

# 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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b.      box  
f.      folder

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## Administrative Information

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### Immediate Source of Acquisition

Gift of George Lincoln Hendrickson, 1963.

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### Conditions Governing Access

The collection is open for research.

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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.

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## 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

1865 born May 15, Winchester, Illinois, son of Rev. William A. and Ada M.(French) Hendrickson

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

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## 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:

I. DEPARTMENTAL PAPERS, 1896-1953 II. CORRESPONDENCE, 1886-1962 III. WRITINGS AND NOTES, 1891-1951 IV. MEMORABILIA AND PHOTOGRAPHS, 1894-1959

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 word "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.

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## **Arrangement**

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## Collection Contents

### Series I: Departmental Papers, 1896-1953

This series is arranged by record type, in alphabetical order. Correspondence is arranged in chronological order.

b. 1, f. 1-7	Correspondence	1911-1914, 1918-1919, 1925-1930
b. 2, f. 8	Correspondence	1931-1935, undated
b. 2, f. 9	[Faculty Club?] papers English	1914-1953, undated
b. 2, f. 10	Minutes of faculty meetings	1896-1912

**Series II: Correspondence, 1886-1962**

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

b. 2, f. 11-17	Correspondence	1886-1914, 1920-1961 March
b. 3, f. 18-19	Correspondence	1961 April-1962, undated
b. 3, f. 20-21	Christmas cards	1958-1960



**Series III: Writings and Notes, 1891-1951**

This series is arranged chronologically. Undated materials have been grouped roughly by topic.

b. 3, f. 22-23	1891-1899	1891-1899
b. 3, f. 24	1920-1951	1920-1951
b. 3, f. 25-27	Undated	Undated
b. 4, f. 28-34	Undated	Undated

**Series IV: Memorabilia and Photographs, 1894-1959**

This series is organized by type of material. Each folder is arranged chronologically.

b. 5, f. 35	Writings of others	1896, 1943, 1959, undated
b. 5, f. 36	Phi Beta Kappa Society, Yale College: programs, Latin speeches by GLH	1907, 1915-1942, undated
b. 5, f. 37	Congratulatory statements in Latin, mostly by GLH See also: <a href="#">box 6</a>	1930-1956, undated
b. 5, f. 38	Printed matter	1894-1905, 1922-1936, 1955, undated
b. 5, f. 39	Photographs, calling cards, autographs, postcards	Undated
b. 6	Congratulatory statements in Latin, mostly by GLH Folio	1936-1937, undated
b. 6	Diplomas, certificates, honorary degrees Folio	1887-1933

## **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. Department of Classics  
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