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Guide to the

**Samuel Adams papers**

1758-1819

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## Summary

**Creator:** Adams, Samuel, 1745-1819

**Title:** Samuel Adams papers

**Date:** 1758-1819

**Size:** .3 linear feet (1 box); 3 microfilm reels

**Source:** Purchase, 1941

**Abstract:** Samuel Adams (1745-1819) was an American physician who served during the U.S. Revolutionary War. Collection consists of Adams's diary and miscellaneous papers. Diary describes his early life in Connecticut, colonial army service, job as a teacher, study of medicine, practice in Massachusetts and Maine, role as a surgeon in the Continental Army, and tavern keeping, 1792-1796. Diary is particularly significant for details of his medical practice including obstetrical cases. Miscellaneous papers include notes on anatomy, army commissions, commonplace book, and some correspondence.

### Conditions Governing Access:

Researchers must use microfilm.

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## Creator History

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## **Key Terms**

### **Subjects**

Anatomy -- Study and teaching  
Bars (Drinking establishments) -- Massachusetts -- Ipswich  
Medicine -- Practice  
Medicine -- Study and teaching  
Medicine, Military -- United States  
Obstetrics -- Practice

### **Genre/Physical Characteristic**

Diaries  
Military records  
Physicians

### **Occupations**

Teachers

### **Geographic Names**

United States -- Armed Forces  
United States -- History -- Colonial period, ca. 1600-1775  
United States -- History -- Revolution, 1775-1783 -- Medical care

### **Names**

Adams, Samuel, 1745-1819  
United States. Continental Army