

**SPIRIT OF THE PILGRIMS (MAGAZINE)**  
**RECORDS, 1826-1831**  
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## HISTORICAL NOTE

The journal the Spirit of the Pilgrims, published in Boston by Pierce & Williams, started in 1828 in answer to a perceived "threat" from Unitarianism. The editor, Enoch Pond, requested articles that explained the orthodox faith as opposed to Unitarianism. The stated purpose of the journal was to promote the truth by explaining and proving the truth and exposing error. He expected the articles to lead to discussions which he called "religious controversy."

Articles solicited for the magazine included, in addition to those addressing religious controversy, essays on doctrines of the Bible, revivals of religion, reviews, Christian benevolence, and remarks on public measures with an impact on religion and morality. The journal was short lived, ceasing publication in 1833. The complete run is available in the Congregational Library.

## SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

The records of the Spirit of the Pilgrims consists of letters to the editor, Enoch Pond, and essays submitted for publication. The correspondence, 1826-1831, is arranged alphabetically by writer in Series A. The majority of letters date from 1831 and concern a pamphlet written by Bernard Whitman questioning the religious orthodoxy in some Massachusetts churches. Many of the letters defend either minister or church, or both. The remaining letters primarily concern other controversies between ministers.

The essays, most of which are anonymous, comprise Series B. Those with known authors are arranged alphabetically. Authors include John Adams Albro, Ebenezer Porter, and John Todd. A list of correspondents and essayists is appended to this document. The topics of these essays cover a range of religious issues.

Series A. Correspondence, 1826-1831. 1 inch.

Series B. Essays, ca. 1831. 2 inches.

DESCRIPTION

Series A. Correspondence, 1826-1831

Folder 1. A-B  
" 2. C-H  
" 3. P-R  
" 4. S

Series B. Essays, ca. 1831

Folder 1-2. Known authors  
" 3-5. Anonymous

CORRESPONDENTS AND ESSAYISTS

Albro, John Adams, 1799-1866 (E)  
Bates, James, 1799-1865  
Bates, Talcott  
Beckwith, George C  
Bennett, Joseph, 1798-1847  
Berry, Washington (E)  
Braman, Milton Palmer, 1799-1882 (E)  
Bull, N  
Church, John  
Dana, Daniel, 1771-1859  
Foot(e), Joseph I -1840  
Hale, E Jr.  
Hale, Enoch, 1753-1837  
Harding, Sewall, 1793-1876  
Henry, Caleb Sprague, 1804-1884  
Hobbs, Ebenezer, Jr.  
Nott, Samuel Jr. (E)  
Packard, Theophilus  
Payson, Phillips, 1795-1856  
Porter, Ebenezer, 1772-1834 (E)  
Price, Ebenezer, 1771-1864 (E)  
Putnam, Rufus A  
Rankin, Andrew, -1862  
Sanford, Enoch, 1795-1890  
Smith, Ethan, -1849  
Smith, Jeremiah  
Southmayd, Daniel, 1802-1837

Stone, Micah, 1770-1852

Stuart, Moses, 1780-1852

Tobey, Alvan

Todd, john, 1800-1873 (E)

Tyler, Joseph D

Wood, Henry (E)