Guide to the George Lincoln Hendrickson Papers

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Collection Overview

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CALL NUMBER: MS 1272

CREATOR: Hendrickson, G. L. (George Lincoln), 1865-1963

TITLE: George Lincoln Hendrickson papers

DATES: 1886–1962

PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION: 1.75 linear feet (5 boxes, 1 folio)

LANGUAGE: English

SUMMARY: Correspondence, writings, notes, minutes, printed material, memorabilia, and photographs, 1886-1962, documenting the personal and professional life of George Lincoln Hendrickson, a classicist, philologist, professor of Latin at several institutions, and chairman of Yale’s Department of Classics. The papers include correspondence, writings, and research materials concerning classical philology, Latin and Latin literature. Correspondents include prominent European and American philologists, classicists and educators such as Franz Cumont, Basil L. Gildersleeve, and Minton Warren. Departmental minutes and correspondence document Hendrickson’s term as chairman of Yale’s Department of Classics, 1912-1919 and 1925-1933. Correspondence with Mikhail I. Rostovtsev and Charles C. Torrey concerning the excavations at Dura Europos, and classical excavation at Yale and other institutions is included.

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Key to the container abbreviations used in the PDF finding aid:
b. box
f. folder
Administrative Information

Immediate Source of Acquisition
Gift of George Lincoln Hendrickson, 1963.

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Related Materials
For further materials by and about Hendrickson, readers should consult the C. - E. A. Winslow Papers, MS Group No. 749; and Faculty of Arts and Sciences: Classics, YRG 14-H.

Biographical / Historical

GEORGE LINCOLN HENDRICKSON, 1865-1963

George Lincoln Hendrickson was born on May 15, 1865, in Winchester, Illinois. He was a classicist, philologist, and educator. He died on December 18, 1963, at the age of ninety-eight.

Hendrickson attended Johns Hopkins University (B.A. 1887) and studied at Bonn and Berlin. He was a professor of classics, specializing in Latin, at several institutions. His longest service was at Yale University, as professor (1908-1933), chairman of the Department of Classics (1912-1919, 1925-1933), lecturer (1933-1938), and professor emeritus (1933-1963). Hendrickson married Marion Vaux in 1897.

Chronological History
1887 received Bachelor of Arts degree from Johns Hopkins University
1888-1889 studied at Bonn and Berlin, Germany
1889-1891, 1889-1896, 1897-1907 professor of Latin, Colorado College, University of Wisconsin, University of Chicago
1897 married Marion Vaux
1908-1909 professor of Latin language and literature, Yale University
1909-1912 Lampson Professor of Latin language and literature, Yale University
1912-1933 Lampson Professor of Latin and Greek literature, Yale University
1912-1919, 1925-1933 chairman, Department of Classics, Yale University
1913-1914, 1919-1920 Acting director, director, American School of Classical Studies in Rome
1921-1922 Sather Professor of classical literature, University of California
1931-1932 lecturer in classical literature, Harvard University
1933-1963 professor emeritus, Yale University
1933-1938 lecturer in classics, Yale University
1933-1948, 1948-1963 fellow, associate fellow of Branford College, Yale University
1936 president, American Philological Association
1963 died December 18

Scope and Contents

This is a collection of correspondence, writings, notes, minutes, printed material, memorabilia, and photographs, 1886-1962, documenting the professional and personal life of George Lincoln Hendrickson, a classicist, philologist, professor of Latin at several institutions, and chairman of Yale’s Department of Classics.

The papers include correspondence, writings, and research materials concerning classical philology, Latin, and Latin literature. Correspondents include prominent European and American philologists, classicists, and educators such as Franz Cumont, Basil L. Gildersleeve, and Minton Warren.

Departmental minutes and correspondence document Hendrickson’s terms as chairman of the Department of Classics at Yale, 1912-1919 and 1925-1933. Correspondence with Mikhail I. Rostovtzeff and Charles C. Torrey concerns the excavations at Dura-Europos; other correspondence concerns classical education at Yale and other institutions.

Additional materials include personal correspondence and memorabilia, and writings and printed matter concerning the Phi Beta Kappa Society at Yale.

The George L. Hendrickson Papers are arranged in four series:


Series I, DEPARTMENTAL PAPERS, consists primarily of records from Hendrickson’s terms as head of the Yale Classics Department. The papers include correspondence relating to faculty appointments and departmental budgets; correspondence concerning Dura-Europos; correspondence with other universities regarding their classics departments and the importance attached to research; papers concerning the publication of the series, Yale Classical Studies. Also included is a volume of minutes of faculty meetings.

Series II, CORRESPONDENCE, contains letters from colleagues, students, friends, and family. The early correspondents, in particular, include many prominent scholars, writing in English, German, French and Italian.

Series III, WRITINGS AND NOTES, is the largest series, and it documents many of Hendrickson’s scholarly research projects, as well as some of his classroom work and personal interests. The major topics are classical philology and text criticism; Latin, including the etymology of the work “syphilis”; Latin literature, especially satire; and the New Testament Gospels. Materials in this series include manuscripts, typescripts, and reprints of articles, lectures, occasional papers, book reviews, and letters to the editor, research materials, and notes.
Series IV, MEMORABILIA AND PHOTOGRAPHS, contains writings of students and colleagues; memorabilia, including Latin statements and Latin Phi Beta Kappa Society speeches by Hendrickson; printed matter, including a bibliography of his writings; and photographs.

Arrangement

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<td>1911–1914, 1918–1919, 1925–1930</td>
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Series II. Correspondence

This series is arranged chronologically. Two folders of Christmas cards, also arranged chronologically, have been separated and placed at the end of the series.

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Series III. Writings and Notes
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### Series IV. Memorabilia and Photographs

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<td>Diplomas, certificates, honorary degrees Folio</td>
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**Selected Search Terms**
The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the Library’s online catalog. They are grouped by name of person or organization, by subject or location, and by occupation and listed alphabetically therein.

**Subjects**
Classical education  
Educators  
Latin literature

**Names**
Cumont, Franz, 1868-1947  
Gildersleeve, Basil L. (Basil Lanneau), 1831-1924  
Hendrickson, G. L. (George Lincoln), 1865-1963  
Rostovtzeff, Michael Ivanovitch, 1870-1952  
Torrey, Charles Cutler, 1863-1956  
Warren, Minton, 1850-1907

**Corporate Bodies**
Yale University -- Faculty  
Yale University. Department of Classics