as well as sermon fragments and miscellaneous manuscript fragments.

The collection also includes papers of **Hannah Mather Crocker (1752-1829)**, daughter of Samuel Mather. There are three essays written by her under her nom-de-plume, "Increase Mather Jun. of the Inner Temple". These essays are entitled "Fast Sermon", "Thanksgiving Sermon", and "An Humble Address to the reason and Wisdom of the American Nation". There are other essays, a play entitled "Midnight Beau", and miscellaneous loose manuscripts.

The collection also contains catalogues of **Cotton Mather's** library and a list of books and manuscripts purchased from Mrs. Crocker by Isaiah Thomas and donated by him to the American Antiquarian Society.

There are also writings, 1630-1750, by contemporaries of the Mathers, including a letter and a rhymed poem on Alchemy by John Norton (1606-1663), two copies (with variations) of Nicholas Street's (1602/03-1674) "Errata Synodalia", Ralph Partridge's (1579-1658) "Modell of Church Discipline", Jonathan Mitchell's (1624-1668) "The Results of the Synod of 1662", John Russell's (1626-1692) "Antisynodalia", and essays by John Cotton (1585-1652), John Wilson (1588-1667), John Rayner (1600-1669), Nathanael Mather (1631-1697), Joseph Gerrish (1650-1719/20), Simon Bradstreet (1670/71-1741), and others. There is a 1737 letter from Warham Mather (1666-1745); partially identified and unidentified letters, sermons, and essays, as well as miscellaneous manuscript fragments. Finally, there are copies and photocopies of the title pages of all the Mather's printed works arranged alphabetically by title.

Filed in the Mather Family library are eleven volumes of unpublished transcriptions of shorthand

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sermon notes purchased for £10 by Increase Mather from the bookseller Thomas Parkhurst in London on 1 January 1692. The sermons on the Revelation of Saint John were preached by Henry Wilkinson (1616-1690) and were recorded by Mr. Williams from whose notes many of the sermons of Jeremiah Burroughes (1599-1646) were published. These sermons were preached in the 1660s and begin with the sixth chapter. Sermons on chapters twelve and twenty-two are missing.

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MATHER FAMILY, PAPERS, 1613-1819  
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BOX	FOLDER	DATE	CONTENTS
<u>Writings of Richard Mather, 1639-1657</u>			
1	1	1639	"An Apologie of the Churches of New England against the exceptions of Mr. Richard Bernard..." (55 leaves). Portions of this work may have been published as <i>An Apologie of the Churches in New-England for Church-Covenant</i> (London, 1643)
1	2		copy of the above (50 leaves) [and a typescript]
1	3	c.1644	"Animadversions upon the Answer of Mr. Ball to the 9 positions called a Tryall of the new church way in N. England." (10 leaves)
1	4	1646	"The Result of the disputations of the Synod or Assembly at Cambridge begun September 1, 1646 about the power of the Civill Magistrate..." (incomplete, 8 leaves)
1	5	1648	"A Modell of Church Government" [an early draft of the Cambridge Platform] (51 leaves, including a one-page table of contents)
1	6	1648	"A Platforme of Church discipline...of the churches, assembled in the Synod at Cambridge in New England...1648" [known as the "Cambridge Platform" (29 leaves, including an eleven-page preface entitled "The Platform", with an index. Published as <i>A Platform of Church Discipline</i> (Cambridge: S[amuel] G[reen], 1649)
1	7		transcript of the above (123 leaves)
1	8	1646-1650	"The Summe of Seventie Lectures upon the first chapter of the second Epistle of Peter" (partial index at beginning, incomplete (stops in lecture 61), 149 leaves)
1	9	c.1649-1652	[Richard Mather?], "Observations and Arguments respecting the Government of Christian Churches" (39 leaves)

Writings of Richard Mather, 1639-1657 (cont.)

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1	10	1657	"Answer to 21 Questions from the General Court of Hartford to the General Court in Boston (15 leaves)
<u>Letters from [Richard Mather?]</u>			
1	11	undated c.1644	to Thomas Shepard (1 leaf) to "Dear Brother" (1 leaf)
<u>Notes of Richard Mather</u>			
1	12	undated 1656/57	manuscript fragments (8 leaves) "Opinion of Richard Mather and John Norton on a Question of Church Discipline" (1 leaf)
<u>Writings of Increase Mather, 1663-1717</u>			
2	1	1663	"An Apologetical Preface to the Reader" (8 leaves). Published in John Davenport, <i>Another Essay for Investigation of the Truth...</i> (Cambridge: Samuel Green and Marmaduke Johnson, 1663)
2	2	c.1665	["The Power of Civil Magistrates"?] (fragment, 4 leaves)
2	3	1675	"The Substance of Several Sermons tending to Vindicate the Truth Against...H[abbakuk] G[lover]", together with "An Answer unto the Arguments...opposing and denying the Meritorius Obedience of Christ" (26 leaves)
2	4	1679	"What are the Evils that have provoked the Lord to bring his Judgments on New England?" [Question 1; Synod of 1679] (9 leaves). Published in <i>The Necessity of Reformation...</i> (Boston: John Foster, 1679)
2	5	1679	"What is to be done that so [sic] those Evils may be Reformed?" [Question 2; Synod of 1679] (8 leaves with a photocopy). Published with above.

Writings of Increase Mather, 1663-1717 (cont.)

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2	6	1680 Feb 26	"An Answer to Mr. Stoddard's 9 Arguments against Examinations concerning a Work of Grace before Admission to the Lord's Supper" (10 leaves). For edited version, see Everett Emerson and Mason I. Lowance, "Increase Mather's Confutation of Solomon Stoddard's Observations Respecting the Lord's Supper, 1680", <i>AAS Proceedings</i> , v. 83, Pt. I (1973), pp. 29-65.
2	7		copy of the above, transcribed by Cotton Mather
2	8	1687	"A Testimony against several profane and superstitious Customs now Practised in New England (15 leaves). Published in <i>A Testimony Against...Profane...Customs</i> (London: n.p., 1687)

Correspondence of Increase Mather

2	9	undated 1664 Apr 5 1676 Dec 13 1676 Mar 19 and 1677 [?] 14 1677 Apr 21 1678 Feb 18 1683 Nov 21 1690 Oct 25 1702 Sep 15 1690/91	to [?] (4 leaves) from Eleazer Mather (2 leaves)  to John Cotton (2 leaves with transcript)  to John Cotton (typescript only, 1 leaf)  to John Cotton (1 leaf) to John Cotton (1 leaf) to Thomas Gauge (2 leaves and typescript) to John Cotton (2 leaves) to Abraham Williams (photocopy and typescript only; original at Marlborough Public Library) copy of letter of T. Beverly to Increase Mather
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Sermons of Increase Mather

[see also octavo volumes 19-32]

2	10	undated and 1675 1675 1680 Nov 28 1717 Oct 9	two sermon fragments (4 leaves)  three sermons (10 leaves, including 1 mutilated leaf) sermon preached at North meetinghouse, Boston (12 leaves)  [Increase Mather?], ordination sermon preached in Cambridge, Mass. (5 leaves)
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2	11	undated	unidentified manuscript fragments (3 leaves)

Writings of Increase Mather, 1663-1717 (cont.)

2	12		edited typescript of Increase Mather's "A Discourse concerning the glorious state of the church on earth under the New Jerusalem", by Mason I. Lowance and David Watters. Published in AAS <i>Proceedings</i> , v. 87, Pt. II (1977), pp. 343-408 (see also, folio volume 4)
2	13-14		transcript of Increase Mather's "Autobiography", by Abijah P. Marvin (1881) (218 leaves; see also, folio volume 5 and oversize mss. box)
2	15		transcription of Increase Mather's "Catechism Logicus", Walter Price (AAS) and John Clark (Yale) copies

Typescripts of Increase Mather's Diaries, 1659-1717

compiled by Michael G. Hall

[see also octavo volumes 4-18 and oversize mss. box]

3	1	1659; 1663; 1664- 1667	(58 leaves)
3	2	1675- 1676	(69 leaves; original at MHS)
3	3	1680- 1684	(117 leaves)
3	4	1688- 1689	(64 leaves)
3	5	1691	(64 leaves; original at MHS)
3	6	1693	(34 leaves)
3	7	1695- 1696	(45 leaves)
4	1	1696	(43 leaves)
4	2	1697	(38 leaves)
4	3	1698	(44 leaves)
4	4	1702	(25 leaves)
4	5	1704	(34 leaves)
4	6	1704	(24 leaves)
4	7	1717	(28 leaves)
4	8	undated	(22 leaves)

Correspondence of Cotton Mather

4	9-13	undated	unidentified letters and fragments
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4	14-15	1681; 1690- 1692; 1702- 1714	
4	16-18	1715- 1717	
4	19-20	1718	(36 letters)
<u>Correspondence of Cotton Mather (cont.)</u>			
5	1	1719	(23 letters)
5	2-4	1720- 1723	
5	5-6	1724- [1725?]	(47 letters)

For selected edited correspondence of Cotton Mather, see Kenneth Silverman, *Selected Letters of Cotton Mather* (Baton Rouge, La.: Louisiana State University Press, 1971).

Principal correspondents include William Ashurst, Anthony William Boehm, Gurdon Saltonstall, Joseph Gerrish, Jeremiah Dummer, Samuel Shute, Robert Wodrow, and Paul Dudley. The correspondence represents primarily autograph drafts by Cotton Mather of correspondence, though there are also memorials, petitions, and notes. These documents illuminate life at Harvard University, activities in the churches of the Massachusetts Bay colony, and relations with local Indians.

#### Writings of Cotton Mather

5	7	undated	[Cotton Mather?], "Seven Essays on the Mission of Jesus Christ" (108 leaves, starting on p. 5, with 1 loose item)
5	8	undated	[Cotton Mather?], "Important points relating to the Education at Harvard College..." (2 leaves)
5	9	undated	"Utility of Synods or Ministerial Councils" (4 leaves, with photographic copies). Also undated sermon, "The Churches of New England...taught from Reason..." (1 leaf)
5	10	1687	"Observata in the year 1687" (1 leaf)
5	11	1687	"Spicilegia Eucharista" [Gathering concerning the Eucharist] with a diary page, dated 1689 (7 leaves)
5	12	1692	"A Brand Pluck'd Out of the Burning" [an account of Mercy Short, who was supposed to have been a witch] (20 leaves).
5	13	1703 Dec 25	"Problema Theologicum"
5	14	1704	"La France sous la verge de Dieu"
5	15	1721	"Some American sentiments on the Great Controversy of the Times"
5	16	1723	"Curiosa Americana..."

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5	17	[1715-1718?]	Negative Photostat of "An extract of passages in my Diaries..."
5	18	c.1724	"Proposals for printing a Book Entitled <i>The Angel of Bethesda</i> " (1 leaf). Published in Gordon W. Jones, M.D., <i>Cotton Mather: The Angel of Bethesda...</i> (Barre, Mass.: American Antiquarian Society and Barre Publishers, 1972), pp. 1-4 (see also, octavo volume 51 and mss. box 7).

Typescript of Cotton Mather's "The Angel of Bethesda by Worthington C. Ford  
(see also, octavo volume 51 and mss box 6, folder 12)

6	1		Sections 1-10, 97 leaves
6	2		Sections 11-22 (missing 15-19), 110 leaves
6	3		Sections 23-38, 93 leaves
6	4		Sections 39-53, 117 leaves
6	5		Sections 54-66, 124 leaves
6	6		Notes on the typescript of <u>The Angel of Bethesda</u> , and a photocopy of section 8, 35 leaves

The Writings of Samuel Mather, 1738-1761

6	7	undated	"Scriptural Philosophy...", 15 leaves
6	8	undated	"The Lord's Prayer", missing first two leaves, 15 leaves. Published as <u>The Lord's Prayer...</u> (Boston: Kneeland and Adams for Wharton and Bower, 1766)
6	9	undated	"The Song, The very Songs, to Shelomah, or Solomon Himself..." [an early draft], 29 leaves
6	10	undated	"The Song, The very Songs, to Shelomah, or Solomon Himself..." 34 leaves
6	11	undated	Copy of the above, fragment, 10 leaves
6	12	1738	"An Apology for the Liberty of the Churches in New England", fragment, 2 leaves. Published as <u>An Apology for the Liberty...</u> (Boston: T. Fleet for Daniel Henchmen, 1738)
6	13	1760	"A Dissertation concerning the venerable Name of Jehovah", fragment, 12 leaves. Published as <u>A Dissertation concerning the most venerable Name of Jehovah</u> (Boston: Edes and Gill, 1760)
6	14	1742	Correspondence of Samuel Mather (1742, 13 October, from Mr. Wiggin, 1 leaf)
		1760	Correspondence of Samuel Mather (1760, 21 March, from his son, Samuel Mather, 2 leaves)
		1761	Correspondence of Samuel Mather (1761, 18 January, from his son, Samuel Mather, 1 leaf)

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		1761	Correspondence of Samuel Mather (1761, 23 September, from his son, Samuel Mather, 2 leaves)
6	15	Undated	Banns of marriage, 1 leaf Manuscript fragments, including a fragment of a discourse on Congregational Churches, 1 leaf
<u>The Writings of Samuel Mather, 1738-1761, continued</u>			
7	1	1777	"Adversaria", volume 1 [miscellaneous notes taken from books and pamphlets, particularly in Latin], 198 leaves
7	2	undated	"Adversaria", volume 2, 260 leaves
7	3	undated	"Adversaria", volume 3, 172 leaves
7	4	undated	"Adversaria", volume 4, 85 leaves
7	5	undated	"Adversaria", volume 5, 195 leaves
7	6	undated	"Adversaria", volume 6, 240 leaves

Samuel Mather Sermons, undated; 1744-1777

7	7	undated; 1744-1773, 18 sermons
7	8	1775, January-October, 19 sermons
7	9	1775, November-December, 15 sermons
7	10	1776, January-June, 27 sermons
7	11	1776, July-December, 27 sermons
7	12	1777, January-July, 27 sermons

Samuel Mather Sermons, continued; 1777-1782

8	1	1777, August-December, 27 sermons
8	2	1778, January-May, 22 sermons
8	3	1778, June-December, 22 sermons
8	4	1779, January-July, 22 sermons
8	5	1779, August-December, 19 sermons
8	6	1780, March-September, 21 sermons
8	7	1780, October-December, 23 sermons
8	8	1781, January-July, 29 sermons
8	9	1781, September-December, 25 sermons
8	10	1782, January-May, 30 sermons

Samuel Mather Sermons, continued; 1782-1785

9	1	1782, June-December, 29 sermons
9	2	1783, January-July, 25 sermons
9	3	1783, August-December, 25 sermons
9	4	1784, January-May, 24 sermons
9	5	1784, June-December, 29 sermons
9	6	1785, January-May, 21 sermons

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<u>The Writings of Hannah Mather Crocker</u>			
10	1	undated	“The United Trinity or consistant Catholic Christian...”, 40 leaves
10	2	undated	“Jephthah Vow explained”, 10 leaves and 1 loose item
10	3	undated	“An Humble Address to the reasons and Wisdom of the American Nation”, by “Increase Mather Jun. of the Inner Temple” [Hannah Mather Crocker], 8 leaves
10	4	undated	“Antiquarian researchers exemplified [?] pleasant and easy by an original Antiquarian”, 10 leaves
10	5	undated	Copy of the above, 11 leaves
10	6	undated	Second copy of the above, 9 leaves
10	7	1812 Aug 20	“Fast Sermon”, by “Increase Mather Jun. of the Inner Temple” [Hannah Mather Crocker], 8 leaves
10	8	1813 Nov 18	“Thanksgiving Sermon”, by “Increase Mather Jun. of the Inner Temple” [Hannah Mather Crocker], 8 leaves
10	9	1819	“The Midnight Beau” [a play], 10 leaves
10	10	undated, 1772, 1778, 1786	Loose items, including poetry concerning the condition of women and political commentary, 8 items

Mather Library Catalogues

10	11	1814	Catalog of books and manuscripts purchased by Isaiah Thomas in 1814, Part 1: Folio and Quarto volumes
10	12	1814	Catalogue of books and manuscripts purchased by Isaiah Thomas in 1814, Part 2: Octavo volumes
10	13	1814	Catalogue of books and manuscripts purchased by Isaiah Thomas in 1814, Part 3: English Tracts
10	14	1814	Photocopies of original Thomas catalogue, Part 1
10	15	1814	Photocopies of original Thomas catalogue, Part 2
10	16	1814	Photocopies of original Thomas catalogue, Part 3
10	17		Miscellaneous notes concerning the Mather Papers
10	18	undated	“Books Bought of the College Library C[otton] Mather”, 1 leaf “Copy on [sic] of an Original Catalogue of Dr. Cotton Mather’s Library”, 9 leaves

Miscellaneous Writings, 1630-1750

11	1	undated	unidentified sermon, “119 Psalm 9 vers!”, 12 leaves
11	2	undated	[Joseph Smith?], Sermon, “Jerimiah [sic] chap. 4 and the 3 and 4 <sup>th</sup> verses”, 10 leaves
11	3	undated	[John Norton?], Rhymed poem on Alchemy, 51 leaves
11	4	1630 Oct 20	John Cotton, letter “To Mr. Sk[elton] in N.E.” [copied by Richard Mather, 13 June 1631], with “Touching the Tyme when the Lord’s Day beggineth, whether of the evening or in the Morning” [copied by Richard Mather, 5 July 1631], 8 leaves plus a photocopy and transcript

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11	5	c. 1640	Unidentified, "The Life and Death of Mr. Nicholas Leverton, sometime minister of the word at St. Judy in the Country of Cornwall", 18 leaves
11	6	c. 1641-1645	[John Wilson?], "Four Questions, with Answers and Objections respecting a Set Form of Prayer", 30 leaves
11	7	c. 1648	Thomas Shepard, "Relations of Conversion by various members of the church of Cambridge...", 17 leaves
11	8	c. 1648	Thomas Shepard, "Relations of Conversion by various members of the church of Cambridge..."; Transcription, by Mary Rhinelander McCarl, 1990
11	9	c. 1648	[John Wilson?], "Certayne Questions...tending to declare how farre Church covenant binds the Members to Cohabitate together...", 12 leaves
11	10	c. 1648	Ralph Partridge, "Modell of Church Discipline" [early draft of the Cambridge Platform], 8 leaves plus transcript
11	11	c. 1648	John Wilson, "Of the Church and the Government of it", 12 leaves
11	12	c. 1648	Copy of the above, with a note by Ezra Stiles, 1770, 10 leaves
11	13	c. 1650	Unidentified, "Positive Grounds from Scripture and Reason for Justification of the Way of the Churches..." [related to Richard Mather's "Cambridge Platform"], 33 leaves
11	14	c. 1652-1663	John Norton, letter to John Dury in Latin, copied by John Wilson, 2 leaves and partial transcript. For a translation, see Samuel Mather, <u>An Apology for the Liberties of the Churches in New England...</u> (Boston: T. Fleet for Daniel Henschmen, 1738)
11	15	1662 July 30	Jonathan Mitchell, "The Results of the Synod of 1662", 10 leaves with photocopy
11	16	c. 1663-1666	[John Rayner?], "A letter respecting the Platform of Government by the Synod", 7 leaves
11	17	c. 1663-1666	Unidentified, essay fragment by an opponent of the Synod of 1662, concerning propositions 3-6, 4 leaves
11	18	c. 1665-1666	Nicholas Street, "Errata Synodalia", 15 leaves
11	19	undated	Incomplete copy of the above (missing pp. 1-4), but containing an undated letter from Street to Richard Mather, 12 leaves
11	20	1671	Unidentified, "A letter to a friend, May 1671", 14 leaves
11	21	672	John Russell, "Antisynodalia" [concerning the Synod of 1662], copied for Increase Mather, December 1672, 10 leaves
11	22	1698	Nathanael Mather, "A Discussion of the Lawfulness of a Pastor's Acting as an Officer in Other Churches", 24 leaves. Published as <u>A Discussion of the Lawfulness of a Pastor's acting as an Officer in Other Churches...</u> (London: Nath. Hiller, 1698), 24 leaves
11	23	1710	Unidentified, 2 sermons entitled "Public Past", 12 leaves
11	24	c. 1705-1713	Unidentified, incomplete essay concerning the "Proposals of 1705", 10 leaves
11	25	1737	Warham Mather, letter to "Dear Cousin", 1 leaf and typescript
11	26a	undated	Miscellaneous writings, manuscript fragments, 8 leaves
11	26b	undated	Miscellaneous writings, sermon fragments, 8 leaves
11	26c	1649	Miscellaneous writings, essay on excommunication, 2 leaves

BOX	FOLDER	DATE	CONTENTS
11	26d	1709	Miscellaneous writings, 19 September, Elizabeth Mather, receipt, 1 leaf
11	26e	1731	Miscellaneous writings, 17 December, Samuel Mather (1677-1746), summons, 1 leaf
11	26f	1692	Miscellaneous writings, copies of inscriptions in Mather library volumes by Cotton Mather and John Wilson

Photostats of Increase Mather's and other Mathers' Title Pages  
Titles arranged alphabetically, with biographical information

12	1	Increase Mather, A-D, 93 leaves
12	2	Increase Mather, E-N, 57 leaves
12	3	Increase Mather, O-W, 97 leaves
12	4	Richard Mather, Azariah Mather, Eleazer Mather, Moses Mather, Nathanael Mather, 30 leaves
12	5	Samuel Mather, 46 leaves

Photostats of Cotton Mather's Title Pages  
Titles arranged alphabetically, with biographical information

13	1	A-C, 83 leaves
13	2	D-G, 88 leaves
13	3	H-M, 82 leaves
13	4	N-Q, 55 leaves
13	5	R-S, 59 leaves
13	6	T-Z, 98 leaves

14 Wood from Increase Mather Boston house

Oversize Manuscript Box

Photocopies of Increase Mather's Autobiography and Diaries

1 Autobiographies (see also, folio volume #5 and mss. box 2, folders 13-14)

Diaries

2	1664
3	1680-1684
4	1688; 25 March-1689, 24 March
5	1691; 1693
6	1694-1697
7	1698; 1702; 1704
8	1705; 1706; 1717; 1721

## OCTAVO VOLUMES

VOLUME	DATE	CONTENTS
Richard Mather		
1a	1653 Oct 26	“Some objections against imposition in Ordination”, 5 leaves
1b	1644 Dec 12	“Whether the power of church gov[ern]m[en]t bee in all the people or in the Elders alone”, 24 leaves
1c	c. 1651	“An Answer of the Elders to certayne doubts...in the Platforme of Discipline...”, 28 leaves
1d	1651 Jul 15	Draft of letter to John Cotton, 1 leaf
2	1644 [?]	Notes on versus of the Bible, 184 leaves, including 1 mutilated leaf
3	1646 May 26	“Answer to 9 Reasons of John Spilsbury to prove that infants ought not to be baptized”, 33 leaves
Increase Mather		
Diaries (see also mss. boxes 3 and 4, and oversize mss. box		
4	1659?; 1663; 1664- 1667	Inscribed “Crescentius Matherus”. Four pages of entries in England, Jan 3 – Dec 26, [1659?]; four entries in 1663; entries, Feb. 5, 1664 – June 20, 1667. Bound in Rider’s “British Merlin”, 1660, 100 leaves
5	1680- 1684	Sept. 6, 1680 – July 25, 1684, Inscribed “I. Mather, 1680”. Seven pages of expense accounts, 95 leaves
6	1688- 1689	March 25, 1688 – March 24, 1689, Concerning trip to England regarding the Mass. Bay Charter; 26 pages of expenses, addresses, etc., 50 leaves
7	1693- 1694	March 25, 1693 – March 24, 1694, 22 leaves
8	1694/5 – 1695/6	Jan.1, 1694/5 – March 22, 1695/6, 34 leaves
9	1696- 1697	March 25, 1696 – March 24, 1697, 34 leaves
10	1697- 1698	March 25, 1697 – February 25, 1698, 30 leaves
11	1698- 1699	March 4, 1698 – February, 1699, 8 pages of notes, medicines, etc., 31 leaves
12	1702	January 1 – December 31, 1702, 19 leaves
13	1703/4	January 1 – December 31, 1703/4, with seven pages of notes on a European storm, 25 leaves
14	1704/5	January 1 – October 23, 1704/5, 19 leaves, 1 mutilated leaf
15	1706	Diary missing, 3 leaves of notes
16	1707	Diary missing, leather boards only
17	1716/17	January 1 – December 31, 1716/17, 15 leaves, including 1 mutilated leaf

18 1720/21 January 1 – December 31, 1720/21, 16 leaves, including 1 mutilated leaf

Sermons

(see also mss. box 2, folder 10)

19 1667 – 10 sermons, missing pages 1 -14, 26 leaves  
1668/9

20 1668 15 sermons, 48 leaves

21 1672 20 sermons, 54 leaves

22 1675- 12 sermons, 46 leaves, with 1 mutilated leaf  
1676

23 1675- 10 sermons, missing pages 1-20; 45-76, 24 leaves  
1677

24 1682- 19 sermons, 56 leaves  
1685

25 1685- 29 sermons, 70 leaves  
1686

26 1695- 28 sermons, missing pages 55-62, 81 leaves  
1696/7

27 1697- 20 sermons, missing pages 181-204, 47 leaves  
1698

28 1700- 37 sermons, missing pages 77-84, 74 leaves  
1702

29 1704- 35 sermons, 77 leaves  
1705

30 1705- 22 sermons, missing pages 1-2; stops on page 89, 43 leaves  
1721

31 1713- 27 sermons, 47 leaves  
1718

32 1713- 22 sermons, 45 leaves  
1719

Sermons Notes

33 1670 [Increase Mather?], extracts of sermons [delivered in England?], 110 leaves, with 1 mutilated leaf

34 c. 1670 [Increase Mather?], 153 leaves

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(diaries for 1681, 1683, 1685, 1686, 1693, 1697, 1698, 1700-1702, 1705-1707, 1718, 1721, 1724 are located at the Massachusetts Historical Society; diary for 1716 is located at the Congregational Library Society)

35 1688 Diary fragment, 1 leaf

36 1692 Diary, 10 leaves

37 1696 Diary, 23 leaves

38 1699 Diary, 24 leaves

39 1703 Diary, 28 leaves

40 1709 Diary, 25 leaves



41	1711	Diary, 63 leaves
42	1713	Diary, 60 leaves
43	1717	Diary, with a 6-page list of sermons for 1716, 50 leaves
44	undated	“Quotidiana”, fragment of a compilation of notes from various works, observations, maxims, etc., with an index, 10 leaves
45	undated	“Quotidiana”, with subject index, missing outside leaves, 76 leaves
46	undated	“Quotidiana”, 50 leaves
47	undated	“Quotidiana”, with index, 76 leaves
48	undated	“Quotidiana”, with index, 76 leaves
49	c. 1702	“Triparadisus”, 3 essays on paradise, 187 leaves (a. “The Paradise of the Old World...”; b. “The Paradise of Departed Spirits...”; c. “The Paradise of the New Earth under the Influence of the New Heavens...”
50	c. 1720	“Mather’s Note Book of Authors and Texts throughout the Bible”, notes on chapters in the Bible with reference to essays and other works, 384 leaves, with 2 loose items
51	1724?	“Angel of Bathesda”, 205 leaves. Edited by Gordon W. Jones, M.D., <u>Cotton Mather: The Angel of Bathesda...</u> (Barre, Mass: American Antiquarian Society and Barre Publishers, 1972). (see also, mss. Box 6, folder 12 and mss. Box 7)

Sermon Notes

52	1676-1678	With index, 383 leaves
53	1678-1679	With index, 117 leaves
54	1678-1680	No index, 214 leaves and 1 loose item
55	1680-1681	With index, 313 leaves
56	1681-1682	With partial index, 263 leaves
57	1682-1683	No index, 391 leaves
58	1683	With index, 156 leaves
59	1684	With index, 100 leaves
60	1685	With index, 147 leaves
61	1685	With index, 110 leaves
62	1685	With index, 146 leaves
63	1687	With index, 119 leaves
64	1687	With index, 106 leaves
65	1688	With index, 126 leaves
66	1688	With index, 115 leaves
67	1689	With index, 101 leaves
68	1689-1690?	With index, 88 leaves

69	1690- 1691?	With index, 71 leaves
70	1691- 1692	With index, 71 leaves
71	1692- 1693	With index, 114 leaves
72	1694	With index, 86 leaves
73	1694	No index, 101 leaves
74	1703- 1704	No index, 122 leaves

#### Sermons

75	undated	Sermon fragments, 16 leaves
76	undated	Sermons, 14 sermons
77	1680- 1722	Sermons, 18 sermons
78	1713- 1722	Sermons, 5 sermons
79	1688- 1689; 1704	Sermons in bound volume, 29 sermons

#### Samuel Mather

80	undated	"Discussion Concerning God and His Manifestation", 84 leaves
81	1719- 1724	["Quotidiana"], 56 leaves
82	1723	["Quotidiana"], 62 leaves, with many mutilated leaves
83	undated	Partial index for an unidentified volume, 5 leaves

#### Miscellaneous Volumes

84	1613? Aug 26	[Mr. Richardson?], unidentified volume which may have belonged to Harvard College, 157 leaves
85	c. 1620	Author unknown, "Dayley observation", possibly written in England, 153 leaves
86	1620	[Richard Stock?], "Sermons on the 2 <sup>nd</sup> commandment", 315 leaves
87	1630- 1660?	[John Revell and John Revell, Jr.?], Notebook, together with "A Brief Relation of the Life of me, John Revell...", 165 leaves
88	1640; 1664; 1683; 1724; 1778	"Specimens of the Handwriting of the N.E. Fathers", 77 leaves. Six sermons by Richard Mather, Increase Mather, Cotton Mather, Samuel Mather, Simon Bradstreet, and Joseph Gerriah

0248 Broughton (1549-1612). Observations vpon the first ten fathers. London, 1612. ESTC S114816.

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Increase Mather's manuscript copy of: Hugh Broughton (1549-1612). An exposition vpon the Lords Prayer, compared with the Decalogue, as it was preached in a sermon, at Oatlands: before the most noble, Henry Prince of Wales. Aug. 13. Anno 1603. VVith a postscript, to advertise of an error in all those that leaue out the conclusion of th Lords Prayer. Also, the Creed is annexed, vvith a short and plaine explication of the article, commonly called: He descended to hell. [Amsterdam? 1613?] ESTC S114812.

### FOLIO VOLUMES

VOLUME	DATE	CONTENTS
Richard Mather		
1	1633	"Essay on What the Visible Church Is, and the Government of It", 41 leaves
2	1639	"Sermon Notes", 94 leaves
3a	1662	"An Examination of the Articles for the Consociation and Communion of Churches", 8 leaves
3b	undated	Letter to [?], 4 leaves
Increase Mather		
4	1685-1700?	"A discourse concerning the glorious state of the church on earth under the New Jerusalem...", 37 leaves and a Photostat. Published in AAS <u>Proceedings</u> , v. 87, Pt. II (1977), pp. 343-408 (see also mss. Box 2, folder 12)
5a	c. 1715	"Autobiography", 32 leaves; edited by Michael G. Hall and published in AAS <u>Proceedings</u> , v. 71, Pt. III (1961), pp. 271-360 (see also mss. Box 2, folders 13-14, and oversize mss. Box)
5b	1688-1694	Observations during my Voyage to England in the year 1688", 11 leaves
6		Isaiah Thomas Catalog of the Mather Library