

ADAMS, JOHN.
John Adams Religious Discourses, 1735

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Descriptive Summary

Creator: Adams, John.
Title: John Adams Religious Discourses, 1735
Call Number: Manuscript Collection No. 367
Extent: 0.25 cubic ft. (1 volume)
Abstract: Contains one bound manuscript of religious discourses by John Adams.
Language: Materials entirely in English.

Administrative Information

Restrictions on Access

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Biographical Note

The title page of the bound manuscript identifies John Adams as its creator: "John Adams, his book." It is possible that this is the John Adams who was the rector of Blackanton, although there is no certainty on his identification. The manuscript is consistent with an Anglican author.

Scope and Content Note

The bound manuscript has a leather cover with the initials F. P. stamped on both the front and back. The title page reads “John Adams, his book.” The entire manuscript is 242 pages total. The script is at times difficult to read and there has been some fading in the ink.

The contents are separated into discourses, typically indicated by the month in which they were written, followed by the topic (“On heaven” etc.), then a scriptural reference. These discourses are typically divided into the following sections: imperatives, directions, inferences, exhortations, or explanations about the passage. There are thirteen discernable discourses, whose topics range from heaven, hell, judgment, inward peace, death, etc. The scriptural basis of the sermons are derived from both the Old and New Testament. Notably, God is consistently referred to as “him” by the author throughout the manuscript. At the back of the volume several other leaves that contained writing were removed. The last page of the manuscript has writing of the same topical nature, however, the script is upside down. Several pages of this last section are missing from the manuscript. The contents appear to be sermon notes or theological reflections, although it is uncertain.

Container List

Box	Folder	Content
1		On the love of God in Christ (John 3:16), 1735 May
1		On hell (Matthew 25:41), 1735 August
1		On heaven (Matthew 25:34), 1735 July
1		On sin (1 John 3:4), 1735 May
1		On a Christian conversion (Ephesians 4:1), 1735 May
1		On judgment (Hebrews 9:27) 1735 July
1		On Christ's friendship with the believer (James 2:23, John 15:15), 1735 May
1		On death (Job 30:23), 1735 July
1		On inward peace (John 14:27), 1735 May
1		On the believer's desire after communion with Christ (Song of Solomon 2:17), 1735 July
1		On God's gracious presence with his people (Philippians 4:23), 1735 May
1		On a Christian's joy (1 Thessalonians 5:16), 1735 May
1		On the blessedness of believers (Proverbs 8:34), 1735 June
