

# Oliver Hart sermon

## Descriptive Summary

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## Biographical/Historical Note

Oliver Hart (1723-1795) was born November 5, 1723 in Warminster Township, Bucks County, Pennsylvania. At the annual meeting of the Philadelphia Baptist Association in September of 1749 a letter was read appealing for ministers for the colony of South Carolina. He determined to offer his services and was ordained the following month. On November 13, 1749, he embarked from Philadelphia and arrived at Charleston, South Carolina, on December 2, 1749, the same day the last Baptist minister in the colony was being buried. Hart accepted the pastorate of the Baptist congregation in Charleston on February 16, 1750.

Late in the summer of 1775, Hart, an active patriot, joined a commission sent by the South Carolina Council of Safety to tour the backcountry in an attempt to persuade disaffected residents to join the patriot cause. However, in February 1780, Hart fled Charleston before the invading British forces, never to return. The following October Hart accepted the invitation of the pastorate at the Baptist church in Hopewell, New Jersey, and remained there until his death on December 31, 1795.

Hart was twice married: first to Sarah Brees in 1747 or 1748, and, following her death, to Anne Maria (Sealey) Grimball in 1774. Four children from his first marriage and one by his second lived to adulthood.

[Biographical material excerpted from the South Carolina Library of the University of South Carolina.]

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## Scope and Content Note

This collection contains a sermon, published in Charleston, South Carolina in 1778, by Oliver Hart, entitled, *A Sermon Showing the Unlawfulness, Sinfulness, and Bad Consequences of Balls, Assemblies, and Dances in General*.

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## Index Terms

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## Physical and Technical Access Restrictions

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