

**Rev. Israel Loring
Papers, 1704-1772**

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Collection Overview

Extent: 2.25 linear feet

Creator: Rev. Israel Loring

Dates [inclusive]: 1704-1772

Co-creators: John Loring, Margaret Alford

Dates [bulk]: 1760-1769

Margreat Proctor, Zachariah Whitman

Language: English

Dr Thomas Stearns, Nathan Stone

Reference Code: 1987:01.12122-12183

Ebenezer Parkman

Abstract: The personal papers of Rev. Israel Loring that documents his religious activities and daily life through correspondence and private diaries.

Information for Users

Repository: Goodnow Public Library, Sudbury, MA 01776

Acquisitions History: Dr Thomas Stearns, Nathan Stone and Ebenezer Parkman were in possession of Rev. Israel Loring's collection of 30 complete diaries. After Sterns passing the diaries were separated and scattered. The remaining diaries ended up with the Goodnow Library's collection of Rev. Israel Loring papers. Many of the documents were previously numbered when the collection began processing, in which case they were kept and used for reference.

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Subject Headings

The following terms from the Library of Congress Subject Headings suggest topics, persons geography, etc. interspersed through the entire collection.

- Loring, Rev. Israel, 1682-1772
- Loring, John
- Loring family
- Parkman, Ebenezer, 1703-1782
- Alford, Margaret
- Whitman, Zachariah
- Proctor, Margreat
- Massachusetts – church history
- Congregational churches – Clergy –Diaries
- Sudbury (Mass.) – Biography
- Personal correspondence
- Personal narrative

Related Collections

Biographical Note

Israel Loring was born in Massachusetts in 1682. He graduated Harvard College in 1701 and delivered his first sermon in Sudbury, Massachusetts in 1705. In late November of 1706 he was ordained and invited to be Sudbury's minister, a role he eventually kept for sixty-six years. By 1723 the church of Sudbury split to East and West parishes, making Israel Loring the pastor of the West. He spent a good deal of his time writing in diaries along with sending letters to religious societies, other members of the religious community and his family up to his death. Rev. Israel Loring passed at the age of 90 in 1772.

Scope and Content

The bulk of this collection is correspondence from Rev. Israel Loring to a religious society in Boston, Massachusetts. He wrote around 33 letters to the society, up until the year before his death. He was a dutiful correspondent, also writing to his brother, John Loring, along with other religious constituents Mrs. Margaret Alford and Margreat Proctor. The handwritten diaries are from his later years, 68-83 years of age, covers his daily thoughts, sermons he gave, ministers meeting, etc. All documents are numbered.

Arrangement

Series I Letters of Rev. Israel Loring 1704-1771

Series II Rev. Israel Loring Sermon Notes

Series III Notes and Other Writings nd-1772

Series IV Diaries 1748-1765

Collection Contents

Series I Letters of Rev. Israel Loring 1704-1771

Extent: 4 folders

Scope note: Series contains letters to and from Rev. Israel Loring and other relations, including his brother John Loring. The bulk of the collection is letters written from Rev. Israel Loring to a religious society in Boston, MA written from the late 1750s to 1771. The first three letters to the society are undated, but they are all numbered. There were 33 letters, which are included, with the exception of numbers 5, 15 and 17, which are missing.

Arrangement: Separated by recipient(s), in chronological order

<u>Folder Title</u>	<u>Box : Folder</u>
Letters to a Religious Society nd - 1762	1 : 1
Letters to a Religious Society 1764 – 1771	1 : 2
Loring Family Letters 1704 – 1715	1 : 3
Pastor Loring Letters 1706 – 1769	1 : 4

Series II Rev. Israel Loring Sermon Notes

Extent: 1 folder

Scope note: Series includes documents that list bible verses and numbered points relating to each verse. Document #12153 contains sermon notes for various reverends, including Rev. Cooke, written in different hands. Items are all undated.

Arrangement: Ascending by document number

<u>Folder Title</u>	<u>Box : Folder</u>
Rev. Israel Loring Sermon Notes	1 : 5

Series III Notes and Other Writings nd-1772

Extent: 1 folder

Scope note: Series contains notes, incomplete letters or letters from unknown persons. Some items are dated, including notes about Rev. Israel Loring having been written after his death on March 13th, 1772 by Rev. Ebenezer Parkman. Also includes a handwritten eulogy for Elder John Loring by Israel Loring.

Arrangement: Ascending by document number

Folder Title

Box : Folder

Notes and Other Writings

1 : 6

Series IV Diaries 1748-1765

Extent: 1 folder & 5 items

Scope note: Written in the later days of Rev. Israel Loring, these diaries cover his intimate thoughts and daily activities. He speaks of sermons he is preparing, people he baptized and family he spoke with or visited. He numbered all of the pages and each diary opens and closes with a numbered list of main points from various pages; excluding the April-December 1753 diary. Transcript of first diary done by Middlesex Historical Survey between 1937-1938.

Physical Access: Phase box with all five diaries is kept separate from the collection. See Local History Librarian for assistance.

Arrangement: Chronological within series

Folder Title

Box : Folder

Transcript of Diary of Rev. Israel Loring 1748-1750

1 : 7

Diary Dates

1748 – 1750

1753

1753 – 1757

1757 – 1759

1762 – 1765