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## Collection Overview

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**CALL NUMBER:** OSB MSS 172

**CREATOR:** Heyworth, Laurence , collector

**TITLE:** Laurence Heyworth collection of English religious manuscripts

**DATES:** 1550–1820

**BULK DATES:** 1650–1710

**PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION:** 8.2 linear feet (73 boxes)

**LANGUAGE:** In English, Latin and French.

**SUMMARY:** The collection consists of 73 volumes, mostly in English, containing sermons, sermon-notes, prayers, religious reflections, tracts, commonplace books, Biblical commentaries, and other religious and theological texts, mostly from the later seventeenth and early eighteenth centuries. Almost half of the volumes include sermons or sermon notes. Most authors are unidentified, but identified authors include John Nicholas, John Henderson, and William Barton. Devotional works include William Chilcot's *Practical Treatise Concerning Evil Thoughts*; an English version of Dominique Bonheur's *Pensées chrétiennes*; and *The Life of Mr. De Marsay and his Wife*, an extensive spiritual autobiography by a Quietist and mystic. Volumes documenting the spiritual and devotional lives of women include *A Comfortable Companion for Afflicted Souls*, being a threefold discourse collected out of Scripture by a woman; the notes of Sarah Meadows on methods of raising devout children, drawn from her own experience as a mother; the commonplace book of Frances Drake; and the spiritual biography of Sarah Kirshaw. There are also several Roman Catholic works, including one by the English Benedictine Augustine Baker, as well as two works documenting the Scottish Church and the Covenanters.

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## Administrative Information

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### Immediate Source of Acquisition

Gift of Laurence Heyworth, 1995-1998.

### Conditions Governing Access

The materials are open for research.

### Conditions Governing Use

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### Preferred Citation

Laurence Heyworth Collection of English Religious Manuscripts. James Marshall and Marie-Louise Osborn Collection, Beinecke Rare Book and Manuscript Library, Yale University.

### Processing Information

This collection was arranged and given a preliminary list when it was received in 1995-1998; that list was revised in 2010. Information in the folder entries may be drawn from the donor acknowledgement list, from dealer descriptions housed with individual volumes, or from the volumes themselves.

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## Scope and Contents

The Laurence Heyworth Collection of English Religious Manuscripts consists of 73 volumes, mostly in English, containing sermons, sermon-notes, prayers, religious reflections, tracts, commonplace books, Biblical commentaries, and other religious and theological texts, mostly from the later seventeenth and early eighteenth centuries.

Almost half of the volumes include sermons or sermon notes. Most authors are unidentified, but identified authors include Joseph Hallett, John Nicholas, Thomas Allen, Andrew Grey, John Henderson, and William Barton. Many sermons in these volumes are annotated with dates and/or place of preaching. Other notable items containing sermons include the volume in Box 27, which includes sermons on the execution of Charles I and the restoration of Charles II, and the volume in Box 49, containing sermons preached at Sidney Sussex College, Cambridge. Information on the Scottish Church and on the Covenanters can be found in Boxes 37 and 44.

Devotional works include John Ingram's *Exposition of ye Catechisme*; an English version of Pietro Matteo Petrucci's *Lettere e trattati spirituali e mistici* (Box 26); William Chilcot's *Practical Treatise Concerning Evil Thoughts* (Box 62); and an English version of Dominique Bonheur's *Pensées chrétiennes* titled *Christian Thoughts for every Day of the Month* (Box 56). There are a number of commonplace books, including several that contain religious and inspirational poetry, including the commonplace books by unidentified authors in Boxes 15 and 41 and the volume in Box 25, which was probably written by a chaplain in the

English Army during the Williamite War. Box 61 contains *The Life of Mr. De Marsay and his Wife*, an extensive spiritual autobiography by a Quietist and mystic.

Several works attest to the post-Reformation survival of English Roman Catholicism, including a 17th century manuscript in Latin containing rules of conduct for monastic life (Box 2); the Latin Rite prayer book on parchment in Box 16, which may have belonged to the recusant Howard family; the *Prayer to the Sacred Virgin Mother Against the Plague* in Box 19; and the copy of a work on the English Benedictine Mission by the Benedictine Augustine Baker (Box 55). Volumes documenting the spiritual and devotional lives of women include *A Comfortable Companion for Afflicted Souls, being a threefold discourse collected out of Scripture by a woman* (Box 12); the notes by Sarah Meadows on methods of raising devout children, drawn from her own experience as a mother (Box 43); the commonplace book of Frances Drake (Box 89); and the spiritual biography *True relation of my sister Sarah Kirshaw her life [and] death. Who dyed at Poppleton neare Yorke. Janr.20.1656. Ano aetatis 21.*

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## Arrangement

The manuscript volumes are organized by their original Heyworth MS numbers or letters; as the library did not receive every item in the Heyworth collection, there are gaps in the numbering and lettering sequences. Unnumbered items are listed in no particular order at the end of the finding aid.

## Collection Contents

b. 1	Untitled manuscript containing sermons Heyworth MS 1	[16--]
b. 2	Untitled manuscript, in Latin, containing rules of conduct for the monastic life [England] Heyworth MS 3  Bound in manuscript waste.	[16--]
b. 3	Untitled manuscript containing religious notes Heyworth MS 4	[16--]
b. 4	Camborne, Robert. Sermons and sermon notes Heyworth MS 5	1636
b. 5	Ingram, John. <i>Exposition of ye Catechisme</i> Heyworth MS 6	1673-1678
b. 6	[ <i>Leicester's commonwealth?</i> ] Heyworth MS 7	1620s
b. 7	Harpur, Henry. Commonplace book containing a collection of moral tales and reflections drawn principally from Sir Thomas More, Sir Walter Raleigh, Jeremy Taylor, and Causinus Heyworth MS 9	1674-1675
b. 8	Untitled manuscript containing prayers, apparently keyed to the Psalms, and other notes Heyworth MS 13	[16--]
b. 9	<i>Lectures at Stroud</i> : volume containing lectures and sermons Heyworth MS 14	1653
b. 10	<i>A Concordance of the Chief Heads of Scripture Common-placed</i> : manuscript volume in several hands Heyworth MS 15	[16--]
b. 11	Untitled manuscript containing meditations on a version of the Roman Catholic mysteries of the Rosary Heyworth MS 16	[16--]
b. 12	<i>A Comfortable Companion for Afflicted Souls, being a threefold discourse collected out of Scripture by a woman</i> : manuscript in a single hand of a religious text partly composed of linked passages from the Bible Heyworth MS 17  Ownership inscription on front flyleaf: Sarah Seawell? her Book	1684?
b. 13	Diary containing entries concerning attendance at services and sermons and the author's spiritual life. Heyworth MS 18	1775 January-October

b. 14	Hallett, Joseph, 1692?-1744. Untitled manuscript containing sermons Heyworth MS 19  Attributed to Hallett in acknowledgement list.	circa 1720?
b. 15	Untitled manuscript containing 31 poems, in an unidentified hand Heyworth MS 31  Includes "The Misery of Mankind," "The Advantage of Thinking," "Death," "The Death of Christ," "Heaven," "The World," "Hell," and others.	circa 1700
b. 16	Howard family? prayer book, in an unidentified hand, in Latin Heyworth MS 32  Compilation of prayers for family use, with the Office of Benediction.  On parchment.	1650?
b. 17	Calverley, John. Commonplace book containing selections from <i>Eikon Basilike</i> ; a Latin version of the <i>Carmina Aurea</i> of Pythagoras; and mottoes from Wither's <i>Emblemes</i> , in a single hand, in English, Latin, and Greek Heyworth MS 35	1666
b. 18	Forrester, Archibald. Untitled manuscript containing religious works Heyworth MS 37	1684-1695?
b. 19	<i>Prayer to the Sacred Virgin Mother, called the miraculous prayer against the Plague</i> , [16--] in an unidentified hand Heyworth MS 39	
b. 20	Heereboord, Adrianus, 1614-1661. <i>Collegium Ethicum or Part of Heereboord's Morall Philosophy in English...</i> by Thomas Gleane Esquire. Heyworth MS 40  With a dedicatory epistle to Peter Gleane.  Binding: full black morocco, highly decorated in paneled gilt, with central monograms in red morocco; compartmented spine, also gilt.	1668
b. 21	Diary concerning religion, in French, English and shorthand Heyworth MS 48	circa 1720
b. 22	Campbell, Archibald, d. 1744. <i>Doctrines of a Middle State between Death and Resurrection</i> , printed version, with manuscript additions and corrections by Campbell for a planned third edition : London, W. Taylor Heyworth MS 53	1721
b. 23	<i>True relation of my sister Sarah Kirshaw her life [and] death. Who dyed at Poppleton neare Yorke. Janr.20.1656. Ano aetatis 21</i> , manuscript, corrected, in a single hand Heyworth MS 55	1656

b. 24	Commonplace book containing extensive quotations from Classical authors, in Latin and English. Headings include Poesia, Philosophia, Medicina, and Morbis. Heyworth MS 58  Armorial bookplate of Robert Spearman of Oldacres, Esq. Durham.	1664-1688
b. 25	Commonplace book concerning religion, in English and Latin Heyworth MS 59  Pencil annotation on front pastedown: Possibly kept by a chaplain in Williamite army.	1690
b. 26	Petrucchi, Pietro Matteo, 1636-1701. <i>Some Short, Spiritual &amp; Holy Letters written by Petrucci Bishop Jesi with some Ejaculatory acts of Diverse Virtues, All very helpful to advance one towards perfection</i> , translation into English of Petrucci's <i>Lettere e trattati spirituali e mistici</i> Heyworth MS 63	1690-1700
b. 27	Collection of manuscript sermons and lectures. Includes a sermon on the anniversary of Charles II's restoration; one on the anniversary of the execution of Charles I; <i>Lectures Upon The Church Catechism</i> ; and <i>Sermons Concerning Prayer</i> Heyworth MS 64	1683 May 29
b. 28	Dyke, W?. Autograph letter, probably addressed to his congregation, concerning religion and fortitude during earthly trials. Dated from Watford Heyworth MS 68	1640? Sep 20
b. 29	Commentary on the New Testament, in a single hand Heyworth MS 69  Ownership inscription on front flyleaf: Liber Jacobi Tayloris, Donum Geo: Brentnall. Oddston, Leicestersh.	circa 1660-1675
b. 30	<i>De Votis</i> , manuscript devotional pamphlet containing sections headed "The Vows" and "Brief considerations upon ye vows" Heyworth MS 70	[16--]
b. 31	Untitled collection of eleven sermons, including three on The Passion and six on the Resurrection Heyworth MS 71	undated
b. 32	Untitled collection of sermons Heyworth MS 72	circa 1720
b. 33	Untitled collection of twenty sermons Heyworth MS 73	1669
b. 34	Untitled collection of prayers, devotions, and sermons Heyworth MS 77	[17--]
b. 35	Nicholas, John. Seven sermons : Salisbury Heyworth MS 78	1700-1708
b. 36	Allen, Thomas, 1603-1673. Two sermons Heyworth MS 83	1667



b. 37	<a href="#">Untitled collection of sermons relating to the Scottish Church : [Scotland]</a> Heyworth MS 84  Includes two sermons by Andrew Gray, two sermons by Samuel Rutherford, and an incomplete breviary.	circa 1679
b. 38	Untitled collection of sermons Heyworth MS 86	[165-]
b. 39	Untitled collection of sermons, with an unidentified family genealogy Heyworth MS 87	[165-]
b. 40	Commonplace book containing copies of poems by Addison, Goldsmith, Pope, and others Heyworth MS 89	[175-]
b. 41	Commonplace book containing copies of poems by Pope and others; a collection of prayers; and medical recipes and accounts Heyworth MS 90	1734
b. 42	<i>Annotations Upon the Holy Bible</i> , printed version (2nd volume, Psalms to Apocrypha, pages 321-740), with manuscript annotations Heyworth MS 91	circa 1651
b. 43	Meadows, Sarah, 1654-1688. Manuscript copy of her notes on raising devout children, in the hand of her husband Thomas Meadows Heyworth MS 92	1687
b. 44	Henderson, John. Untitled collection of Scottish sermons and testimonies by Covenanters Heyworth MS 93	circa 1690
b. 45	<i>Collection of sermons taken out of ye Manuscripts of ye Revd. Mr. John Wooddeson. M. A. Late Rector of Radnage Bucks</i> Heyworth MS 94	circa 1681
b. 46	Untitled collection of sermons : Somerset, Gloucestershire Heyworth MS 95	1688-1707
b. 47	Untitled collection of sermons, notes, and reflections Heyworth MS 96	circa 1684
b. 48	Untitled collection of sermons, with an index : St. Mary's Church, Beverley Heyworth MS 97	circa 1670-1690
b. 49	Untitled collection of sermons, texts, and records of assistance : Sidney Sussex College, Cambridge Heyworth MS 98	1699-1700
b. 50	Untitled collection of sermons Heyworth MS 99  Ownership inscription on front pastedown: William Valentine, Whixley Vicarage	circa 1680

b. 51	Commonplace book kept by an Anglican reader, with headings in Latin and authorities cited in the margin Heyworth MS A	[16--]
b. 52	Untitled collection of sermons and religious texts : [England] Heyworth MS B  Includes <i>An Exposition of the Assemblies Catechisme, by Mr. Nehemiah Beaton, Minister of the Gospel, at Lugarshale in Sussex</i> and copies of letters between G. Nicholetts, Richard Robbins, and others.	[16--]
b. 53	<i>Discourse on the Lord's Prayer</i> , in several secretary hands, probably during the reign of James I Heyworth MS C	circa 1605-1625
b. 54	Untitled collection of sermons Heyworth MS D	1687 and after
b. 55	Baker, Augustine, 1575-1641. <i>Introduction or preparative to a Treatise of the English Benedictin Mission. By the Venerable Father Baker</i> : manuscript copy, in a single hand Heyworth MS E  Inscription on title page: Geo. Fairfax. 1734	1734
b. 56	<i>Christian Thoughts for every Day of the month</i> Heyworth MS F  Translation of Dominique Bonhour, <i>Pensées chrétiennes pour tous les jours du mois</i>	circa 1720?
b. 57	Barton, William, 1598?-1678. Notes for sermons Heyworth MS G	circa 1659
b. 58	Drake, Frances. Commonplace book containing religious notes, reflections, and verses Heyworth MS H	1689
b. 59	Untitled collection of preparatory prayers and notes on texts from Scripture, in Latin and English Heyworth MS I	1620s
b. 60	<i>Manuscripts. sermons. 1618</i> Heyworth MS K  Bound in manuscript waste.  Title from 19th century embroidered case.	1618
b. 61	Marsay, Charles Hector de Saint George, marquis de, 1688-1753. <i>The Life of Mr. De Marsay and his Wife, Described by Himself</i>  Contemporary manuscript copy of the autobiography of Charles Hector de Saint George, Marquis de Marsay, and his wife, the Lady Clara Elizabeth de Callenberg	circa 1750-1770
b. 62	Chilcot, William, 1663 or 4-1711. <i>Practical Treatise concerning Evil Thoughts</i>	1720 March 16

b. 63	Commonplace book containing philosophical and religious notes in French and English	[175-]
b. 64	Spencer, William. <i>A Serious Search of The Sacred Scriptures</i>	1738 June 23
b. 65	Theological manuscript in Latin	[155-]
b. 66	Commonplace book containing sermon notes and religious notes	1759-1801
b. 67	Religious essays and meditations	[16--]
b. 68	Theological manuscript	circa 1790-1820
b. 69	<i>Praelectiones in Epla ad Romanos. A Decemb.11.1688 ad Octob.17.1693</i>	1688-1693
b. 70	Manuscript fragment with Bible verses	undated
b. 71	<i>The Pattern of Pride and Humility in the Two Prayers of the Pharisee and the Publican</i>	[16--]
b. 72	Raikes, Robert, 1736-1811. Manuscript in his hand of a sermon written in verse by Peter Pennell	1785
b. 73	Sermon on predestination	[16--]

## Selected Search Terms

The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the Library's online catalog. They are grouped by name of person or organization, by subject or location, and by occupation and listed alphabetically therein.

### Subjects

Catechetical sermons -- Early works to 1800  
Catholics -- England -- Early works to 1800  
Christian life -- Early works to 1800  
Conduct of life -- Early works to 1800  
Covenanters -- Early works to 1800  
Devotional literature, English  
Devotional literature, English -- Early works to 1800  
Dissenters, Religious -- England  
English poetry -- 18th century  
English poetry -- Early modern, 1500-1700  
English prose literature -- 18th century  
English prose literature -- Early modern, 1500-1700  
Occasional sermons -- Early works to 1800  
Prayers -- Early works to 1800  
Quietism -- Early works to 1800  
Religious education of children  
Religious literature, English  
Sermons, English -- 17th century  
Sermons, English -- 18th century  
Women authors, English

### Corporate Body

Church of England

### Geographic Names

Great Britain -- Religion  
Great Britain -- Religious life and customs

### Genres / Formats

Commonplace books  
Sermons

### Names

Baker, Augustine, 1575-1641  
Barton, William, 1598?-1678  
Bonheur, Dominique  
Chilcot, William, 1663 or 1664-1711  
Heyworth, Laurence  
Kirshaw, Sarah  
Marsay, Charles Hector de Saint George, marquis de, 1688-1753  
Meadows, Sarah, 1654-1688