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CREATOR: Mann, Isaac, 1785-1831, collector

TITLE: Isaac Mann autograph collection

DATES: ca. 1750-1831

PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION: 0.42 linear feet (1 box)

LANGUAGE: English

SUMMARY: The collection consists of 86 documents, mostly letters, gathered by Mann for their signatures. Most of the individuals represented are clergymen or preachers, particularly Baptists, and include Abraham Booth, Christmas Evans, Samuel Kilpin, John Ryland, and Basil Woodd.

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ISAAC MANN, 1785-1831 (COLLECTOR)

Isaac Mann, was born in 1785 and joined the Particular (Reformed) Baptist Church at Bridlington in Yorkshire during the ministry of Robert Harness of Hull. He was the first student admitted to the new Horton Academy in April, 1805. After brief pastorates at Steep Lane, Burslem, and Shipley Baptist churches, Mann returned to Horton as tutor in Classics in 1816. He was named Secretary to the Northern (Baptist) Education Society in 1822, and became pastor at Maze Pond Chapel in London in 1826. Mann died in London in 1831.

Scope and Contents

The [Isaac Mann Autograph Collection](#) consists of letters and documents by religious figures, especially Baptist or Particular Baptist ministers, collected by Isaac Mann, himself a Particular Baptist minister. The collection spans the dates 1750-1849 and the items have been arranged alphabetically by author.

With the exception of a few notes to Mann concerning his search for autograph material, there are no letters to Mann himself in the collection. It does contain letters to and by several influential Baptist missionaries and their supporters, including David Brown, William Bull, William Carey, Christmas Evans, Andrew Fuller, and Samuel Pearce. An 1807 letter by Carey, for example, discusses the sale in England of his Sanskrit grammar and translation of the *Ramayana*. A number of letters are requests for assistance from or comments on the work of the Particular Baptist Fund. One such letter, addressed by Benjamin Tomkins on behalf of the Fund to the Rev. Thomas Linford of Bottsford, requests a "sincere, but also satisfactory" answer to the the Fund's concerns about Linford's teachings on the Moral Law.

There are several letters by Abraham Booth, pastor of Little Prescott-Street church in London, including defenses of his *Glad Tidings to Perishing Sinners, or, the Genuine Gospel a Complete Warrant for the Ungodly to Believe in Jesus* and a comment that American "metaphysical theology" may "issue in doctrinal Arminianism, and practical Antinomianism."

John Ryland (1753-1825), pastor of Broadmead, Bristol, is represented by eight items, including a 1796 letter commenting on Robertson's *Historical Disquisition*, notes on some scripture verses, and a short text in question and answer format on John 6:37 titled "Come and Welcome to Jesus Christ."

One of the few items by a non-Baptist is the earliest item in the collection, a sermon fragment in the hand of the Nonconforming minister Philip Henry (1631-1696). Another is a March 13, 1849 letter by the Rev. James Shore of the Free Church of England, written during his imprisonment at Exeter Gaol for preaching without a license. Addressed to the Rev. John Blackburn, the letter states that Shore is "very happy in his cell" and expresses his hope for the "entire liberation of religion from secular influence."

Other material includes an undated sermon fragment in the hand of Philip Henry (1631-1696); the deathbed letter of the Rev. Joseph Stennett to his parishioners; a letter by the Rev. Alexander Waugh discussing his own early religious exercises; and an incomplete notebook of "Poems on Several Occasions" and "Juvenilia," with notes on metrics, by Thomas Gibbons.

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Series I: Letters and Documents, 1751–1849

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Arranged alphabetically by author.

BINNEY, THOMAS, 1798-1874		
b. 1, f. 1	ALS to Isaac Mann; [n.p.]	[1831]
b. 1, f. 2	ALS to unnamed recipient; [n.p.] Gives corrections on text of recipient's address.	n.d.
BOOTH, ABRAHAM, 1734-1806		
b. 1, f. 3	ALS to Robert Harness; London Concerns the possibility of Harness's taking the Baptist church in Broseley, Shropshire.	1804 Sep 11
b. 1, f. 4	ALS to John Webster Morris; London Returns a MS of Samuel Hopkins and defends himself against its arguments.	1798 Jun 1
b. 1, f. 5	ALS to Mr. Pudner; Fieldgate Concerns the possible publication of Mr. Rowles's answer to a tract by Joshua Toulmin.	[1774]
b. 1, f. 6	ALS to John Ryland; London Defends himself against misrepresentations in a MS on justification by Dr. Hopkins and criticizes metaphysical theology of American authors which might lead to Arminianism.	1798 Jul 26
b. 1, f. 7	ALS to Betsey and Mary Wightman; London Sends a parcel of their grandmother's clothes and advises on their department.	1803 Feb 26
b. 1, f. 8	Receipt, signed Receipt for L110.10.5 to Particular Baptist Fund.	1796 Feb 16
BROADFOOT, WILLIAM		
b. 1, f. 9	ALS to Mr. Paxon Encloses some addresses.	[n.y.] Oct 26
BROWN, DAVID, 1763-1812		
b. 1, f. 10	Letter (copy) to Joshua Marshman Asks about progress of translations of Bible into languages of India.	[1803 or later]
BULL, THOMAS PALMER, 1773-1859		
b. 1, f. 11	ALS to John Clayton; Newport Reports that he is unable to admit a recommended student to Newport Pagnell Academy.	1829 Mar 16

BULL, WILLIAM, 1738-1814		
b. 1, f. 12	ALS to John Sutcliff About William Carey's missionary efforts.	1794 Nov 28
CAREY, WILLIAM, 1761-1854		
b. 1, f. 13	Petition to the Managers of the Particular Baptist Fund; Moulton Holograph. Acknowledges receipt of gift and solicits further aid.	1786 May 5
b. 1, f. 14	Petition to the Managers of the Particular Baptist Fund; Moulton Holograph. Petitions for an allowance "for the Purchase of Books necessary for a Minister." With signed recommendation by John Evans and John Ryland.	1786 Jun 29
b. 1, f. 15	Two petitions to the Managers of the Particular Baptist Fund; Leicester Holograph. Acknowledges receipt of a donation and solicits further aid. Also signed by Deacons and members of the Baptist Church in Leicester.	1790 Oct 30-31
b. 1, f. 16	ALS to unnamed recipient; Calcutta Gives instructions for selling the first volume of his Ramayana and Sanskrit grammar, and relates plans for translations of the Bible.	1807 Feb 17
COLLYER, WILLIAM BENGO, 1782-1854		
b. 1, f. 17	ALS to Joseph Maitland; Peckham Concerns votes by proxy.	1828 Apr 28
ERSKINE, JOHN, 1721?-1803		
b. 1, f. 18	2 ALS to John Ryland; Lauriston Sends pamphlets (not present) about American theology.	1801, 1802
b. 1, f. 19	ALS to John Sutcliff; Lauriston Sends pamphlets (not present) about American theology.	1799 Oct 14
EVANS, CHRISTMAS, 1766-1838		
b. 1, f. 20	ALS to William Paxson; Cardiff Reviews his ministry in the last year, his gifts from the Baptist Fund, and his state of health. Followed by an ALS to the Managers of the Particular Baptist Fund, dated 1829 Jan 4, giving a short summary of his faith and soliciting further aid.	1829 Jan 3
b. 1, f. 21	Document, signed, recommending David Thomas Holograph. Also signed by Joseph Harris and Timothy Thomas. Supports effort to gather books to aid ministry in Gower, Glamorganshire.	[1814 or later]
b. 1, f. 22	ALS to unidentified recipient; Llangefni About efforts to get signatures for a petition to Parliament for the protection of the Baptist Mission in India.	1813 Apr 27
FULLER, ANDREW, 1754-1815		

FULLER, ANDREW, 1754-1815 (continued)

b. 1, f. 23	ALS to J. Edwards; Kettering Concerns collections for the Baptist Missionary Society and giving news about William Carey's effort in India.	1814 Nov 21
b. 1, f. 24	ALS to John Sutcliff; Kettering With references to several Baptists and translations of the Bible.	1808 Jan 4
b. 1, f. 25	Memorandum Holograph. Concerning the Baptist Missionary Society. Accompanied by partial minutes of a meeting of the Baptist Missionary Society.	[1814]
GIBBONS, THOMAS, 1720-1785		
b. 1, f. 26	ALS to Mr. Baker; Bunhill Row Letter to a man facing death.	[1750] Dec 30
b. 1, f. 27	[Poems on several occasions] Holograph. Concerning original verses and comments on poetry. Incomplete, lacking leaves of beginning.	[ca. 1744-50]
HALL, ROBERT, 1764-1831		
b. 1, f. 28	ALS to John Webster Morris; [n.p.] Explains why he has abandoned plans for his publication.	1808 Jul 28
HENRY, PHILIP, 1631-1696		
b. 1, f. 29	Sermon notes Holograph fragment.	[17th cent.]
HUNTINGTON, EBENEZER, D. 1821		
b. 1, f. 30	Memorandum Holograph. Endorsed by Isaac Mann.	n.d.
KILPIN, SAMUEL, FL. 1820		
b. 1, f. 31	2 ALS to John Cocks Urges him to preach to a man about to be executed and discusses the cost of building chapels.	[ca. 1815]
b. 1, f. 32	4 ALS to William Paxson Enquires about magazine proofs and mourns the death of a mutual friend.	1817-20
MARSHMAN, JOSHUA, 1768-1837		
b. 1, f. 33	ALS to Joseph Ivimey	1827 Mar 27
MORISON, JOHN, 1791-1859		
b. 1, f. 34	ALS to Rev. Thomas Thomas; Hans Place Declines an invitation to preach.	1833 May 23
b. 1, f. 35	ALS to John Paxson; Hans Place Declines an unstated request.	1836 Jan 23

NOEL, BAPTIST WRIOTHESLEY, 1798-1873		
b. 1, f. 36	2 ALS to unnamed recipients Responds to requests to preach.	1841, n.d.
ORME, WILLIAM, 1787-1830		
b. 1, f. 37	ALS to Isaac Mann; Grove Lane Sends two or three autographs, now missing, of men "who will probably be remembered when the hand which now writes this will be mouldering in the dust."	1826 May 19
OWEN, JOHN 1766-1822		
b. 1, f. 38	ALS to the Rev. John Clayton Asks him to second the resolution of thanks to the Vice President at an upcoming meeting, possibly the British and Foreign Bible Society.	1816 Apr 29
b. 1, f. 39	AL (3d person) to Messrs. Cadell and Davies; Fulham Requests 25 copies of his <i>Travels</i> to be sent to John Bacon, Esq.	[1796] Nov 25
PEARCE, SAMUEL, 1766-1799		
b. 1, f. 40	ALS to Andrew Fuller; Tamerton Sends recommendations for advice to be sent by Baptist Missionary Society to their missionaries. Printed in Fuller's <i>Memoirs ... of Samuel Pearce</i> .	1799 May 2
b. 1, f. 41	ALS to William Steadman; Birmingham Reports the news he has received from William Carey in India on the Baptist Missions.	1795 Mar 20
PIKE, JOHN DEODATUS GREGORY, 1784-1854		
b. 1, f. 42	ALS to unnamed recipient; Derby Concerns the printing of an edition of his <i>Persuasives to early piety</i> being executed by Richard Baynes.	1827 Feb 22
RAFFLES, THOMAS, 1788-1863		
b. 1, f. 43	2 ALS to Isaac Mann; Liverpool Sends the autograph (still present) of Thomas Spencer, "the fifth edition of whose life goes to press ... on Monday," and comments on Mann's autograph collection.	1820, 1831
b. 1, f. 44	ALS to Rev. G. B. Kidd; Liverpool Expresses willingness to conduct service.	1821 Jan 22
b. 1, f. 45	ALS to Rev. Moses Fisher Invitation to dine.	[1824]
REED, ANDREW, 1787-1862.		
b. 1, f. 46	ALS to Isaac Mann Arranges a time for Mann to preach.	1826 Oct 23

RIPPON, JOHN 1751-1836		
b. 1, f. 47	2 ALS to Mr. B. Lepard Concerns the need of a grant from the Particular Baptist Fund for the chapel at Uppenham.	1817, 1823
ROBINSON, THOMAS, 1749-1813		
b. 1, f. 48	ALS to John Ryland; Leicester With notes, possibly for a sermon, by Ryland.	1790 Nov 16
RYLAND, JOHN, 1753-1825		
b. 1, f. 49	ALS to unnamed recipient With comments on Robertson's <i>Historical Disquisitions</i> ... 1791, and accompanied by sermon notes on various scripture passages, 1783 or ca. 1800.	1796 Jun 25
b. 1, f. 50	ALS to Joseph Tyso Concerns efforts to find another church for Mr. Tyso.	[1809 or later]
b. 1, f. 51	ALS to William Burls; [Bristol] Sends Bristol Petitions (now absent) to be placed before Parliament by Richard Davis and Edward Protheroe.	1813 Apr 26
b. 1, f. 52	ALS to the Rev. Mr. Sutcliff Inquires into Sutcliff's activities, with comments on various Baptist divines and articles in the Evangelical Magazine.	1795 Jan 28
b. 1, f. 53	ALS to John Webster Morris Requests back issues of a periodical on Baptist missions and chronicles religious meetings.	[1804 May 30]
b. 1, f. 54	ALS to the Rev. Mr. Wilcocks About a collection for poor ministers, with the money to go to Mr. Cocks of Culstock.	[1821 Jan 19]
b. 1, f. 55	ALS to [John Rippon] Gives his opinion of the case between the Barnstaple Baptist Church and Mr. John's.	[1825 May 10]
b. 1, f. 56	AL to unnamed recipient Letter commends the ministry of Mr. Bradley, Baptist divine. Also signed by John Sharp.	[ca. 1800]
SHALER, THOMAS, FL. 1790		
b. 1, f. 57	Petition to the Managers of the Particular Baptist Fund, signed on behalf of the church at Cardington, Bedford, Cardington Solicits further aid and claims greater need on account of the death of John Howard, who had contributed to the church.	1790 Oct 24
SHORE, JAMES		

SHORE, JAMES (continued)

b. 1, f. 58 ALS to John Blackburn; Exeter 1849 Mar 13
Writes from the Exeter Gaol, where he had been imprisoned for his actions in trying to effect the "liberation of religion from secular influence."

SIMPSON, DAVID, 1745-1799

b. 1, f. 59 Sermon notes [ca. 1790]
Holograph. Endorsed by Simpson's son, David Simpson, and by Isaac Mann.

SIMPSON, ROBERT, 1764-1817

b. 1, f. 60 ALS to John Hirst; Bolton 1789 Oct 26
Responds to queries of Hirst about Baptist meetings in Bolton.

SMITH, JOHN PYE, 1774-1851

b. 1, f. 61 ALS to Thomas Blundell; London 1827 Aug 7
Recommends Mr. Tomkins to the Committee of the Stepney Baptist Academy.

STEARNE, EDWARD, FL. 1827-1838

b. 1, f. 62 ALS to Samuel Davis; Camberwill 1827 Aug 7
Asks Davis if he will preach in Stearne's church the following Sunday.

b. 1, f. 63 ALS to W. Paxson; Fen Court 1838 Aug 8
Letter of introduction.

STENNETT, JOSEPH, 1692-1758

b. 1, f. 64 LS to the Church of Christ meeting in Little Wild Street, London, Bath 1757 Nov 30
Dictated and signed by Joseph Stennett, and written by Samuel Stennett. A farewell letter to his congregation before his death.

STENNETT, JOSEPH, FL. 1808

b. 1, f. 65 ALS to Mr. Clark, Bampton 1808 Mar 25
Answers a query about the Baptist Church in Little Wild Street.

STENNETT, SAMUEL, 1728-1795

b. 1, f. 66 ALS to the Church of Christ meeting in Little Wild Street; Bartholomew Close 1758 May 5
Accepts their call to be minister.

b. 1, f. 67 ALS to Gilbert Pudner; Muswell Hill 1765 Apr 29

STENNETT, SAMUEL, 1780?-1841

b. 1, f. 68 ALS to the Rev. T. Griffin 1829 Nov 7
Applies for support and inquires about a church in which to serve.

THOMAS, JOHN, 1757-1801

THOMAS, JOHN, 1757-1801 (continued)

b. 1, f. 69	ALS to Andrew Fuller Reports to Baptist Missionary Society on his efforts in India.	1796 Sep 2
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b. 1, f. 70	ALS to James Smith, Leominster Gives facts about the career of Joseph Stennett.	1789 Aug 29
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TOMKINS, BENJAMIN, FL. 1798

b. 1, f. 71	Letter (copy) to the Rev. Thomas Linford Inquires on behalf of the Managers of the Particular Baptist Fund whether Linford believes moral law to be the rule of a Christian's moral conduct. Copy by Abraham Booth.	1798 Dec 13
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WAUGH, ALEXANDER, 1754-1827

b. 1, f. 72	ALS to the Rev. James Churchill Regrets that he is unable to preach at Dillon and sends sympathy to Mr. Churchill during his distress.	1817 Oct 18
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b. 1, f. 73	ALS to John Ross Recalls his religious experience as a child. Accompanied by copy in another hand.	1821 Feb 17
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WINSLOW, OCTAVIUS

b. 1, f. 74	ALS to William Paxon Announces a sermon on the American revival.	1831 Dec 6
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WOODD, BASIL, 1760-1831

b. 1, f. 75	ALS to Joseph Ivimey; Paddington Discusses possibility of interdenominational approach to missionary work.	1813 Apr 6
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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.

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Mann, Isaac, 1785-1831, collector
Pearce, Samuel, 1766-1799 -- Autograph
Raffles, Thomas, 1788-1863 -- Autograph
Ryland, John, 1753-1825 -- Autograph
Stennett, Samuel, 1727-1795 -- Autograph
Woodd, Basil, 1760-1831 -- Autograph