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## Summary Information

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<b>Repository:</b>	Congregational Library & Archives
<b>Creator:</b>	Woods, Leonard, 1774-1854
<b>Creator:</b>	Woods, Leonard, Jr., 1807-1878
<b>Creator:</b>	Woods, Abigail
<b>Title:</b>	Woods Family Papers, 1796-1896.
<b>ID:</b>	MS1009
<b>Date [inclusive]:</b>	1796-1896
<b>Physical Description:</b>	.75 Cubic Feet (3 boxes)
<b>Language of the Material:</b>	English
<b>Abstract:</b>	<p>Leonard Woods was born in Princeton, Massachusetts and eventually graduated from Harvard in 1796. He was ordained at Second Church of West Newbury, Massachusetts on December 5, 1798; He held onto that position until May 25, 1808 to become Professor of Theology at the Andover seminary and stayed there until his resignation in 1846. Leonard Woods received his Doctor of Divinity from Dartmouth in 1810 and another D.D. soon after from Nassau Hall. He played a role in the Unitarian controversy in 1821. He published lectures in five volumes and wrote a history of the Andover Seminary. He died August 25, 1854, age 81, of heart disease. Leonard was married to Abigail Wheeler with whom he had ten children. His son Leonard Woods Jr. would eventually become a President of Bowdoin College. This collection is composed of letters written by Leonard Woods, his wife Abigail Woods and both their close family and extended family. Also included are at least two published sermons, some manuscript sermons with annotations and family histories.</p>

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## Biographical / Historical

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## Arrangement

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Collection is arranged into six series and each series is arranged chronologically.

**Series 1:** Leonard Woods' Notes and Letters, 1796-1875

**Series 2:** Abigail Woods' Letters, 1808-1867

**Series 3:** Leonard Woods Jr.,'s Letters, 1816-1869

**Series 4:** Extended Woods Family Letters, 1802-1896

**Series 5:** Extended Smith Family Letters, 1807-1882

**Series 6:** Wheeler Family Letters, March 30, 1828-February 19th, 1840

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## Administrative Information

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### Processing Information

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## Related Materials

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The works of Leonard Woods, 10.3.5.35

The life and character of Leonard Woods, 15.4.5287.3

A sermon delivered in the meeting-house of the Second Baptist Church in Boston on the evening of Lord's day, Oct. 28, 1821 at the ordination of the Rev. Alva Woods as a minister of the gospel and a professor in Columbian College in the District of Columbia, 15.0.8 5663 1839

The minister wholly in his work : a sermon at the ordination of Daniel Bates Woods as pastor of Presbyterian church in Springwater, Livingston Co., N.Y., 15.0.8 5663 1839

Leonard Woods : a discourse by Prof. Charles Carroll Everett before Bowdoin College and the Maine Historical Society, Wednesday, July 9, 1879, 20.3.1 WOO

Christ a sympathizing saviour : a sermon preached at the funeral of Mrs. Abby Woods, wife of the Rev. Leonard Woods, D.D., Andover, Mass., Feb. 24, 1846, 15.0.7 5653 WILM-Z

Answer to Dr. Woods' Reply, in a second series of letters addressed to Trinitarians and Calvinists, 16.8.98

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## Controlled Access Headings

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- Manuscript collections.
- Letters.
- Ministers -- United States.
- Family history.
- Correspondence.
- Woods, Leonard, 1774-1854
- Woods, Leonard, Jr., 1807-1878
- Woods, Abigail

## Collection Inventory

### Leonard Woods' Notes and Letters, 1796-1875

Physical Description: 28 Folders

#### Scope and Contents

This series contains the various writings, lectures and letters written by Leonard Woods.

Title/Description	Instances	
Envy Wishes, then Believes: Harvard Commencement Speech, 1796 July 20	box 1	folder 1
Conclusive Argument for the Truth of the Gospel by David Osgood, 1798 December 5	box 1	folder 2
Mr. Woods's Fast Sermons, 1799 April 4	box 1	folder 3
Contrast between Effects of Religion and Effects of Atheism, 1799 July 17	box 1	folder 4
Sermon Notes, 1801-1840	box 3	folder 9
The Mourning Husband, 1806 April 15	box 1	folder 5
Leonard Woods' Letter Extracts, 1807-1846	box 1	folder 6
Leonard Woods to Thomas M. Smith, 1822 October 29	box 1	folder 7
Leonard Woods to Mary Smith, 1831 June 20	box 3	folder 10
Leonard Woods to Mary Smith, 1832 March	box 1	folder 8
Leonard Woods to Thomas Smith and Kids, 1832 March 23	box 1	folder 9
Leonard Woods to Mary Smith, 1833 February 6	box 1	folder 10
Leonard Woods to Mary Smith, 1834 March 29	box 1	folder 11
Leonard Woods to Thomas M. Smith, 1834 September 22	box 3	folder 11
Leonard Woods to Mary Smith, 1835 January 6	box 1	folder 12
Leonard Woods to Grandkids, 1836 July 15	box 1	folder 13
Leonard Woods to Samuel Woods, 1837 October 26	box 1	folder 14
Leonard Woods to Mary Smith, 1838 June 21	box 1	folder 15
Leonard Woods to Mary and Thomas Smith, 1838 July 16	box 1	folder 16
Leonard Woods to Mary Smith, 1839 July 7	box 1	folder 17
Leonard Woods to Samuel Woods, 1839 June 20	box 1	folder 18
Leonard Woods to Mary Woods, 1840 December 6	box 3	folder 12

Leonard Woods to Nathaniel Walker, 1842 August 11	box 1	folder 19
Leonard Woods to Abigail Woods, 1845 October 3	box 1	folder 20
Leonard Woods to Children, 1846 September 6	box 1	folder 21
Leonard Woods to Samuel Woods, 1846-1854	box 1	folder 22
Leonard Woods to Phebe Farrar, 1847 September 5	box 1	folder 23
Recollections of Newbury, Andover, Ashburnham, Fitchburg, Ashby, Malden and Boston, 1875 March	box 1	folder 24

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## Abigail Woods' Letters, 1808-1867

Physical Description: 12 Folders

### Scope and Contents

This series contains letters written by and to Abigail Woods.

Title/Description	Instances	
Mary W. Lowe to Abigail Woods, 1808-1810	box 1	folder 25
Letter to Abigail Woods, 1812 September 12	box 1	folder 26
Thomas Wilder to Abigail Woods, 1826 February 5	box 1	folder 27
Abigail Woods to Children, 1826 April 14	box 1	folder 28
Abigail Woods to Mary Woods, 1829 January 8	box 3	folder 13
Abigail Woods to Thomas M. Smith and Mary Smith, 1831 December 12-13	box 1	folder 29
Abigail Woods to Thomas M. Smith and Children, 1832 October 9	box 1	folder 30
Abigail Woods to Children, 1833 February 15	box 1	folder 31
Abigail and Leonard Woods to Children, 1836 April 10	box 3	folder 14
Abigail and Leonard Woods to Children, 1837 October 3	box 3	folder 15
George Copeland to Abigail Woods, 1867 October 28	box 1	folder 32
Abigail Woods to Thomas M. Smith, 16 October	box 3	folder 16

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## Leonard Woods Jr.,'s Letters, 1816-1869

Physical Description: 7 Folders



**Scope and Contents**

This series contains letters written by Leonard Woods Jr., including a news article from his time at Bowdoin College.

<b>Title/Description</b>	<b>Instances</b>	
Leonard Woods Jr. to Brother, 1816 July 30	box 1	folder 33
Leonard Woods Jr. to Samuel Woods, 1818 January 13	box 1	folder 34
Leonard Woods Jr. to Samuel Woods, 1818 August	box 1	folder 35
Leonard Woods Jr. to Samuel Woods, 1827 August 8	box 1	folder 36
Leonard Woods Jr. to Hannah H. Woods, 1830 May 23	box 1	folder 37
News Story from Bowdoin College, 1860	box 3	folder 17
Leonard Woods Jr. to Brother, 1869 March 9	box 1	folder 38

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**Extended Woods Family Letters, 1802-1896**

Physical Description: 19 Folders

**Scope and Contents**

This series contains letters written by various members of the Woods Family, a history of the family and notes from a family vacation.

<b>Title/Description</b>	<b>Instances</b>	
Letters to Woods Family, 1802-1896	box 1	folder 39
Mary Woods to Siblings, 1808 November	box 1	folder 40
Samuel Woods to Parents, 1808-1854	box 3	folder 18
Lowe To Samuel Woods, 1821 August 15	box 1	folder 41
Joseph Wheeler Woods to Samuel Woods, 1821 October 29	box 1	folder 42
Joseph Wheeler Woods to Samuel Woods, 1822 September 6	box 1	folder 43
Samuel Woods to Wife and Children, 1830-1857	box 1	folder 44
Mary Woods to Parents, 1832-1849	box 1	folder 45
Sarah Woods to Mary Smith, 1833 January 30	box 1	folder 46
Woods' Family Histories, 1834-1896	box 1	folder 47
Sarah Woods to Siblings, 1836 May	box 1	folder 48
Joseph Wheeler Woods to Parents, 1838-1855	box 1	folder 49
Margarette Woods to Abigail Woods, 1839 January 8	box 1	folder 50

Joseph Wheeler Walker to Siblings, 1840-1856	box 1	folder 51
Mary Woods to Brothers, 1849	box 1	folder 52
Joseph Wheeler Woods to Kids, 1855-1877	box 1	folder 53
Woods' Note From Vacation, 1880 April 17	box 1	folder 54
Sophia Woods to Margarette Woods, 1882 January 24	box 1	folder 55
Mary Adams Jewett to Samuel Woods, 1822 November 22	box 1	folder 56

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## Extended Smith Family Letters, 1807-1882

Physical Description: 16 Items (1 volume, 15 folders)

### Scope and Contents

This series contains letter written by various members of the Smith family.

Title/Description	Instances	
John Cotton Smith's Will, 1807	box 1	folder 58
Mary G. W. Smith to Leonard and Abigail Woods, 1815	box 1	folder 59
John Cotton Smith to Parents, 1817-1818	box 1	folder 60
Roland Cotton Smith - Preaching as a Fine Art, 1922	box 2	folder 1
Mary and Thomas Smith to Leonard Woods, Abigail Woods and Mary Smith, 1823-1825	box 2	folder 2
Daniel Smith to Thomas M. Smith, 1826-1830	box 2	folder 3
Thomas M. Smith to Mary G. W. Smith, 1826-1845	box 2	folder 4
Daniel Smith to Sister Abbie, 1831 April 23	box 2	folder 5
Mary G. W. Smith to Thomas M. Smith, 1833-1848	box 2	folder 6
John Cotton Smith to James Smith, 1836 November 17	box 2	folder 7
Thomas M. Smith to Mary G. W. Smith, 1845-1846	box 2	folder 8
Letters Addressed to Harriette Appleton Smith, 1845-1851	box 2	folder 9
John Cotton Smith to Harriette Appleton Smith, 1846-1848	box 3	folder 1
Thomas M. Smith to Children, 1855 April 5	box 3	folder 2
James Appleton to John Cotton Smith, May 12	box 3	folder 3
Samuel Woods to Unknown Recipient, 1882	box 1	folder 57

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**Wheeler Family Letters, March 30, 1828-February 19th, 1840**Physical Description: 3 Folders**Scope and Contents**

This series includes letters written by members of the Wheeler family.

<b>Title/Description</b>	<b>Instances</b>	
Sophia Wheeler Walker to Siblings, 1828 March 30	box 3	folder 4
Clarissa Wheeler to Siblings, 1838 January 13	box 3	folder 5
Clarissa Wheeler to Sophia Walker, 1840 February 19	box 3	folder 6
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Letters from Stanwood Family, 1838-1842	box 3	folder 7
Discourse on Leonard Woods by Professor Charles Carroll Everett, 1879 July 9	box 1	folder 61
Notes and Printed Media, 1887, undated	box 3	folder 8