

# Guide to the Joseph Bellamy Papers

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**LANGUAGE:** English

**SUMMARY:** The papers consist of correspondence, sermons and manuscripts of Joseph Bellamy, theologian and minister. In 1738 Bellamy became minister of the new parish of Bethlehem, Connecticut, where he remained until his death. He was a disciple of Jonathan Edwards and a prominent advocate of the New Light theology in the Great Awakening. Correspondents include Jonathan Edwards, John Erskine, Samuel Finley, Samuel Hopkins, John Long, William Smith, and Benjamin Trumbull.

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b. box  
f. folder

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## Administrative Information

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### Immediate Source of Acquisition

Gift of Dr. Harold S. Arnold in 1948 and of Mrs. David Bellamy in 1964.

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## Conditions Governing Access

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## Scope and Contents

The papers contain twenty-one items of correspondence, sermons, and manuscripts of Joseph Bellamy, theologian and minister of Bethlehem, Connecticut. He was a disciple of Jonathan Edwards and a prominent advocate of the New Light theology in the Great Awakening. Correspondents include Johnathan Edwards, John Erskine, Samuel Finley, Samuel Hopkins, John Long, William Smith, and Benjamin Trumbull.

The papers came to Yale University in two gifts: from Dr. Harold S. Arnold in 1948 and from Mrs. David Bellamy in 1964. This collection has been filmed. See MICROFILM HM 4.

The researcher should note that the major part of Bellamy's papers is at the Case Memorial Library, Hartford Seminary Foundation, in Hartford, Connecticut.

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## Collection Contents

### Correspondence

b. 1, f. 1reel 1DN	<a href="#">1752, 1754-1755</a>	
b. 1, f. 2reel 1DN	<a href="#">1756, 1758-1759, 1763, 1766</a>	
b. 1, f. 3reel 1DN	<a href="#">1768, 1770-1771</a>	
b. 1, f. 4reel 1DN	<a href="#">1783, 1785, n.d.</a>	
b. 1, f. 5reel 1DN	<a href="#">AMS, sermon, "The Law Our School-Master"</a>	1756 June 8

### Sermons

b. 1, f. 6reel 1DN	<a href="#">1741-1755</a>	
b. 1, f. 7reel 1DN	<a href="#">1756-1764</a>	
b. 1, f. 8reel 1DN	<a href="#">1765-1778</a>	
b. 1, f. 9reel 1DN	<a href="#">1779-1798</a>	
b. 1, f. 10reel 1DN	<a href="#">n.d.</a>	
b. 1, f. 11reel 1DN	<a href="#">Unidentified manuscripts</a>	undated
b. 1, f. 12reel 1DN	<a href="#">Diploma</a>	1768

## **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**

Clergy  
Great Awakening

### **Geographic Names**

Bethlehem (Conn.)  
United States -- History -- Colonial period, ca.  
1600-1775

### **Genres / Formats**

Sermons

### **Names**

Bellamy, Joseph, 1719-1790  
Edwards, Jonathan, 1745-1801  
Erskine, John, 1721-1803  
Finley, Samuel, 1715-1766  
Hopkins, Samuel, 1721-1803  
Long, John  
Smith, William, 1697-1769  
Trumbull, Benjamin, 1735-1820