

T. H. Gallaudet and Edward Miner Gallaudet Papers
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Collection Summary

Title: T. H. Gallaudet and Edward Miner Gallaudet Papers

Inclusive Dates: 1806-1958

Bulk Dates: 1806-1917

ID No.: MSS21832

Creator: Gallaudet, T. H. (Thomas Hopkins), 1787-1851

Creator: Gallaudet, Edward Miner, 1837-1917

Extent: 2,700 items

Extent: 9 containers plus 1 oversize

Extent: 4 linear feet

Language: Collection material in English

Location: Manuscript Division, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.

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Summary: Educators. Correspondence, diaries, journals, student papers, genealogical information, writings, printed matter, and miscellaneous material relating to the Gallaudets, father and son, and their founding roles in the education of the deaf.

Selected Search Terms

The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the LC Catalog. They are grouped by name of person or organization, by subject or location, and by occupation and listed alphabetically.

People

Boatner, Maxine Tull. Voice of the deaf; a biography of Edward Miner Gallaudet. 1959.

Gallaudet family.

Gallaudet, Edward Miner, 1837-1917. T.H. Gallaudet and Edward Miner Gallaudet papers. 1806-1958.

Gallaudet, T. H. (Thomas Hopkins), 1787-1851.

Organizations

American Asylum, at Hartford, for the Education and Instruction of the Deaf and Dumb.

Columbia Institution for the Deaf (Washington, D.C.)

Gallaudet College.

Yale University--Students.

Subjects

Deaf--Education.

Titles

Edward Miner Gallaudet papers

T.H. Gallaudet papers

Occupations

Educators.

Acquisition Information

The papers of T. H. Gallaudet and Edward Miner Gallaudet, educators, were given to the Library of Congress by Mrs. Edward Dennison Gallaudet and Maxine Tull Boatner, 1954-1959.

Processing History

The papers of T. H. Gallaudet and Edward Miner Gallaudet were arranged and described in 1960. The collection was revised in 2009.

Additional Guides

The Gallaudet Papers were described in the Library of Congress Information Bulletin 13, no. 30 (July 26,1954): 5-7 and Library of Congress Quarterly Journal of Current Acquisitions 17, no. 1 (Nov. 1959): 1-12.

Copyright Status

The status of copyright in the unpublished writings of T. H. Gallaudet and Edward Miner Gallaudet is governed by the Copyright Law of the United States (Title 17, U.S.C.).

Access and Restrictions

The papers of T. H. Gallaudet and Edward Miner Gallaudet are open to research. Researchers are advised to contact the Manuscript Reading Room prior to visiting. Many collections are stored off-site and advance notice is needed to retrieve these items for research use.

Preferred Citation

Researchers wishing to cite this collection should include the following information: Container number, T. H. Gallaudet and Edward Miner Gallaudet, Manuscript Division, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.

Biographical Note

T. H. Gallaudet

Date	Event
1787, Dec. 10	Born, Philadelphia, Pa.
1805	B.A., Yale University, New Haven, Conn.
1808	M.A., Yale University, New Haven, Conn.
1814	Graduated, Andover Theological Seminary, Andover, Mass., and became a minister
circa 1815-1817	Traveled to England and France to learn ways for teaching deaf people; studied with Abbeé Sicard in Paris, where he learned sign language
1817	Helped found and direct American Asylum, at Hartford, for the Education and Instruction of Deaf and Dumb, Hartford, Conn.
1821	Married Sara Fowle
1851, Sept. 10	1851, Sept. 10

Edward Miner Gallaudet

Date	Event
1837, Feb. 5	Born, Hartford, Conn.
1855-1857	Taught at school for the deaf founded by his father in Hartford, Conn.
1856	Graduated, Trinity College, Hartford, Conn.
1857	Principal, Columbia Institution for the Deaf and Blind, Washington, D.C.
1858	Married Jane M. Fessenden (died 1866)
1864-1910	President, Gallaudet University, Washington, D.C.
1868	Married Susan Skinner Denison
1879	Published A Manual of International Law. New York [etc.]: A. S. Barnes & Co.
1880	Delegate to international convention of instructors of the deaf, Milan, Italy
1886	Invited by British government to visit London, England, to testify before a royal commission on the blind, deaf, and dumb

1888 Published Life of Thomas Hopkins Gallaudet, Founder of Deaf-Mute Instruction in America. New
 York: H. Holt and Co.
1917, Sept. 26 Died, Hartford, Conn.

Scope and Content Note

The papers of Thomas Hopkins Gallaudet (1787-1851) and his son, Edward Miner Gallaudet (1837-1917), span the years 1806-1958, with the bulk from 1806 to 1917. The papers of T. H. Gallaudet include correspondence, diaries, student papers from when he attended Yale University, other personal and family material, and documents relating to the American Asylum for the Education and Instruction of Deaf and Dumb in Hartford, Connecticut, which he helped found. The papers of Edward Miner Gallaudet include correspondence and diaries, as well as journals, a memoir, various writings, and documents relating to the Columbia Institution for the Deaf and Gallaudet College in Washington, D.C. Also in the collection are Gallaudet family photographs and papers of Maxine Tull Boatner, biographer of Edward Gallaudet.

Arrangement of the Papers

This collection is organized by name of family member and therein by type of material.

Container List

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