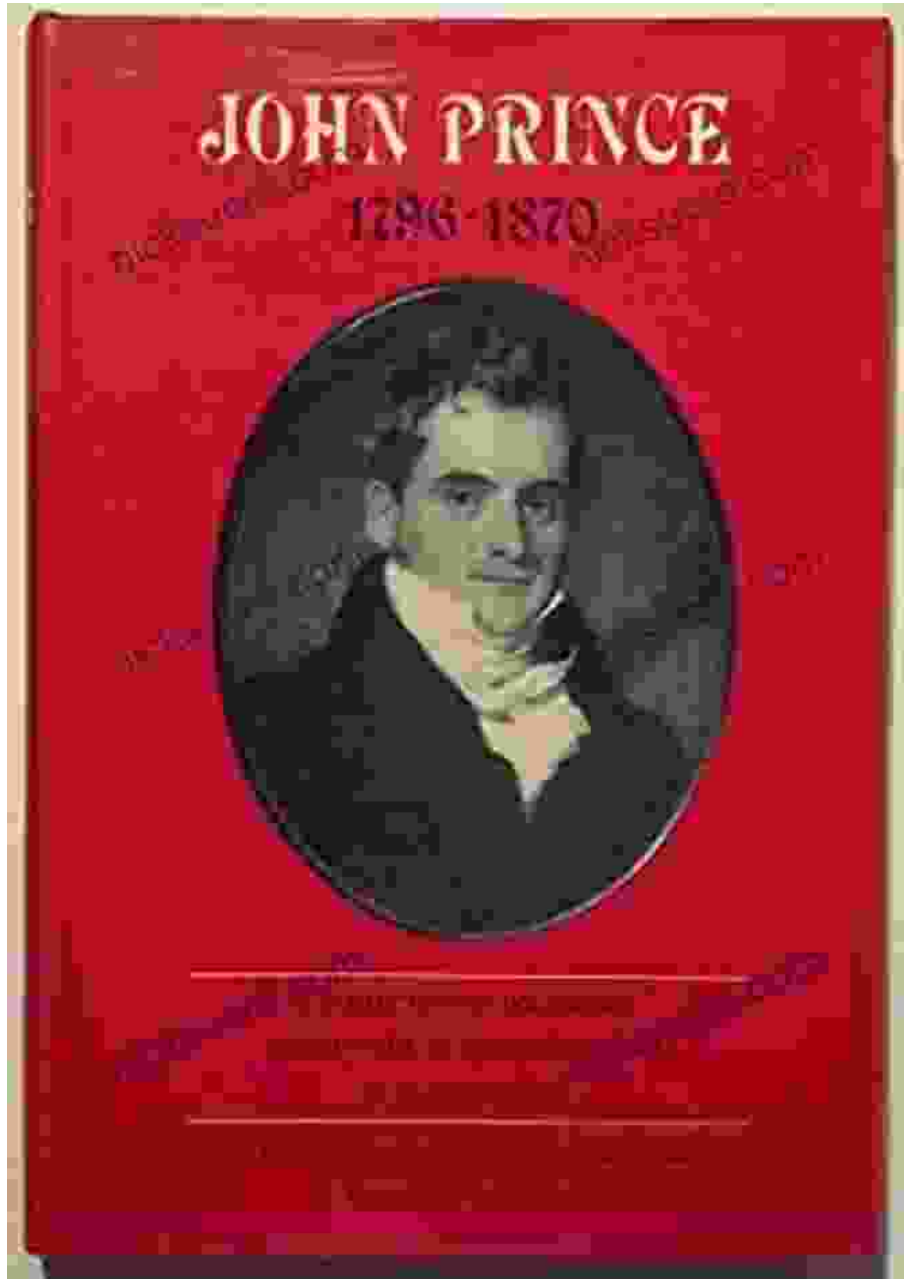


# John Prince (1796-1870) Collection of Documents: A Treasure Trove of New England History



The John Prince Collection of Documents is a vast and invaluable collection of historical documents that shed light on the history of New

England from the early 17th century to the mid-19th century. Compiled by the Reverend John Prince (1796-1870), a Unitarian minister and historian, the collection contains over 40,000 items, including letters, diaries, town records, church records, and other documents.



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### John Prince: Collector and Historian

John Prince was born in Boston in 1796. He graduated from Harvard College in 1815 and was ordained as a Unitarian minister in 1819. Prince served as pastor of the First Church in Salem, Massachusetts, from 1820 to 1833.

During his time in Salem, Prince began collecting historical documents related to the town and its people. He was particularly interested in the history of the witchcraft trials that had taken place in Salem in 1692.

Prince's collection grew rapidly, and by the time he left Salem in 1833, he had amassed over 10,000 items.

## **The Collection**

The John Prince Collection of Documents is divided into four main parts:

\* **The Salem Collection:** This collection contains over 10,000 items related to the history of Salem, Massachusetts. It includes records of the witchcraft trials, town records, church records, and other documents. \* **The New England Collection:** This collection contains over 20,000 items related to the history of New England. It includes letters, diaries, town records, and other documents. \* **The Manuscript Collection:** This collection contains over 5,000 manuscripts, including sermons, poems, and other writings. \* **The Printed Collection:** This collection contains over 5,000 printed items, including books, pamphlets, and newspapers.

## **Highlights of the Collection**

The John Prince Collection of Documents contains many unique and valuable items, including:

\* **The Salem Witchcraft Trials Records:** The collection includes over 100 documents related to the Salem witchcraft trials, including the indictments, depositions, and trial transcripts. \* **The Diary of Samuel Sewall:** Sewall was a prominent Puritan judge who served on the court that convicted the Salem witches. His diary provides a firsthand account of the trials and the events that led up to them. \* **The Letters of Cotton Mather:** Mather was a Puritan minister who played a leading role in the Salem witchcraft trials. The collection includes over 100 letters written by Mather, including his account of the trials. \* **The Records of the Town of Boston:** The

collection includes over 1,000 documents related to the history of Boston, Massachusetts. These documents provide a wealth of information about the town's early history, its government, and its people.

## Importance of the Collection

The John Prince Collection of Documents is an invaluable resource for historians studying the history of New England. The collection provides a wealth of information about the region's early history, its social and political development, and its people. The collection is also a testament to the dedication and hard work of John Prince, a pioneering historian who recognized the importance of preserving the region's past.

## Access to the Collection

The John Prince Collection of Documents is housed at the Boston Public Library. The collection is open to the public for research. Researchers can access the collection by visiting the library's Special Collections department.

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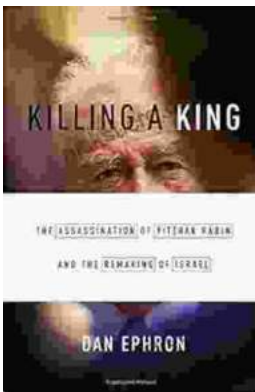
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