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Sermons of Reverend Peter De LaRoche

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Summary information

Repository:	Dalhousie University Archives
Title:	Sermons of Reverend Peter De LaRoche
Reference code:	MS-2-36, SF Box 16, Folder 8
Date:	[ca. 1771]-[ca. 1781] (date of creation)
Language:	English
Physical description:	2.5 cm of textual records : The volume contains sermons hand-written in ink, unpaginated and loosely bound in glued paper layers. The 1933 cataloguing number from Dalhousie College Library is written on the spine.
Note [generalNote]:	Preferred citation: Sermons of Reverend Peter De LaRoche, MS-2-36, SF Box 16, Folder 8, Dalhousie University Archives, Halifax, Nova Scotia, Canada.

Administrative history / Biographical sketch

Note

Reverend Peter De LaRoche (ca.1752-1795) was a French protestant, educated in Geneva and ordained by the Bishop of London in 1771. He came to Lunenburg as a Society for the Propagation of the Gospel missionary and became the rector of St. John's Church in 1771, at which time he reported that his congregation consisted primarily of English-speaking Germans. In 1773, he founded a school for the French at Lunenburg. He himself studied German, and by 1775 he was able to officiate in three languages. While in Lunenburg he published several sermons and a commentary on the four gospels, which he had printed at his own expense, to be given away to his congregation. He was married ca. 1772 to a woman named Anna (ca.1752-1772), with whom he had three children, including Francklin Bulkley Gould who was baptized on May 27, 1773. The baptism entry indicates that Francklin was the first child in the province inoculated for smallpox.

De LaRoche left Lunenburg ca. 1786 and moved first to Manchester, Nova Scotia and then to Guysborough in 1787, where he passed away in 1795 at age sixty-three.

Custodial history

The records were accessioned by Dalhousie University Archives in 1970. Prior to that, the materials had been donated to Dalhousie College Library in 1933 as part of the Edwards Collection.

Scope and content

Item is one bound volume of hand-written sermons preached in Lunenburg, Nova Scotia ca. 1771-1781.

Notes

Title notes

Physical condition

There is some bleed-through and fading of the ink, particularly on the page edges. The cover is fragile.

Restrictions on access

There are no access restrictions on these materials. All materials are open for research.

Conditions governing use

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Related material

See MS-2-25 (Seven sermons of Reverend William Ellis) for contemporaneous writings from another early Society for the Propagation of the Gospel missionary to Nova Scotia. For additional sermons, see Sermon by Joseph Outram (MS-2-61) and Anonymous German sermon (MS-2-65).

Accruals

Further accruals are not expected.

Other notes

- **Publication status:** Published
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Access points

- Society for the Propagation of the Gospel in Foreign Parts (Great Britain).
- Textual record (documentary form)
- Anglican Church of Canada--Atlantic Provinces (subject)
- Anglican Church of Canada--Nova Scotia--Clergy (subject)

- Clergy (subject)
- Missionaries (subject)
- Notebooks (subject)
- Nova Scotia--History--18th century (subject)
- Personal archives (subject)
- Protestantism (subject)
- Sermons, English--Canada (subject)
- Lunenburg (N.S.) (place)

Bibliography

The gospel of Christ preached to the poor / by Peter Delaroche, missionary. Halifax, [N.S.] : Printed and sold by A. Henry, 1787.

Collection holdings
