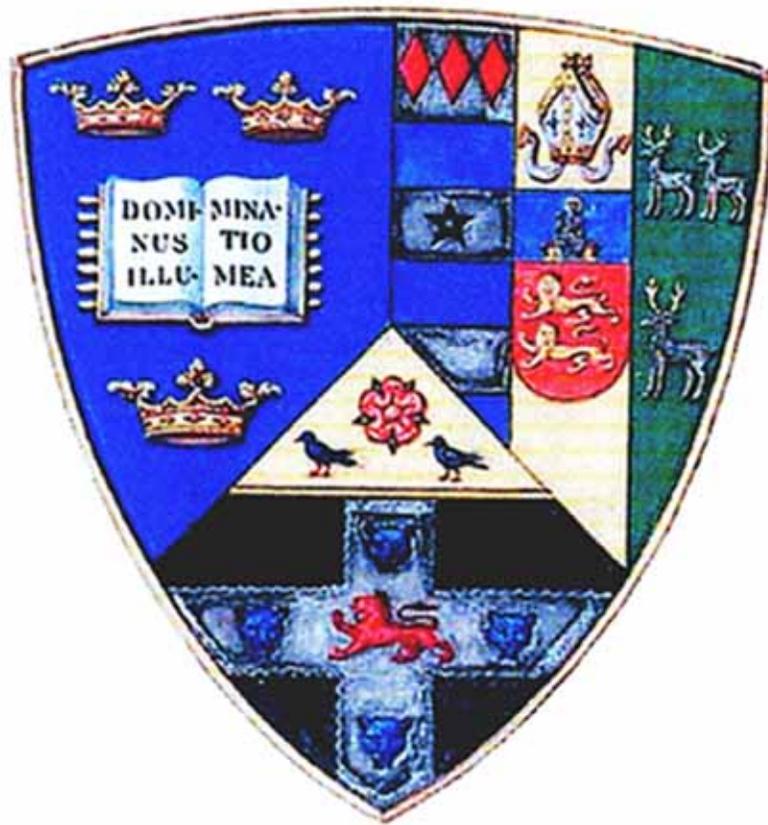


# Guide to the John Bennet Papers 1741-1754



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## John Bennet Papers

1741-1754

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The purpose of this finding aid is to help you understand the nature of this collection and to assist you in the retrieval of material from this collection. The following pages contain a brief biographical history of the person, or persons, who created or collected these papers, followed by a general description of the collection in the scope and content note. If more detailed information is warranted then series descriptions also appear. The container listing appears last and is the listing of material in each box, or container, of this collection. To request material you need to turn to the container listing section. It is essentially a listing of file folders, or artifact items, in the collection. Each folder, or item, has a call number associated with it. Each folder also lists the inclusive dates of the material in the folder. On the material request form list both the call number and the folder, or item, title. Use a different line for each folder, or item, requested. When your request sheet is complete, or full, bring it to the archivist and the material will be retrieved.

Relocated from 1646-5-1:23 when notebook was added. Some items are in fragile condition and need care. The notebook is in particularly delicate shape, and has been enclosed in a protective cardboard cover, but still needs additional preservation.

### Biographical Note

John Bennet (1714-1759) was a British Methodist who became a Wesleyan preacher in 1747. He traveled mainly in Derbyshire, Cheshire, and Lancashire. He married Grace Murray in 1749. He separated from Wesley in 1752, following Calvinistic views, and accusing Wesley of being a pope. A number of people left the Methodist Society with him. He formed an independent congregation in Warburton. He died May 24, 1759.

### Scope Note

This collection contains miscellaneous papers relating to John Bennet. These include a notebook, correspondence, theological essays, sermons, hymns, diary fragments, a certificate, a testimony, and an address. The notebook is a small, leather-bound volume into which Bennet copied hymns, poems, quotations from literary sources, and reflections on Biblical themes. It also contains his handwritten notes of the first Methodist Conference held in 1744, as well as a hymn by his wife, Grace Murray Bennet, and some reflections on sayings of Biblical women. The correspondence includes an undated 18th century letter undated through a letter dated September 1926. The 20th century correspondence is between Norman Bennet (the great-great-grandson of John Bennet) and Ezra Squire Tipple, President of Drew University, discusses arranging for the purchase of the Bennet collection. All of the correspondence is handwritten. The handwritten theological essays include a brief treatise on baptismal doctrine. The sermons are mostly handwritten fragments in note form. The hymn is a handwritten poem in praise of God, marked "Congregational Hymn." The fragment of Bennet's diary contains an illustration of his short-hand symbols. There is also a certificate, c. 1754, from the government granting Bennet permission as a dissenting Protestant to hold religious meetings in his house without certain penalties of the law. A handwritten testimony of Bennet's self-dedication to Christ is also included. The last item in this collection is an address to the Stewards of the Methodist Society at Bristol, England.

### Arrangement

Material has been arranged in the following manner. Arranged by record type.

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## Index Terms

### *Subject Name - Corporate*

Methodist Church. Great Britian

### *Subject Topics*

Baptism

Church history-18th century

Sermons

### *Subject Geographic*

England

### *Genre*

Certificates

Correspondence

Diaries

Hymns

Minutes

Notebooks

Speeches

### *Occupations*

Minister



## Container List

Call Number	Folder Title	Date(s)
1080-3-1:1	Notebook	1741-1744
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1080-3-1:3	Sermons	Undated
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