

## **Religion in the Sol Feinstone Collection**

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This collection of documents (primarily composed of correspondence) provides an abundance of information on the political and social climate in American during the years surrounding the American Revolution. This guide looks at the impact the tense climate of the American Revolution had on the various religious communities. Denominations included in this guide are Anglicans, Roman Catholics, Congregationalists, the Episcopal Church, Presbyterians, and Quakers. There is an abundance of information on the Quakers, especially regarding their unwillingness to participate in either the Political or military aspects of the American Revolution. Some information is also provided on the persecution faced by ministers, especially Anglicans, during the Revolution.

Those interested in the study of religion should browse these documents, (or use the Ctrl-f search on your keyboard) to explore subjects such as the admonishment, army (military), Chaplains, church, church society, church and state relations, clergy, fasting, finances, funerals, land deeds, morality, mortality (and infant mortality), Orphan asylums, petitions, proclamations, religious tolerance, salvation, sermons, slavery, state of the church, and war.

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Anglican Clergy	2	1	Auchmuty, Rev. Samuel	New York	15 April 1775	Montresor, John	Boston	2 pp.	Contents cite a letter from London received by Auchmuty on 4 March, 1775 that approves of the Proceedings of the New York Assembly and the Anglican clergy. This letter also discusses Lord Frederick North's taxation resolution, as well as, troop transports sailing from England.
Catholic Church	14	1	Adams, John	Quincy, Mass.	20 Feb. 1809	Rush, Dr. Benjamin	N/A	2 pp.	Contains a philosophical discussion of Dr. Joseph's work regarding the perfectibility of the human mind.
Sermon Congregational	84	1	Bean, Rev. Joshep	N/A	11 May, 1775	N/A	N/A	1 vol.	"A Fast Sermon, Preached ... on a day that was kept as a Special fast, by advice of the Massachusetts provincial Congress, on account of the distresses of the present day."
Admonishment Quakers	88	1	Benzet, Anthony	N/A	n.d.	John Smith	N/A	1 p.	Contains complaints about a Quaker Smith absenting himself of his duties for "unwarrantable Reasons."
Quakers	132	1	Taylor, Timothy	N/A	10 Oct, 1786	N/A	N/A	1 p.	Contains confirmation that Yeoman John Buckman, Jr. of Newtown Township,

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									Bucks County took the affirmation of allegiance required by the act of the Pennsylvania General Assembly of 4 March, 1786.
Anglican Clergy Chaplain of Orphan Asylum	137	1	Burke, John	Antigua, W.I.	12 Aug, 1783	Morgan, Dr. John	N/A	3 pp.	Contains a letter that mentions that Rev. Jacob Duché has been appointed chaplain of an orphan asylum in England.
Anglican Clergy & War	169	1	Clark, Rev. William	Temple Street, Boston	4 Aug, 1777	Holten, Samuel	Boston	1 p.	Mentions that Rev. William Clark has been imprisoned for two months and it currently in ill health.
Mortality	224	1	Daniells, David	N/A	N/A	Daniells, Asa Jr.	Camp at York {Pa.??}	2 pp.	Contains reflections on human mortality.
Clergy Diary Congregational	271	1	Mass. Clergyman	N/A	1775	N/A	N/A	1 vol.	Diary of an unidentified clergyman, interleaved with {Isaiah} Thomas's New-England Almanack ... For ... 1775.
Morality Quakers	281	1	Friends, Society of	Philadelphia	6 Dec, 1793	Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania	N/A	3 pp.	Contains the <i>Address and Petition of the People called Quakers</i> and mentions requests that the laws be reviewed and amended in order to suppress vices and immorality.

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Church	296	1	Du Ponceau, Peter Stephen	Philadelphia	19 July, 1834	Demme, Rev. Charles Rudolph	N/A	1 p.	Requests a seat in the church choir so that his granddaughter can view a ceremony.
Clergy Congregational	302	1	Eckley, Rev. Joseph	Boston	N/A	N/A	N/A	2 pp.	Encloses a dismission {not present} from the Old South Church in Boston and a recommendation {not present} to the North Church in Salem.
Congregational Church Society	303	1	Eckley, Rev. Joseph	Boston	22 April, 1787	N/A	N/A	1 p.	Resolution of the "Old South {Church} Society" to permit the pastor of the Hollis Street Church to use their Meeting house, "his own having been destroyed by the late terrible fire."
Congregational Sermon	304	1	Eckley, Rev. Joseph	Preached at Boston & Jamaica Plain Dr. {Samuel?} Cooper's	Nov, 1777 Dec, 1777	N/A	N/A	1 vol.	Thanksgiving sermon
Anglican Clergy	312	1	Elliot, Andrew <hr/> The Magistrates Of The Police	New York	21 July, 1780	To all whom it may concern	N/A	1 p.	Pass for Rev. David Love to travel to Long Island via Brooklyn "and return occasionally."

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Anglican Morality Clergy	337	1	Fontaine, Rev. Peter	Virginia	2 Marc h, 1756	To his brothers: Moses and John Fontaine	N/A	2 pp.	Letter containing comments on the war, vices, and slaves.
Anglican Clergy Slavery & Christianity	338	1	Fontaine, Peter, Jr.	Lunenburg County, Va.	7 June, 1754	Fontaine, Moses	England	4 pp.	Letter containing comments on engagements with French forces; relatives of the Fontaine's, including Rev. James Maury; complaints about the number of slaves and Tobacco; and the dispute between the English and the French over Mississippi lands.
Clergy Anglican Mortality Slavery & Christianity	339	1	Fontaine, Rev. Peter	Virginia	30 Marc h, 1757	Fontaine, Moses	England	2 pp.	Contains a discussion about whether slavery is agreeable to Christianity, and the death of a relative and divine providence.

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Morality Army Chaplain Congregational	451	1	Hale, Thomas	Greenwich, Conn.	13 Sept, 1776	To his father and mother	N/A	4 pp.	Mentions that the author is currently in the hospital with a fever and that the sickness has been seen throughout the brigade. Also mentions that a chaplain said "the Yorkers are very profane people to talk" and comments that "I think I have heard the Women take as many & as bad Oaths since I came here as I have of old soldiers. Though I am a Sinner I think they Don't tempt me any at all."
Anglican Clergy	541	1	Hill, Henry	Philadelphia	9 July, 1776	To all whom it may concern	N/A	1 p.	Pass to Rev. David Love to enable him to return to his home in Maryland.
Army Chaplain	577	2	Humphreys, David	Hartford, Conn.	23 May, 1780	Greene, Nathanael	Headquarters, Morristown, N.J.	3 pp.	Contains a copy of Humphreys' poem, <i>A Poem Addressed To The Armies of the United States of America</i> (1780) and mentions that a copy was also sent to George Washington. Also contains a recommendation of Joel Barley for a vacant chaplaincy in a brigade.
Congregational	578	2	Humphreys	Madrid, Spain	28	Hitchcock,	Providence	2 pp.	Contains mentions of a new

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Clergy			, David		April , 1800	Rev. Enos	, R.I.		edition of his work, which was enclosed, that includes a poem about the Death of George Washington.
Army Chaplain Congregational	596	2	Huntington , Jedediah	Camp North Castle, N.Y.	8 Nov, 1776	Huntington , Jabez	N/AA	1 p.	Recommends that Rev. John Ellis be contained as chaplain of Jedediah Hunting's regiment.
Clergy	645	2	Jefferson, Thomas	Monticello, Va.	8 Dec, 1821	Hatch, Rev. Frederick W.	Charlottesv ille, Va.	1 p.	Encloses one year's contribution for the pastor, who just built a house.
Quakers	765	2	Langstroth, Huson	Philadelphia	9 Nov, 1787	N/A	N/A	1 p.	A Watch-Word in Love, to Friends in This Land: An address by a Quaker that warns against involvement in "Party spirit" and temporal matters.
Roman Catholic Church	802	2	Leonard, Solomon	Bridgewater, Mass.	21 June, 1782	Leonard, Jacob	N/A	1 p.	Contents Informs that a day of rejoicing is being held in Boston due to the birth of the Roman Catholic dauphin of France.
Anglican Clergy Petition	832	2	Love, Rev. David	N/A	c. 4 Dec, 1780	To the Lords Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury	N/A	3 pp.	Contains recounts of the author's troubles with the government as rector of Allhallows Parish, Md.

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Anglican Petition	833	2	Love, Rev. David	N/A	{c. May, 1780 ?}	To the General Assembly of Maryland	N/A	1 p.	Petition that points out that he declined to qualify under the Test Act and therefore was disabled from officiating as a clergyman and requests a pass to New York in order to take passage to Britain.
Anglican Clergy	916	2	Maury, Rev. James	Belmont, Va.	31 May 1758	Douglass, Rev. William	N/A	4 pp.	Contains a discussion about the author's problems with serving in his parish, political matters (including the Two-Penny Act), and fellow clergymen.
Anglican Church and state relations Clergy	917	2	Maury, Rev. James	Fredericksvill e Parish, Louisa County, Va.	25 Oct, 1759	Douglass, Rev. William	Goochland, Country, Va.	3 pp.	The recipient is urged to attend a convention of Anglican clergymen about Rev. John Camm's efforts in England to disallow the Two-Penny Act.
Anglican Clergy (letter)	918	2	Maury, Rev. James	Fredericksvill e Parish, Louisa County, Va.	20 Nov, 1759	Douglass, Rev. William	N/A	4 pp.	Contents include the details surrounding Rev. John Camm's success in England with regard to disallowing the Two-Penny Act.



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Anglican Clergy (letter) Catholic Church	919	2	Maury, Rev. James	Fredericksvill e Parish, Louisa County, Va.	9 Aug, 1755	Fontaine, Moses	England	3 pp.	Contains a discussion about the map of Virginia and of certain areas and events of note. Also contains a discussion about the war between Britain and France and related problems.
Anglican Clergy (letter)	920	2	Maury, Rev. James	Fredericksvill e Parish, Louisa County, Va.	10 June, 1756	Fontaine, Moses	England	4 pp.	Contains a discussion about the war between Britain and France with regard to various maps of Virginia and North America, as well as family matters.
Spiritual Salvation Clergy (financial & holy orders) Church/state relations Testimony	924	2	Maury, Rev. James	N/A	c. 14, Dec, 1763 -24 Sept, 1768	See Abstract	Albemarle, Va.	1 vol.	Contains a mention of the author's possible removal to a parish in North Carolina, a lawsuit related to the Two-Penny Act, relations between church and state, spiritual rebirth and salvation, King George III's disallowance of several acts of the Virginia Assembly regarding paying clergymen and taxes, as well as, other matters.
Clergy	1050	2	Paine, Thomas	Eastham, Mass.	9 June,	Adams, Dr. Samuel	N/A	3 pp.	Discusses local politics.

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Quakers	1088	3	Pemberton, Israel	Winchester, Va.	1777 13 Nov, 1777	N/A	N/A	3 pp.	Refers to Governor Patrick Henry and the council of Virginia's resolutions regarding Pemberton's group of exiled Quakers, as well as other matters of note.
Quakers	1089	3	Friends, Society of.	Philadelphia	24 Jan, 1775	N/A	N/A	1 p.	Contains <i>The Testimony of the People called Quakers, given forth by a Meeting of the Representatives of said People, in Pennsylvania and New-Jersey</i> : A public declaration of the Quaker people against usurpation of power and authority with regard to the laws and government.
Quakers	1090	3	Friends, Society of	Philadelphia	20 Jan, 1776	N/A	N/A	4 pp.	Contains <i>The Ancient Testimony and principles of the People called Quakers, renewed with Respect To the King and Government, and Touching the Commotions now prevailing in these and other Parts of America, Addressed to the People in General</i> : An address to urge the rejection of measures that may perpetuate unhappy contentions and the desire to break off connections with Britain.

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Infant Mortality	1265	3	Shreve, Israel	N/A	4 Sept, 1794	Shreve, Mary Cokely	Near Dunlap's Creek above Brownsville, Pa.	3 pp.	Letter informing the recipient about the death of an infant relative and comments on related dogma.
Quakers	1302	3	Friends, Society of	Philadelphia	28 Sept, 1776	N/A	N/A	4 pp.	Contains <i>An Epistle from our Yearly Meeting, Held in Philadelphia, ... To our Friends and Brethren of the Several Quarterly and Monthly Meetings</i> : an address that urges members to maintain the principles of the sect and to decline any role in present commotions and unsettled public affairs.
Quakers	1303	3	Friends, Society of	Philadelphia	24 Jan, 1775	N/A	N/A	1 p.	Contains <i>The Testimony of the People called Quakers, given forth by a Meeting of the Representatives of said People, in Pennsylvania and New-Jersey...</i> Same Content as no. 1089

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Anglican Establishment of the Anglican Church	1312	3	Stamp Act	New York, Boston, and London	Various dates 1766 - 1775	N/A	N/A	47 pp.	Various letters and addresses that largely relate to the Stamp Act, opposition to it, and its repeal. This includes the nonimportation-nonexportation agreement and notations regarding specified violators of it, the establishment of an Anglican church in America, the promotion of American manufactures, and the French Revolution
Quakers	1326	3	Stevenson, Cornell	Springfield Township, Burlington County, N.J.	5 Aug, 1776	N/A	N/A	1 p.	Manumission for his Negro slave Pompey; includes the notation: "Recorded in a Book kept by the Monthly Meeting of Friends in Burlington By Samuel Allinson Clerk."
Church Funeral Slavery	1336	3	Storm, Thomas	New York	30 Dec., 1799	Bleecker, Henry J.	Albany, N.Y.	3 pp.	Letter mentioning the purchasing by the author of a seventeen-year-old Negro man who has twelve years left to serve before being free, as well, as a grand procession being held in memory of George Washington.
Funeral	1337	3	Storm, Thomas	New York	3 Janua	Bleecker, Henry J.	Albany	1 p.	Mentions the impressions of the grand procession

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					ry, 1800				held in memory of George Washington, as well as, a discussion of business matters.
Clergy Proclamation	1454	3	United States, President John Adams	Philadelphia	23 March, 1798	N/A	N/A	2 pp.	Proclamation that mentions the precarious situation with regards to the United States and France, as well as, a recommendation of making 9 May, 1798 a day of humiliation, fasting and prayer.
Clergy Proclamation	1455	3	United States, President (John Adams)	Philadelphia	6 March 1799	N/A	N/A	2 pp.	Proclamation that mentions tensions between the United States and France, and recommends 25 April, 1799 as a day of humiliation, fasting, and prayer.
Army Chaplain	1479	3	Viomenil, Antoine-Charles Du Houx, Baron De.	Épinal, France	31 July, 1779	N/A	N/A	1 p.	Discusses the appointment of a chaplain to the regiment.
Congregational Clergy	1558	3	Washington, George	Mount Vernon, Va.	22 June, 1788	Lathrop, Rev. John	N/A	3 pp.	Commends the recipient on the endeavors of the Humane Society of Massachusetts and expresses hope that the Constitution will be adopted by the Virginia convention.

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Episcopal Church  Clergy	1582	3	Washington, George	N/A	2 March, 1797	Rector William, White, Church Wardens, and Vestrymen of the United Episcopal Churches of Christ Church and St. Peter's	Philadelphia	4 pp.	An Address that acknowledges their approbation of his conduct and their affection for him; {affixed on verso}; newspaper clipping of the rector's address to Washington, 2 March 1797, and the latter's above reply.
Episcopal Clergy	1597	3	Washington, George	Mount Vernon, Va.	25 Sept, 1798	Snyder, Rev. G.W.	N/A	2 pp.	Thanks him for sending a book on "the Illuminati," corrects his impression that Washington is president of "the English lodges" {the Society of Freemasons} in the United States, and express the belief that none of the American lodges are contaminated with the principles of the Society of the Illuminati.
Religious Tolerance  Quakers	1632	3	Friends, Society of	Philadelphia	3 Oct, 1789	To the President of the United States George Washington	N/A	1 p.	An Address that expresses their admiration for him and their hope for continued religious toleration and that wishes him success in his Presidency.
Morality	1687	3	Winslow, Anna	Marshfield, Mass.	29 Jan,	Dering, Elizabeth	N/A	2 pp.	Friendly letter; expresses hope for peace and

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					1778				comments: "Is it not for our iniquities that we are thus stricken smitten of God and afflicted."
Mortality	1690	3	Winslow, Anna	Marshfield, Mass.	30 Jan, 1781	Dering, Elizabeth	N/A	2 pp.	Friendly letter; comments on the death of her own daughter and on human mortality.
Mortality	1691	3	Winslow, Anna	Marshfield, Mass	2 Aug, 1782	Dering, Elizabeth	Middleton, Mass.	3 pp.	Friendly letter; comments on human mortality.
Church and state relations	1698	3	Winslow, Anna	Quebec, Canada	11 Sept, 1787	Dering, Mary	Shelter Island, N.Y.	3 pp.	Friendly letter; comments: "I wonder when I consider the growing error that daily increase upon us both in Church and State.
Clergy Sermon Congregational	1807	4	Adams, John	Quincy, Mass.	3 Jan, 1823	Loring, Thomas Jr.	N/A	2 pp.	Thanks hum for sending Rev. Ebenezer Gay's sermon, reminisces about Gay, and relates and anecdote about a British officer who once visited Gay's family.
Presbyterian Clergy	1817	4	Arbuthnot, Marriot	Halifax, N.S.	14 Oct, 1777	{Phillips?}, George	N/A	11 pp.	Contents include a discussion of the battle of Brandywine and comments that "the Presbyterian parsons and their enthusiastic followers...must be chastised and a test calculated for their Government in future, or adieu to everything but

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									leveling and democracy.” Also mentions military affairs and civil disturbance in Nova Scotia
Congregational Clergy	1819	4	Babcock, Henry	Headquarters Newport and Headquarters Providence, R.I. Stonington, Conn.	14 Feb, 1776 -28n Jan, 1785	N/A	N/A	1 vol.	Includes discussions of various matters, mostly relating to the military, including the author’s own service during the Seven Years’ War
Mortality	1875	4	Fontaine, Peter Jr.	Rock Castle, Hanover County, Va.	8 July, 1765	Fontaine, John	N/A	2 pp.	Includes discussion on human mortality, the Stamp Act, and current conditions with the Natives Americans.
Clergy Sermons Congregational	1892	4	Hale, Rev. Enoch	Various locations in Connecticut and Massachusetts	Oct, 1775 -31 Dec, 1779 and 18 Dec 1780 -11 June, 1782	N/A	N/A	10 vols.	Contents are a “Register” diary that includes references to clergymen, sermons preached, the author’s brother Nathan being executed by the British as a spy, and other matters.
Clergy (grantee of deed)	2016	4	Moses, Isaac Moses, Reyne	Philadelphia	28 Sept, 1778	Schlatter, Rev. Michael	Germantown, Pa.	2 pp.	Deed to four acres on Chestnut Hill in Philadelphia County; {on verso} acknowledgement of the deed.



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Quakers	2070	5	Friends, Society of Accounts of Sufferings	Eastern Shore and Western Shore, Md. Quarterly Meetings, Gunpower and Thirdhaven, Md. Monthly Meetings, and Westland, Pa. Monthly Meeting	1776 - 1783, 1785, 1798 -99	N/A	N/A	28 pp.	Contents include records of Quaker losses due to civilian authorities seizing property due to Quakers refusing to sign the Continental Association, enroll in the militia, or pay tax assessment.
Quakers	2071	5	Friends, Society of, Meeting For Sufferings	Philadelphia	26 Feb, 1773	N/A	N/A	1 p.	Appends a new Form of Affirmation and a new Form of Declaration of Fidelity that supersede old forms.
Quakers	2072	5	Friends, Society of.	Philadelphia	6 Dec, 1781	President William Moore, Executive Council, and General Assembly of Pennsylvania	N/A	3 pp.	Contents include complaints about Quakers being harassed by people parading on the streets during the 24 <sup>th</sup> of November, 1781. Therefore, the Quakers would like to be excluded from days of fast and humiliation.

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Human Mortality  Divine Providence	2256	5	Washington, George	Philadelphia	27 Jan, 1793	Washington, George Augustine	N/A	1 p.	Excuses himself from not writing often because all the news he could communicate is contained in the newspapers; expresses regret that George Augustine Washington is still ill and comments on divine providence.
Congregational Clergy	2312	5	Whiting, Rev. Calvin	Alstead, Vt.	10 Sept, 1793	Newell, Rev. Jonathan	Stow, Mass.	3 pp.	Describes the towns and the inhabitants of Alstead and his own parish near Westminster, {Vt.} and remarks that "sectaries have here scattered firebrands, at present they do not burn me."
Congregational Clergy	2313	5	Whiting, Rev. Calvin	Claremont, N.H.	20 May, 1794	Newell, Rev. Jonathan	Stow, Mass	2 pp.	Informs him about reconciliation within the town's congregation.
Quakers	2354	5	Friends, Society of	Rochester, Mass. Preparative Meeting and Falmouth, Mass Monthly Meeting, 2 Aug, 6 Sept, 1778, Philadelphia Monthly	N/A	N/A	N/A	2 pp.	Contents includes records of punitive measures being taken against several individuals: Timothy Davis, who wrote about taxation { <i>A Letter From A Friend To Some Of His Intimate Friends On the Subject of paying Taxes</i> (1776)}; Isaac Howell of Philadelphia who "acted in a public station;"

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				Meeting, 30 Aug, 1776, and Chester Pa. Monthly Meeting, 26 March, 1779.					and John Thompson who sought to “establish Government by Military force.”
Episcopal Church	2377	5	King, Rufus	New York	21 Jan, 1807	Sheaf, James	N/A	2 pp.	Informs him that the vestry of Trinity Church {in New York City} voted to grant money for rebuilding St. John’s Church in Portsmouth, N.H.