BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE

William Charles Ford Reed was born in Columbia, Pennsylvania, on April 22, 1831 to the Reverend Eliphalet and Mary Throckmorton Reed. His father being a minister of the Methodist Episcopal Church and an itinerant of the Philadelphia Conference, Reed lived in various places during his early years including a family property in Queen Anne County, Maryland.

In 1844 Reed’s parents established their home in Carlisle, Pennsylvania, to facilitate his education at Dickinson College. At age fourteen, he entered the Dickinson Grammar school. Six years later, Reed graduated with the Class of 1851 from Dickinson College. Three years later the College conferred upon him the degree of Master of the Arts.

For some years after his graduation, Reed taught school in different localities, including two years on a plantation in the South, where the students composing his select school were the children of neighboring planters. He also managed his father’s property in Queen Anne County, Maryland. In 1861 he moved with his parents to Mount Joy, Pennsylvania, where, he was married to Valedia Ann McFadden in 1863. Of their five children, three lived to survive him.

After teaching for a number of years at various schools in the area, Reed became Postmaster of Mount Joy, an office that he administered for almost eleven years. For many years he was a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church of Mount Joy, serving as Secretary of the Board of Trustees, and both Secretary and Treasurer of the Board of Stewards. At various times he was Superintendent of the Sunday-school and a licensed exhorter. William Charles Ford Reed lived in retirement from 1888 until his death on March 23, 1907.

Ann Eliza Reed was the older sister of William C. F. Reed. She was educated at the Wesleyan Female Collegiate Institute in Delaware, where she graduated with the Class of 1841. She married a man named Bowes, but little other is known of her life.
The William Charles Ford Reed Collection was donated to the college in 1951 by the sons of William C. F. Reed, Class of 1851. The collection contains some of Reed’s student writings, notebooks, and his complete set of school books. A subsequent donation in 1956 consisted of a few papers and 37 school books belonging to William’s older sister, Ann Reed. The papers of the Reed Collection are housed in one document box, and the books are housed separately, with an appendix attached to the collection inventory. The papers are arranged into three series: Notebooks, Writings, and Miscellaneous. There is one photograph of William Reed that is housed separately in PC 2001.16.

The Notebooks series contains notebooks and copybooks used by William Reed during his years at Dickinson College. They are arranged alphabetically by the name of the course: Classics, English, Mathematics, Modern Languages, Natural Sciences, and Religion. Under each course, the notebooks are listed in rough chronological order. The Writings series contains orations and essays written from William Reed’s sophomore to senior years. They are arranged by date. The Miscellaneous series contains loose mathematical notes, hand-drawn maps, an 1851 Commencement program for Dickinson College, and a folder of papers belonging to Ann Reed. The papers of Ann Reed include a mathematical copybook, a hymn, and a college catalog for the Wesleyan Female Collegiate Institute from which Ann graduated in 1841.

### COLLECTION INVENTORY

**BOX 1 - MC 2001.16**

**NOTEBOOKS**

**Classics**

- Folder 01) Greek Exercise Book, No. 1
- Greek Exercise Book with “Analysis of Keightley’s History of Greece”
- Latin Exercise Book, No. 1
- Folder 02) Latin and Greek Exercise Book
- Latin Exercise Book, No. 3
- “A Translation of Cicero De Senectute”

**English**

- Folder 03) “Analysis of Wayland’s Political Economy”
- Folder 04) “An Analysis of Wayland’s Elements of Moral Science”

**Mathematics**

- Folder 05) “Perspective” with loose notes

**Modern Languages**

- Folder 06) French Exercise Book, no. 1
- French Exercise Book, no. 2/German Exercise Book No. 1
- German Exercise Book, No. 2

**Natural Sciences**

- Folder 07) Notes for Professor Baird’s Zoology lectures, 5vols.
- Folder 08) “Notes to Professor Wentworth’s Lectures,” physics and chemistry

**Religion**

- Folder 09) “A copy of Emory’s Analysis of Butler’s Analogy”
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WRITINGS
Folder 10) July 1848 - “A sketch of Queen Victoria”
May 10, 1849 - “The Orator”
Oct. 13, 1849 - “The love of Country”
Nov. 10, 1849 - “Misery is wed to Guilt”
Folder 11) Feb. 2, 1850 - “Trust not Appearances”
Mar. 2, 1850 - “Government of the Temper”
Mar. 25, 1850 - “Society as it is”
May 4, 1850 - “Government of the Affections”
July 8, 1850 - “Pride of Ancestry”
Folder 12) Nov. 2, 1850 - “Reflection”
Feb. 15, 1851 - “Human Life”
Apr. 5, 1851 - “National Characteristics”
May 10, 1851 - “College Life”
June 26, 1851 - “The Land of the Free”

MISCELLANEOUS
Folder 13) Loose mathematics notes
Maps
Program for Commencement, 1851
Folder 14) Papers of Ann Eliza Reed

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PHOTOGRAPHS
Folder 01) Photo of William Charles Ford Reed, c1900

The collection register was prepared by LeAnn J. Fawver, November 2001.
APPENDIX – Bibliography of Books in the William C. F. Reed Collection, MC 2001.16

The following is a list of the books which formed a majority of the donation of Charles Eliphalet Reed and John C. Reed to Dickinson College. The Bibliography is divided into the school books of Ann Reed, the school books of William Reed, and the books used by William Reed in his career as a school teacher. The bibliographic entry for each book is followed by the call number indicating the physical location of the book within Special Collections.

School Books of Ann E. Reed


Bailey, Ebenezer. *First Lessons in Algebra, Being an Easy Introduction to that Science, designed for the use of academies and common schools*. Boston: Jenks and Palmer, 1839. [SC-Reed 512.07 B154]

Bailey, Ebenezer. *A Key to the First Lessons in Algebra, containing the answers to the questions, with explanations and solutions*. Boston: G. W. Palmer and Company, 1839. [SC-Reed 512.07 B154a]


Burrowes, John F. *The Piano-Forte Primer: containing the rudiments of music*. Baltimore: G. Willig, Jr., 1830. [SC-Reed 786.3 B972]

Comstock, John L. *An Introduction to Mineralogy; adapted to the use of schools, and private students*. New York: Robinson, Pratt, & Co., 1838. [SC-Reed 552 C739]
Comstock, J. L. *Outlines of Geology: intended as a popular treatise on the most interesting parts of the science...* New York: Robinson, Pratt, & Co., 1839. [SC-Reed 550 C739]

Coates, Reynell. *Physiology for Schools.* Philadelphia: Marshall, William and Butler, 1840. [SC-Reed 574.1 C652]

Emerson, Frederick. *Key to the North American Arithmetic, Part Second and Part Third. For the Use of Teachers.* Philadelphia: Hogan and Thompson, 1841. [SC-Reed 513 E53k]


Goodrich, Charles A. *A History of the United States of America, on a plan adapted to the capacity of youths, and designed to aid the memory...* Boston: Carter, Hendee, and Co., 1833. [SC-Reed 973 G654]

Green, Richard W. *The Scholar’s Companion; or, A Guide to the Orthography, Pronunciation and Derivation of the English Language...* Philadelphia: Henry Perkins, 1838. [SC-Reed 421 B988]

Grimshaw, William. *History of England, From the First Invasion by Julius Caesar, to the Accession of William the Fourth, in Eighteen Hundred and Thirty...* Philadelphia: Grigg & Elliot, 1834. [SC-Reed 942.01 G865]


Jones, Thomas P. *New Conversations on Chemistry, Adapted to the Present State of that Science...* Philadelphia: John Grigg, 1836. [SC-Reed 540 J79]

*La Sainte Bible, qui contient le Vieux et le Nouveau Testament.* New York: Société Biblique Americaine par Daniel Fanshaw, 1832. [SC-Reed 220.54 B582.22]


Mair, John. *Mari’s Introduction to Latin Syntax.* A. R. Carson, ed. New York: W. E. Dean, 1840. [SC-Reed 475.2 M228.3]


Perrin, Jean Baptiste. *A Selection of One Hundred of Perrin’s Fables. Accompanied with a Key...* A. Bolmar, ed. Philadelphia: Lea and Blanchard, 1839. [SC-Reed 448.6 P458]


Prettyman, S. *A Lecture on Female Education, Delivered Before the Franklin Lyceum, a Literary Society of the City of Wilmington, Del., January 5th, 1841.* Wilmington, Delaware: Porter and Naff, 1841. [SC-Reed 376 P942]

Smellie, William. *The Philosophy of Natural History.* Boston: Hilliard, Gray, and Company, 1839. [SC-Reed 500 S638.2]


**School Books of William Charles Ford Reed**


Andrews, E. A. *The First Part of Jacobs and Döring’s Latin Reader: Adapted to Andrews and Stoddard’s Latin Grammar*. Boston: Crocker and Brewster, 1844. [SC-Reed 478.6 A566.2]

Anthon, Charles, ed. *A Greek Reader, selected principally from the work of Frederic Jacobs…, with English Notes…*. New York: Harper & Brothers, 1843. [SC-Reed 488 A628]

Arnold, Thomas Kerchever. *A Practical Introduction to Greek Prose Composition*. Boston: James Munroe and Company, 1845. [SC-Reed 488.2 A759]


Bullions, Peter. *The Principles of Greek Grammar; Comprising the Substance of the Most Approved Grammars Extant, for the Use of Colleges and Academies*. New York: Pratt, Woodford & Co., 1844. [SC-Reed 485 B937.2]


Church, Albert E. *Elements of the Differential and Integral Calculus.* New York: Wiley and Putnam, 1842. [SC-Reed 517 C561]


Coffin, James H. *Elements of Conic Sections and Analytical Geometry.* New York: Collins & Brother, 1849. [SC-Reed 516 C675]


Herodotus. *Herodoti Historiarum Libri Novem.* Fridericus Palm, ed. Lipsiae: Caroli Tauchnitii, 1839. [SC-Reed 888.1 H559.8]


Keightley, Thomas. *The History of Greece, to which is added, a Chronological Table of Contemporary History By Joshua Toulmin Smith.* New York: Leavitt, Trow and Company, 1848. [SC-Reed 938 K27]


Olmsted, Denison, ed. *An Introduction to Natural Philosophy; designed as a text book for the use of the students in Yale College*. New York: Collins & Brother, 1849. [SC-Reed 530 O51.2]


Sears, B. *The Ciceronian; or, The Prussian Method of Teaching the Elements of the Latin Language, adapted to the use of American Schools*. Boston: Gould, Kendall & Lincoln, 1844. [SC-Reed 478.2 S439]


Upham, Thomas C. *Elements of Mental Philosophy, abridged.* New York: Harper & Brothers, 1849. [SC-Reed 150 U67.2]


Young, J. R. *The Elements of Mechanics, Comprehending Statics and Dynamics; with a copious collection of mechanical problems.* John D. Williams, ed. Philadelphia: E. H. Butler & Co., 1848. [SC-Reed 531.1 Y73]
Teaching Books of William Charles Ford Reed


Stoddard, John F. *The American Intellectual Arithmetic, designed for the use of schools and academies...* New York: Sheldon & Company, 1860. [SC-Reed 513 S867]