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Summary Information

Repository:	Burke Library at Union Theological Seminary
Creator:	Smith, Samuel, 1768-1801
Title:	Samuel Smith papers
ID:	4492495
Date [inclusive]:	circa 1772 -- 1817
Physical Description:	0.5 linear feet 0.5 linear feet; 2 boxes
Language of the Material:	English .
Abstract:	Reverend Samuel Smith (1768-1801) graduated from Columbia College in 1786 and became a Presbyterian minister who lived and preached throughout upstate New York and New Jersey. The collection contains personal and ministry-related correspondence, sermons, a manuscript notice issued by Yale regarding income increases for professors of divinity employed there, as well as Smith's diplomas from Columbia University.

Preferred Citation

Item description, UTS1: Samuel Smith Papers, 1772-1817, box #, folder #, The Burke Library at Union Theological Seminary, Columbia University in the City of New York.

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Biographical / Historical

Reverend Samuel Smith was born in 1768 and, after graduating from Columbia College in 1786, became a Presbyterian minister who lived and preached throughout upstate New York and New Jersey. Smith was licensed in October of 1789 and ordained in January of 1790, the same year he married Elizabeth Van Vechten (1770-1840). Smith served as minister at the Dutch Reform church in Saratoga, N.Y. (January-June 1800), and the Presbyterian church in Connecticut Farms, N.J. (October 1800-October 1801). Smith died suddenly in October of 1801 and was buried in the cemetery of the Connecticut Farms church.

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This collection contains personal and ministry-related correspondence, including letters from Enoch Leonard and Smith's sister, Eliza; sermons given by Smith in Saratoga, New York and Connecticut Farms, New Jersey, between 1789 and 1801, including New Years and Christmas Day celebratory sermons; one unbound manuscript notice dated 1775 issued by Yale University (then Yale College) calling for income increases for professors of divinity employed there; as well as Smith's diplomas from Columbia University.

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Revision Description

PDF converted to EAD and description updated by Leah Edelman. 2020-09-17

Conditions Governing Access

The collection is open for research.

Immediate Source of Acquisition

The exact provenance of this collection is unknown.

Processing Information

Material was cataloged by Lynn A. Grove on 1988-07-13. Materials were placed in new acid-free folders and boxes. The diplomas were flattened and placed in an oversize box. The finding aid was created by Rebecca Nieto in 2017 with the support of the Henry Luce Foundation and the E. Rhodes and Leona B. Carpenter Foundation, and edited by Leah Edelman in 2020.

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Controlled Access Headings

- Saratoga Springs (N.Y.) -- Religious life and customs
- Connecticut Farms (N.J.) -- Religious life and customs
- Sermons
- Smith, Samuel, 1768-1801 -- : Archives
- Columbia College (New York, N.Y.) -- : Archives -- : Alumni and alumnae

Burke Library record group

Union Theological Seminary Archives: UTS 1, papers of faculty and students

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Title/Description	Instances	
Correspondence, 1801 -- 1817	box 1	folder 1
Sermons, circa 1772 -- 1799	box 1	folder 2
Sermons, circa 1789 -- 1801	box 1	folder 3
Sermons, circa 1790 -- 1799	box 1	folder 4
Yale University manuscript notice, 1775	box 1	folder 5

Scope and Contents

This file contains one unbound manuscript notice dated 1775 issued by Yale University (then Yale College) calling for income increases for professors of divinity employed there. This item's relationship to Smith is uncertain, but it is likely that Smith either taught, preached, or had affiliates at Yale during this time.

Columbia University diplomas, 1786	box 2	folder 1
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This box is missing as of November 2022. Please contact Burke staff for further details.

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