

**Sturgis Library Archives
Town and Local History Collection**

**Church & Sermon Collection
MS. 115**

Extent: 2 boxes

Scope and Content Note: The collection consists of historical sketches, sermons, and other materials related to local churches. Major local names include Joseph Lewis, Daniel Davis, Edmund Quincy Sewall, Rev. Oakes Shaw, John Mellen, Sarah Alden, John Wills, and others.

Related Material: Sturgis Library has an extensive sermon collection in the Lothrop collection, located in the Hooper Room.

Access: Unrestricted. Credit Sturgis Library archives for publication.

Acquisition: Some items donated by "Miss Hooper." Provenance of other items unknown.

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Box 1	Fldr 1	Minutes. Anniversary of the Barnstable Baptist Association, 1931-1939, 1944-1946, 1948, 1951
	Fldr 2	Historical Sketch of the First Baptist Church in Hyannis, Massachusetts by Berthe Arey, 1939
	Fldr 3	100 th Anniversary Historical Sketch of the Barnstable Baptist Church by Mrs. Heman P. Crocker, 1942
	Fldr 4	Sermons and documents related to Joseph Green <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Mr. Ebenezer Gay's Sermon at the Ordination of Mr. Joseph Green at Barnstable, May 12, 1725• Annals of New England by Thomas Prince Vol. II No. 2 [1755]• Mr. Isaiah Dunster's Sermon at the Installment of the Reverend Mr. Joseph Green Jr., First Church of Christ• A Sermon Preached at Marshfield Febr. 21, 1753 at the Ordination of Mr. Joseph Green Jr. by his father, pastor of the East Church of Barnstable
	Fldr 5	Sermons preached by the Rev. Joseph Green, written in his hand, Barnstable, Oct 5, 1735 and West Barnstable, Aug 10, 1737
	Fldr 6	Mr. Whitman's Sermon at the Funeral of Mr. Isaiah Lewis, Senior Pastor of the Church of Christ, Wellfleet, Oct 6, 1786
	Fldr 7	A Sermon Preached at Barnstable, April 28, 1799 Occasioned by the Death of the Hon. Daniel Davis, Esq. Who Departed This Life on the 22 nd , in the

Eighty Sixth Year of His Age. By John Mellen, Jun., Pastor if the East Church, Barnstable.

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- Fldr 8 Sermon Delivered at the Ordination of Rev. Edmund Quincy Sewall by Ezra Ripley, Dec 22, 1819, East Church, Barnstable
 - Fldr 9 Handwritten sermons. Reverend Oakes Shaw, undated.
 - Fldr 10 Handwritten sermons. Reverend Oakes Shaw, undated
 - Fldr 11 Two Historic Sermons
 1. Testimony and Advice of an Assembly of Pastors of Churches in New England, Boston, July 7, 1743
 2. Sermon on the Death of Mrs. Sarah Alden, by John Mellen, Jun., East Church, Barnstable
 - Fldr 12
 1. Handwritten, flourish-decorated book, "Dreamland Visions and Other Poems" by John Wills, Late Pastor of the Unitarian Church, Barnstable, Mass, 1889
 2. Published book, "Dreamland Visions and Other Poems" by John Wills, Liverpool, D. Maples & Co., 1889
 3. 2 handwritten, flourish-decorated sheets of poetry by John Wills.
- Box 2
- Partial Volume IV of "The Practical Works of the Late Reverend and Pious Mr. Richard Baxter" [Originally 4 volumes, published 1707].

This volume has dozens of handwritten names, signatures and inscriptions written in the margins, most dating from the early 1800s. It is unclear who did the writing, or if it was the work of several people. It could have been used like a signature book. Writing in the volume includes names, IOUs, religious verses, vital records, and phrases. An index to the inscriptions accompanies the volume.