

**Congregational Library & Archives**  
Collection of John Harrer's papers, 1912-1985.  
RG5248

## Summary

**Creator:**

Congregational Library (Boston, Mass.)  
Harrer, John A.

**Title:** Collection of John Harrer's papers, 1912-1985.

**Dates:** 1912-1985

**Extent:** 1 document case (0.14 cubic feet)

**Collection ID Number:** RG5248

**Language:** English

**Abstract:** Intentional collection about John Harrer, former librarian and archivist at the Congregational Library. Material includes sermons, correspondence, gavel, essays.

## Collection History and Status

**Acquisition Information:** Material collected by the Congregational Library & Archives during or after Harrer's tenure at the library.

**Repository:**

Congregational Library & Archives  
14 Beacon Street  
Boston, MA 02108  
617-523-0470  
<http://www.congregationallibrary.org>

**Processing Information:** Processed by Jessica Steytler, November 2014, using DACS Second Edition.

## Accessing and Using the Collection

**Conditions Governing Access:** This collection is unrestricted and open to the public.

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**Preferred Citation:**

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## Description

**Historical Note:** Rev. John Archibald Harrer was born in Lakewood, New Jersey, in 1894. He attended the College of the City of New York and Union Theological Seminary. Upon graduation, he served several churches in New York State before becoming manager of the Pilgrim Press in Boston in 1943. He served as librarian of the Congregational Library from 1951 until 1963 when he became custodian of the Archives, a position he held until his death in 1985.

While at the Library Rev. Harrer oversaw the acquisition of some 500 books and pamphlets acquired from Union Theological Seminary and took a course from Simmons College in cataloging.

Under his leadership as Librarian, the Library's holdings to over 200,000 books and pamphlets. In 1984 he married Corinne Nordquest, one-time librarian here at the Congregational Library.

**Scope of Collection:** This collection contains correspondence, essays, a sermon, school memorabilia, a tribute to Harrer after his death, and a gavel.

### Further Searches

#### Subject Headings:

Harrer, John A.

Sermons.

Religion - Essays and miscellaneous.

Eliot, John, 1604-1690.

Lent - Essays.

Correspondence.

#### Related Materials:

American Congregational Association records, 1851-2014. (RG4360)

Congregational Christian Historical Society records, 1953-2008. (RG1187)

Photographs (Image Collection – People)

**Arrangement:** Arrangement is alphabetical.

## Contents

	Date	Box 1 /Folder
City of Cambridge tribute to John Harrer	1985	B1/F1
Correspondence, clippings	1922-1977, (gaps)	B1/F2
John Eliot essay, research, correspondence	1978-1979	B1/F3
Lent essay	Undated	B1/F4
Reverend Jose Glover and the Beginnings of the Cambridge Press, 2 copies	1961	B1/F5
School memorabilia	1912, 1916, 1971	B1/F6
Sermon, Peterborough, NH	1978 May 7	B1/F7
Gavel		B1