BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE

Thomas W. Troxell was born on April 10, 1874 to James W. and Mary E. (Zacharias) Troxell in Fourpoints, MD. He attended Maryland public schools, as well as Dickinson Preparatory School and Dickinson Seminary. He matriculated at Dickinson College in 1894 and graduated in 1898 with a Ph.B. He subsequently received an M.A. from Dickinson in 1902.

After graduating from Dickinson, Troxell taught at various schools in North Carolina, Maryland, Virginia, and West Virginia. In 1911 he became principal of Gaithersburg High School in Maryland and remained there as principal for 24 years until his retirement in 1935.

On August 11, 1901 Thomas Troxell married Minnie F. Faber of Carlisle, PA. They had one son, William Faber Troxell. Thomas died at home at the age of 73 on November 3, 1947.

Troxell was an active Mason for 45 years, serving as secretary of Pentalpha Lodge No. 194 for 25 years. He received a past master’s degree in 1921 from the same lodge and was buried in Forest Oak Cemetery, Gaithersburg, MD with Masonic honors.

COLLECTION DESCRIPTION

The Thomas W. Troxell Collection contains papers relating to Troxell’s days at Dickinson and as a teacher. This collection was donated by William F. Troxell, Thomas’s son. Due to the small size of the collection it is not arranged into series. It contains three notebooks from classes at Dickinson, one grade and attendance book from one of his early teaching positions, a program from a theatrical event at Dickinson, and a newspaper article regarding the 50th reunion of the Carlisle High School class of 1891, of which Minnie Faber Troxell was a member.
COLLECTION INVENTORY

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Folder 01) Notebook for physiology with Prof. Stephens – c1895
Folder 02) Notebook for physics – c1895
Folder 03) Notebook for spherical trigonometry, with attendance and grades in back – 1895
Folder 04) Grade book – undated
Folder 05) Program for theatrical event hosted by the Junior Class – 1898

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