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Summary Information

Repository:	Raymond H. Fogler Library Special Collections
Creator:	Feaster, John Newcomer, 1908-1980
Title:	John Newcomer Feaster Papers
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Date [inclusive]:	1934-1981
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Biographical Note

John Newcomer Feaster was born in 1908 in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania and died in 1980. He received his A.B. degree from Bucknell University in 1930, with high honors. He graduated, also with honors, from the Andover-Newton Theological School in 1933. He came to Maine to accept a call to the Kennebunkport parish upon his graduation from theological school. He served there for 7 years and then served as pastor of the Hammond Street Congregational Church in Bangor, Maine for 7 years. He then served as pastor of the North Congregational Church in Portsmouth, New Hampshire starting in 1946. He served there for 27 years and retired in 1973.

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Scope and Contents

The papers of a minister in the Congregational Church. The bulk of the papers are copies of sermons. The rest of the materials are related to his ministry in Bangor, Maine and Portsmouth, New Hampshire. Also included are photographs, a scrapbook, letters, newspaper clippings, a copy of his thesis, and historical topics such as the Civil War and Pilgrims.

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Arrangement

The John Newcomer Feaster Papers came with little organization. The Archivist arranged the collection in five series:

The Personal Papers include a copy of Feaster's thesis as well as condolence letters to his wife, Eleanor, on his death along with memories and tributes. Other miscellaneous files include but are not limited to clippings, and two files on humor and jokes.

The Correspondence and Biographic Notes include correspondence to various personalities and friends. The biographical notes are notes taken by Feaster, although how he used them is not clear.

The Church Papers are papers related to the church beyond his sermons. They include congregation lists and topics like incarnation, Psalms, and Easter as well as files on Protestantism, the faith, practice, and Church order of the Protestant Churches.

The Subject Files display Feaster's wide ranging interests including, but not limited to the Amish, baseball, the Civil War, and various detective and mystery stories.

John Feaster's Sermons are arranged by title, alphabetically and in three boxes comprise the largest portion of the collection.

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