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A NOTE ON THE RESOURCES OF THE LIBRARY OF CONGRESS FOR THE STUDY OF RELIGION IN EARLY AMERICA

All of the world's major religions are extensively documented in the collections of the Library of Congress. Not surprisingly, the religious groups who settled British North America and who survived and prospered in the independent United States are especially well represented in the Library's holdings, as the present exhibit attests.

The Library's General Collections, which contain immense numbers of monographs, journals, and other printed material on religion in early America, are the obvious starting point for any study or exhibit on the subject. Containing, as they do, printed secondary sources, the General Collections furnished far fewer items for this exhibit than did the Library's Special Collections, which hold rich veins of original material, in their respective formats, on religion in general and on religion in early America in particular.

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The Manuscript Division is also a major source for the study of early American religion, although its collections tend to focus more on the public aspect of religion, i.e., church-state relations—than

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