

Archives and Special Collections

Dickinson College

Carlisle, PA

ARCHIVAL COLLECTION REGISTER

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HISTORICAL NOTE

By 1783, the trustees of the Carlisle Grammar School had begun to discuss the idea of expanding the school into a classical academy. Learning of their plans, prominent Philadelphia physician Benjamin Rush endeavored, with the help of trustee John Montgomery, to advance the idea of a college, not a simple academy. Despite reservations held by some of the trustees, Rush's plan was accepted. Garnering support from such prominent men as John Dickinson and James Wilson, already himself a trustee of the grammar school, the trustees successfully petitioned the Pennsylvania State Assembly for the creation of their proposed "Dickinson College." The charter was granted on September 9, 1783.

The newly founded Dickinson College had been established under the management of the Presbyterian Church. The new trustees embarked upon a massive campaign to secure subscription pledges for donations to the College; men such as William Bingham and Rush traveled to major cities on the east coast and Europe. However, while the Presbyterian Church offered advice on matters such as curriculum and the disciplining of students, it offered the College little in the way of financial support. The lack of a firm financial foundation and a failure to procure sufficient aid through subscriptions caused the College to flounder. Faculty salaries often went unpaid, and in 1816 this situation had caused the faculty, led by President John McKnight, to resign and walk out. The College would not reopen until 1821, but the same financial problems reoccurred shortly thereafter. By 1832, the Presbyterian Church had become completely disinterested in the College, and the Board made provisions to pass the management of the College to the Methodist Church. This development culminated in the resignation of the entire Board of Trustees in 1833, so that a new Board could be elected under the new Methodist guidelines. Therefore, the records of the those first fifty years of the Board of Trustees have been arranged into one archival collection for the period of 1783 to 1833.

SERIES ARRANGEMENT AND DESCRIPTION

The papers of the Board of Trustees of Dickinson College, 1783-1833, include correspondence, reports, financial statements, printed materials, and legal documents, and have been arranged into seven series. Series 1 – Membership contains correspondence regarding membership on the Board of Trustees, as well as a membership list, c1826. Series 2 – Reports of the President consists of reports made to the Board by Presidents Nisbet, Davidson, and How. Materials such as correspondence between trustees, mandamus to the faculty, and committee reports are designated as Series 3 – General Business. Correspondence to and from faculty members, including presidents, is contained in Series 4 – College Personnel. Series 5 – Physical Plant contains land deeds and construction and service bills for the campus buildings. Reports of the treasurer, subscription lists, and other financial materials are contained in Series 6 – Financial Affairs. Finally, Series 7 – Publications contains printed materials such as college catalogues. Items are housed in individual folders unless otherwise indicated; a few items are oversized and are marked as such. A fuller description of each series is given before each series inventory.

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SERIES 1 - MEMBERSHIP DESCRIPTION

Series 1, Membership, is comprised of materials pertaining to membership on the Board of Trustees. The materials are divided into four sub-series: Membership Lists, Acceptances, Declinations, and Resignations. The Membership Lists sub-series contains one list of 37 trustees dated c1826. Acceptances contains signed oaths made by several trustees, as well as a letter of acceptance, while Declinations contains correspondence in which membership on the Board is declined. Finally, the Resignations sub-series includes written letters of resignation for members of the Board, including those of the entire Board just prior to the Methodist takeover in 1833. Within each sub-series, the materials have been arranged chronologically and then alphabetically by name of trustee.

SERIES INVENTORY

Series 1 Membership

1.1 Membership Lists

1.1.1 c1826 – List of 37 trustees

1.2 Acceptances

1.2.1 26 Dec. 1783 – Signed oaths for four trustees

1.2.2 July 1825 – Signed oath for George Lochman

1.2.3 29 Sep. 1831 – Signed oaths for William M. Biddle and Jesse D. Elliott

1.2.4 11 Oct. 1831 – Letter of acceptance from David F. Schaeffer

1.3 Declinations

1.3.1 10 Feb. 1784 – Alexander McClean reports Rev. James Sutton declining election

1.3.2 3 Jan. 1829 – Letter of James Coleman declining election

1.3.3 25 Mar. 1829 – Letter of Thomas Burnside declining election

1.4 Resignations

1.4.1 1787 – John Arndt, James Boyd, Alexander McClean and Christopher Shulze

1.4.2 1827 – Redmond Cunningham, Benjamin Stiles and Edward J. Stiles

1.4.3 1828 – Francis Pringle and John Reed

1.4.4 1829 – John Bannister Gibson and Alexander McClelland

1.4.5 1831 – Samuel Agnew and Richard Rush

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Series 1 Membership (cont.)

1.4 Resignations (cont.)

- 1.4.6 1833 – Samuel Alexander, Calvin Blythe, Andrew Carothers, Robert Cathcart, William C. Chambers, John Creigh, David Denny, John S. Ebaugh, Jesse D. Elliott, James Hamilton, Jacob Hendel, Gabriel Hiester, Benjamin Keller, George Metzger, Isaac B. Parker, John Paxton, Charles B. Penrose, John Thorn, Frederick Watts

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SERIES 2 - REPORTS OF THE PRESIDENT DESCRIPTION

Series 2, Reports of the President, includes the written reports of the president of the College as delivered to the Board of Trustees at the annual meeting. These reports contain assessments of the curriculum, condition of the campus, and financial status of the College; discussions regarding faculty and the discipline of the student body are also included. The majority of the reports contained in this series were written by the College's first president, Charles Nisbet, between 1786 and 1802; also included are two reports by Robert Davidson and one by Samuel How. The reports have been arranged in chronological order.

SERIES INVENTORY

Series 2 Reports of the President

2.1 Reports

- 2.1.1 10 May 1786 – Robert Davidson
- 2.1.2 13 Nov. 1786 – Charles Nisbet
- 2.1.3 6 May 1788 – Charles Nisbet
- 2.1.4 5 June 1789 – Charles Nisbet
- 2.1.5 31 Oct. 1791 – Charles Nisbet
- 2.1.6 19 June 1798 – Charles Nisbet
- 2.1.7 25 Sep. 1799 – Charles Nisbet
- 2.1.8 4 Dec. 1799 – Charles Nisbet
- 2.1.9 18 Nov. 1801 – Charles Nisbet
- 2.1.10 27 Apr. 1802 – Charles Nisbet
- 2.1.11 18 Oct. 1802 – Charles Nisbet
- 2.1.12 10 Apr. 1804 – Robert Davidson
- 2.1.13 27 Sep. 1831 – Samuel Blanchard How

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SERIES 3 - GENERAL BUSINESS DESCRIPTION

Series 3, General Business, contains materials that pertain to the general affairs and issues dealt with by the Board, and is divided into two sub-series: Minutes and Miscellaneous Affairs. The Minutes sub-series contains two bound volumes of the minutes taken at the meetings of the Board; a copy of the College charter is bound in the first volume. Also included is a folder of loose draft copies of those minutes. The Miscellaneous Affairs sub-series is relatively large and contains various types of materials such as trustee committee reports, mandamus to the faculty, recommendations from the faculty, and even Benjamin Rush's "Plan of Education for Dickinson College." However, the majority of this sub-series is comprised of correspondence between members of the Board, through which most of the Board's affairs were conducted. These letters were authored by several members of the Board, although several letters from Benjamin Rush and John Dickinson are present.

The bound volumes of minutes have been housed in the vault with the rest of the bound volumes of trustees minutes, and these have all been arranged chronologically; the folder of loose drafts is housed with the rest of the archival collection. The materials in the Miscellaneous Affairs sub-series have been arranged chronologically. Oversized items have been designated as such and are housed with other oversized items in the archival collection.

SERIES INVENTORY

Series 3 General Business

3.1 Minutes

- 3.1.1 1783-1809 – Bound Volume (vault shelf)
- 3.1.2 1809-1828 – Bound Volume (vault shelf)
- 3.1.3 1784-1817 – Miscellaneous Draft Copies

3.2 Miscellaneous Affairs

- 3.2.1 1783 – Bingham solicitation for British aid to Dickinson College
- 3.2.2 1 Oct. 1784 – Letter of Thomas Duncan to John Dickinson, re: College business
- 3.2.3 c.1785 – Report of committee on the state of the funds
- 3.2.4 16 Jan. 1785 – Letter of Benjamin Rush to John Jay, re: use of federal property
- 3.2.5 28 Apr. 1785 – Letter of German Reformed Church rejecting appeal for aid by Board of Trustees
- 3.2.6 23 May 1785 – Letter of Benjamin Rush to Board of Trustees, re: reception of Nisbet, and other college business
- 3.2.7 30 June 1785 – Letter of Benjamin Rush to John Dickinson, re: Dickinson's gift in honor of Nisbet
- 3.2.8 Aug. 1785 – "Plan of Education for Dickinson College" by Benjamin Rush

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Series 3 General Business (cont.)

3.2 Miscellaneous Affairs (cont.)

- 3.2.9 14 Apr. 1786 – Letter of Benjamin Rush re: legislature’s gift of land and cash, and Nisbet’s resignation
- 3.2.10 4 Dec. 1788 – Letter of Benjamin Rush to Council of PA, re: payment of interest on federal certificates
- 3.2.11 3 Jan. 1789 – Letter of James Snodgrass to Samuel McCoskry, re: inability to collect subscriptions
- 3.2.12 1790 – Letter of Francis Gurney, re: the lottery
- 3.2.13 1791 – “A brief State of the College of Carlisle – for publication...”
- 3.2.14 5 Apr. 1791 – Committee of Accounts order for collection of debts
- 3.2.15 1792-1795 – Appeal for state aid by Board of Trustees
- 3.2.16 2 May 1796 – Letter of Trustees to John Field, re: sale of lands
- 3.2.17 c1797 – Plan and report on examinations
- 3.2.18 20 June 1798 – Extract from minutes, re: resolution for lectures on republican government
- 3.2.19 14 Jan. 1799 – Power of Attorney from Board of Trustees to William Irvine
- 3.2.20 4 Dec. 1799 – Plan to organize the college into two classes
- 3.2.21 8 Oct. 1800 – Nisbet petition to the Board of Trustees, re: curriculum
- 3.2.22 16 Oct. 1800 – Letter of William Irvine to Mr. Kidd, re: sale of lands in Lycoming County
- 3.2.23 20 June 1801 – Letter of John Montgomery, re: sale of lands in Shearman’s Valley
- 3.2.24 28 Apr. 1802 – Faculty recommendations for undergraduate and honorary degrees
- 3.2.25 15 Feb. 1803 – Letter of Committee to Hon. Andrew Gregg seeking public aid to rebuild College
- 3.2.26 1806 – State relief bill for the College
- 3.2.27 7 Dec. 1807 – Power of Attorney from Board of Trustees to Francis Gurney
- 3.2.28 12 Dec. 1807 – Letter of John Montgomery to James Hamilton, re: difficulty in collecting subscriptions
- 3.2.29 1808 – Letters of Benjamin Rush, re: scientific apparatus, and nominations of Samuel Miller and Ashbel Green for presidency of the College
- 3.2.30 20 Mar. 1809 – Letter of Hugh Brackenridge to James Hamilton, re: James L. Hook declines position
- 3.2.31 9 Oct. 1809 – Letter of Andrew Carothers to James Hamilton, re: college business
- 3.2.32 19 Oct. 1810 – Extract from minutes, re: committee for boarding and lodging
- 3.2.33 30 Sep. 1812 – Mandamus to the Faculty (oversized)
- 3.2.34 c1813 – Draft of Rules for Discipline by James Hamilton
- 3.2.35 16 Jun. 1813 – Invitation from students to Hamilton, re: dinner
- 3.2.36 30 Sep. 1813 – Mandamus to the Faculty (oversized)
- 3.2.37 Sep. 1814 – Mandamus to the Faculty (oversized)
- 3.2.38 11 Oct. 1814 – Statement on College prepared for publication by James Hamilton

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Series 3 General Business (cont.)

3.2 Miscellaneous Affairs (cont.)

- 3.2.39 26 Sep. 1816 – Mandamus to the Faculty (oversized)
- 3.2.40 1 June 1820 – Extract from minutes, re: committee to raise funds for revival of College
- 3.2.41 1 Apr. 1821 – Letter of Jonathon Walker to Andrew Carothers, re: revival of the College and suggestions for the presidency
- 3.2.42 30 July 1821 – Letter of Amos Ellmaker to James Hamilton, re: reopening of College, ban on newspapers among the students
- 3.2.43 22 Dec. 1821 – Letter of Alexander Laws Hayes to James Hamilton, re: request information on the College
- 3.2.44 11 Apr. 1822 – Letter of Andrew Carothers to William Clark, re: balance of college loans
- 3.2.45 30 Nov. 1822 – Report of committee to settle or liquidate the accounts
- 3.2.46 4 June 1824 – Letter of James Hamilton to Board of Trustees resigning as Secretary
- 3.2.47 14 July 1824 – Report of presidential search committee re: Dr. William Neill
- 3.2.48 c1826 – Report of the committee to plan for the internal regulation and accommodation of the students in the college edifice
- 3.2.49 3 Mar. 1826 – Letter of Samuel Schmucker to the Board, re: locating the Theological Seminary at Gettysburg
- 3.2.50 25 Sep. 1826 – Report of committee on honorary degrees
- 3.2.51 26 Sep. 1826 – Mandamus to the Faculty
- 3.2.52 28 Sep. 1826 – Report of committee appointed re: influence of the dancing school
- 3.2.53 2 Oct. 1826 – Letter of Henry Vethake to John Gibson, re: new professorship in Chemistry
- 3.2.54 1827 – Reports of committees on student discipline
- 3.2.55 25 Sep. 1827 – Mandamus to the Faculty, re: master's degrees and school janitor
- 3.2.56 2 Nov. 1827 – Letter of E. Doyle to James Hamilton, re: new Board member
- 3.2.57 16 Jan. 1828 – Statement by William Sponsler, re: talk about the College and Trustees in local tavern
- 3.2.58 27 Mar. 1828 – Letter of Edward Ritchie to William Phillips, re: Presbyterian conspiracy to control the Board
- 3.2.59 12 May 1828 – Letter of Richard Rush to Frederick Watts, re: Rush's inability to attend Trustee meetings
- 3.2.60 4 Sep. 1828 – Mandamus to the Faculty
- 3.2.61 8 Jan. 1829 – Report of committee on the memorial of Gen. Gabriel Hiester, re: graduating his son, Augustus
- 3.2.62 28 Jan. 1829 – Letter of Peter Browne to the Board of Trustees, re: student riots and the suspension of his son
- 3.2.63 Aug. 1829 – Report of committee on the state and prospects of the College with refusal to inform the faculty of same

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Series 3 General Business (cont.)

3.2 Miscellaneous Affairs (cont.)

- 3.2.64 Sep.-Oct. 1829 – Offer of presidency to Philip Lindsley and his rejection
- 3.2.65 22 Sep. 1830 – Mandamus to the Faculty (oversized)
- 3.2.66 11 July 1831 – Letter of Samuel McCoskry to Andrew Carothers resigning as Secretary of Board of Trustees
- 3.2.67 Sep.-Oct. 1831 – Report of Samuel How on degrees, with Trustee approval and honorary degree acceptances
- 3.2.68 28 Sep. 1831 – Report of committee to confer with the faculty re: amendment of statutes
- 3.2.69 29 Sep. 1831 – Graduation of Augustus Otto Hiester, M.A.
- 3.2.70 29 Oct. 1831 – Letter of John Moodey to Andrew Carothers, re: inexpensive, quick course of study
- 3.2.71 c1833 – Copy of legislature's resolution to withdraw financial support for College
- 3.2.72 8 Mar. 1833 – Letter of Edwin Dorsey to Andrew Carothers, re: possible Methodist takeover of the College
- 3.2.73 19 Apr. 1833 – Proposal of resignation by the Trustees in the event of a transfer of the College to the Methodist Church
- 3.2.74 7 June 1833 – Extract from minutes, re: transfer of College to Methodist Church

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SERIES 4 - PERSONNEL DESCRIPTION

Series 4, Personnel, contains materials relating to the various personnel of the college, including the presidents, faculty, and non-faculty employees. These materials include correspondence to and from the personnel and the Board regarding the status of positions, salary, disciplinary actions, and other sundry matters. Actual receipts for salaries or other stipends paid are housed within Series 6, Financial Affairs. Also included are miscellaneous materials pertaining to the personnel that do not fit into any other series within the archival collection. Series 4 is divided into two sub-series, Faculty (presidents and professors) and Non-Faculty (stewards, doormen, etc). The materials in both sub-series have been arranged alphabetically by name, and more than one item is housed in the folders.

SERIES INVENTORY

Series 4 Personnel

4.1 Faculty

- 4.1.1 Atwater, Jeremiah
- 4.1.2 Cleveland, Charles Dexter
- 4.1.3 Davidson, Robert
- 4.1.4 Davis, Henry Lyon
- 4.1.5 Dean, M
- 4.1.6 Hayes, John
- 4.1.7 Huston, Charles
- 4.1.8 Mason, John Mitchell
- 4.1.9 McClelland, Alexander
- 4.1.10 McCormick, James
- 4.1.11 Neill, William
- 4.1.12 Nisbet, Charles (includes 1 oversized item)
- 4.1.13 Nulty, Owen
- 4.1.14 Rogers, Henry Darwin
- 4.1.15 Ross, James
- 4.1.16 Scott, James
- 4.1.17 Shepard, Charles Upham
- 4.1.18 Slack, John
- 4.1.19 Spencer, Joseph
- 4.1.20 Stack, Garrett [Gerard?]
- 4.1.21 Thomson, William
- 4.1.22 Vethake, Henry
- 4.1.23 Watts, Frederick

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Series 4 Personnel (cont.)

4.2 Non-Faculty

- 4.2.1 Hamilton, George – services as doorkeeper, 8 May 1788
- Kling, Samuel – charging for student board, 15 Feb. 1826
- Magauran, Edward – boarding students and care of building, 8 Dec. 1810

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SERIES 5 - PHYSICAL PLANT DESCRIPTION

Series 5, Physical Plant, contains materials related to the buildings and grounds associated with Dickinson College. The series is divided into six sub-series: Land Grants and Deeds, “Old College” (1781-1805), “New College” (1793-1803), West College (1803-1804), West College Renovations (1821-1828), and Miscellaneous. Official papers documenting gifts of lands to the College, as well as actual survey maps of College-owned lands are included in the Land Grants and Deeds sub-series. The Miscellaneous sub-series contains documents relating to other facets of the College’s physical plant such as books in the libraries, scientific apparatus, and items in the museum. The remaining sub-series are organized according to the particular College building to which they pertain, starting with the old Grammar School building, deemed “Old College,” which was built in 1781. There are two sub-series for the main campus building, West College, one of which deals with its construction, the other with repairs made to it twenty years later. The sub-series contain mostly bids, contracts, and bills for goods and services rendered during the construction and renovation of the three buildings. One item of note in the West College sub-series is the original plans for the building as designed by renowned architect Benjamin Latrobe. Materials within the sub-series are arranged chronologically. Oversized items have been designated as such and are housed with other oversized items in the archival collection.

SERIES INVENTORY

Series 5 Physical Plant

5.1 Land Grants and Deeds

- 5.1.1 1773 – Quit Claim from Thomas and John Penn for grammar school land (oversized)
- 5.1.2 1786 – Report of committee on locating 10,000 acres of land granted by state legislature
- 5.1.3 1787 – Surveys of lands granted to Dickinson College and Franklin College by the state (oversized)
- 5.1.4 1792 – Draft showing lands in Venango County marked “Dickenson College Lands” (oversized)
- 5.1.5 1799 – Deed from John and Richard Penn for seven acres where West College is now located (oversized)
- 5.1.6 30 May 1803 – Deed from Samuel Miles for land in Northumberland County (oversized)

5.2 “Old College” (1781-1805)

- 5.2.1 1781-1782 – Bill of John Creigh for construction of Old College
- 5.2.2 16 Nov. 1784 – Order for payment to Stephen Duncan for repairs

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Series 5 Physical Plant (cont.)

5.3 “New College” (1793-1803)

- 5.3.1 1793-1798 – Correspondence re: proposed purchase of land and construction
- 5.3.2 24 Nov. 1798 – Bid by John Hunter to supply “stone lime” for the College

5.4 West College (1803-1804)

- 5.4.1 1803 – Correspondence re: Latrobe plan, approval by Board
- 5.4.2 1803 – Latrobe’s plan for West College (oversized)
- 5.4.3 1803 – Bids for goods and services
- 5.4.4 1803 – Contracts for goods and services, including partial list of contractors
- 5.4.5 8 Nov. 1803 – Account with Benjamin Siddons for goods and services
- 5.4.6 19 Dec. 1804 – Bill of James Doniston for poplar wood for cupola

5.5 West College Renovations (1821-1828)

- 5.5.1 1821-1824 – Ledger of committee for repairs of College building
- 5.5.2 1821 – Bids for goods and services
- 5.5.3 27 Oct. 1821 – Contract for flagstone pavement
- 5.5.4 1821 – Bills for goods and services
- 5.5.5 1822 – Bids for goods and services
- 5.5.6 1822 – Bills for goods and services
- 5.5.7 1823 – Bills for goods and services
- 5.5.8 1828 – Bids for goods and services

5.6 Miscellaneous

- 5.6.1 17 July 1786 – List of books sent to Dr. Nisbet, gift to college library
- 5.6.2 1792-1793 – Pledges for return of library books or payment of five dollars
- 5.6.3 25 Dec. 1811 – Letter of Joseph Priestley, Jr. to Thomas Cooper, re: the sale of his father’s scientific apparatus
- 5.6.4 21 May 1814 – Catalogue of scientific apparatus
- 5.6.5 c1820 – Select books belonging to college library
- 5.6.6 c1825 – Catalogue of books in college library
- 5.6.7 1828 – Donations to college library and museum
- 5.6.8 1830 – Catalogue of books in college library
- 5.6.9 c1833 – Rules for the college library, museum, etc.
- 5.6.10 8 June 1833 – Letter of John Paxton to Andrew Carothers, re: care of the “philosophical apparatus”

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SERIES 6 - FINANCIAL AFFAIRS DESCRIPTION

Series 6, Financial Affairs, includes materials dealing with the finances of the College and is divided into four sub-series: Treasurer's Account Books, Reports of the Treasurer, Student Accounts, and General Records. The Treasurer's Account Books sub-series contains several bound ledgers and receipt books kept by the various College treasurers from 1798 to 1833. Reports on the state of the College's financial affairs which were presented to the Board by Treasurers Samuel Laird and Andrew McDowell are contained in the Reports of the Treasurer sub-series. The Student Accounts sub-series includes accounts of tuition due to the College and Grammar School, as well as notices of credits and receipts due to students. Only records of student tuition fees are contained within this archival collection; other documents relating to student finances, such as student accounts with patrons, are housed within Record Group 5/1. Materials within the General Records sub-series include accounts of subscriptions to the College collected by members of the Board, bills for goods and services unrelated to the physical plant, receipts and orders for payments of faculty salaries, and bills sent by the Board to various individuals for services rendered by the College. The documents within each sub-series have been arranged chronologically. Oversized items have been designated as such and are housed with other oversized items in the archival collection.

SERIES INVENTORY

Series 6 Financial Affairs

6.1 Treasurer's Account Books

- 6.1.1 1798-1808 – Ledger of John Montgomery
- 6.1.2 1803-1807 – Ledger of John Montgomery, including subscriptions for “New College,” 1803
- 6.1.3 1803-1808 – Receipt book of John Montgomery
- 6.1.4 1808-1832 – Ledger of George Simpson and Andrew McDowell, including accounts and subscriptions
- 6.1.5 1808-1833 – Daybook of John Miller and Andrew McDowell
- 6.1.6 1808-1833 – Ledger of John Miller and Andrew McDowell

6.2 Reports of the Treasurer

- 6.2.1 7 June 1786 – Report of Samuel Laird
- 6.2.2 24 Oct. 1829 – Report of Andrew McDowell
- 6.2.3 6 May 1830 – Report of Andrew McDowell
- 6.2.4 17 Oct. 1830 – Report of Andrew McDowell
- 6.2.5 28 Sep. 1831 – Report of Andrew McDowell

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Series 6 Financial Affairs (cont.)

6.3 Student Accounts

- 6.3.1 1784-1785 – Account of tuition received for “Mathematical School”
- 6.3.2 1785-1786 – Account of tuition received for Grammar School
- 6.3.3 1785-1797 – “List of Ballances due the Trustees of Dickinson College for Entrance and Tuition” (oversized)
- 6.3.4 9 May 1788 – Bill for tuition for John Young
- 6.3.5 1789-1791 – Account of tuition received
- 6.3.6 13 Feb. 1794 – Credit for one year’s tuition for the son of William Anderson
- 6.3.7 15 June 1797 – Monies due to Board of Trustees for tuition
- 6.3.8 Mar-Sep. 1798 – Bills for tuition for Thomas McConnel
- 6.3.9 26 Sep. 1798 – Receipt to Nathaniel Snowden for tuition of James Harris
- 6.3.10 1821-1837 – Student Accounts Ledger for Dickinson College and Prep School

6.4 General Records

- 6.4.1 1783-1786 – Account of Benjamin Rush with College
- 6.4.2 8 Nov. 1783 – Receipt of John Shallus for engrossing the College Act of Incorporation
- 6.4.3 3 Oct. 1784 – Order for payment for carriage of books
- 6.4.4 1785 – Bills for relocation of Charles Nisbet and family Scotland to Carlisle
- 6.4.5 8 Nov. 1785 – Account of Baltimore subscriptions
- 6.4.6 1786-1787 – Account of Benjamin Rush with College including receipts
- 6.4.7 1786-1789 – Accounts of Stephen Duncan with College
- 6.4.8 20 Feb. 1786 – Order for payment for carriage of books
- 6.4.9 Apr. 1786 – Subscription pledges
- 6.4.10 10 May 1786 – “State of the funds of Dickinson College”
- 6.4.11 10 Oct. 1786 – Order for payment for carriage of books
- 6.4.12 26 Feb. 1787 – Order for payment for carriage of mathematical and other instruments
- 6.4.13 12 Apr. 1787 – Order and receipt of John Miller for Nisbet house rent, with subscription of Robert Miller
- 6.4.14 12 Apr. 1787 – Order for payment of James Scott for library catalogue
- 6.4.15 2 Aug. 1788 – Receipt to James McCormick
- 6.4.16 16 Dec. 1788 – Letter of Robert Cooper to Stephen Duncan, re: subscriptions
- 6.4.17 5 Jan. 1789 – Receipted bill from Kline and Reynolds for services rendered
- 6.4.18 11 Nov. 1789 – Draft of letter to Henry Hill, re: subscription of William Bingham
- 6.4.19 c1790 – Subscription pledges
- 6.4.20 1790 – Accounts of Francis Gurney for City Hall and Dickinson College Lottery
- 6.4.21 1790 – Accounts of Benjamin Rush with College, including list of subscriptions
- 6.4.22 Jan. 1790 – Subscription pledges

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Series 6 Financial Affairs (cont.)

6.4 General Records (cont.)

- 6.4.23 8 Apr. 1790 – Receipt for gift of William Wallace to College, with Mr. Ross’s bill and account for tuition 1786-1790
- 6.4.24 Apr. 1790 – Subscription pledges
- 6.4.25 16 Oct. 1790 – Receipt for lottery ticket
- 6.4.26 10 Nov. 1790 – Order for payment to College
- 6.4.27 21 Sep. 1791 – Order for payment to College
- 6.4.28 19 May 1793 – Order for payment by treasurer to John McCurdy
- 6.4.29 10 May 1797 – Order for payment to College
- 6.4.30 3 June 1797 – Accounts of Samuel Postlethwaite, Treasurer, with College
- 6.4.31 15 June 1797 – “Account of the Funds of Dickinson College”
- 6.4.32 20 June 1797 – Subscriptions due from Philadelphia, Baltimore and Carlisle
- 6.4.33 16 Apr. 1799 – Bill of John Holmes for expense incurred while collecting subscriptions in Baltimore
- 6.4.34 16 Aug. 1799 – Letter of John Montgomery to William Irvine, re: Irvine’s subscription
- 6.4.35 30 Aug. 1800 – Subscription payment by Jacob Whitmore through Samuel Postlethwaite
- 6.4.36 1 Apr. 1801 – Bank draft to John Montgomery for payment Mr. Douglas
- 6.4.37 22 May 1801 – List of certificates belonging to College
- 6.4.38 11 June 1801 – Subscription pledges
- 6.4.39 2 Feb. 1802 – Order for payment to College
- 6.4.40 24 Dec. 1802 – Letter of John Montgomery to unknown, re: dividends due
- 6.4.41 1803 – Page from ledger of John Montgomery
- 6.4.42 16 Mar. 1803 – Subscription pledges
- 6.4.43 14 July 1803 – Receipt of partial payment of state taxes by James Duncan
- 6.4.44 22 Aug. 1804 – Subscription pledges and payments
- 6.4.45 1 July 1805 – Bill of Thomas Biggs for dissecting microscope
- 6.4.46 24 Feb. 1806 – Account of mortgaged College lands
- 6.4.47 1806 – Bank drafts from John Montgomery
- 6.4.48 1808 – Bills and receipts for purchase of scientific equipment and texts
- 6.4.49 28 Nov. 1808 – Receipt for funds to purchase U. S. Bank stock
- 6.4.50 Oct. 1809 – Broadside, “...An Account of the Receipts and Expenditures of the Trustees...from March, 1785, till October, 1809” (oversized)
- 6.4.51 c1811-1812 – Subscription pledges to support lectures by Thomas Cooper
- 6.4.52 Apr. 1817 – Broadside, “...An Account of the Receipts and Expenditures of the Trustees...from March, 1785, till April, 1809” (oversized)
- 6.4.53 1820 – Printed subscription pledge sheet (unused) for reestablishment of College
- 6.4.54 7 July 1821 – Bills for taxes paid on College lands
- 6.4.55 5 Feb. 1824 – Bill of carpenter for stands for reflector, scales and lamp
- 6.4.56 1 May 1827 – Report of the Finance Committee (oversized)

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6.4.57 c1830 – Memo on college balance

6.4.58 c1830 – Printed subscription pledge sheet (unused)

6.4.59 29 Dec. 1832 – Statement on expenditure of annual state grant

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SERIES 7 - PUBLICATIONS DESCRIPTION

Series 7, Publications, contains printed materials produced by the Board for use by the College community, and is divided into three sub-series: Catalogs, Rules and Regulations, and Miscellaneous. The Catalogs sub-series contains the printed listings of the trustees, faculty, graduates, and students of the College. The first of these catalogs was produced in 1810 under the guidance of President Jeremiah Atwater, and two others are written in Latin. The printed Rules and Regulations dictate the academic standards and guidelines of discipline required of members of the College; the earliest of these dates from 1795. Finally, the Miscellaneous sub-series includes various items such as an early engraving of the College, an announcement for the reopening of the College in 1821, a discourse on the actions of the Board from 1821 to 1833 and a reply by Henry Vethake of the faculty, and an announcement of the curriculum, expenses, and rules, etc., of the College. The items within each sub-series have been arranged chronologically. Oversized items have been designated as such and are housed with other oversized items in the archival collection.

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Series 7 Publications

7.1 Catalogs

- 7.1.1 1810 – “A Catalogue of the Trustees, Officers and Graduates of Dickinson College” (4 copies, oversized)
- 7.1.2 Dec. 1811 – “A Catalogue of the Faculty and Students of Dickinson College, Carlisle, December, 1811” (2 copies, oversized)
- 7.1.3 Aug. 1812 – “Catalogue of the Faculty and Students of Dickinson College, Carlisle, Pa., August, 1812” (oversized)
- 7.1.4 1813 – “Catalogus Senatus Academici... in Collegio Dickinsoniensi” (2 copies)
- 7.1.5 1816 – “Catalogus Senatus Academici... in Collegio Dickinsoniensi”
- 7.1.6 1823 – “Catalogue of the Officers and Students of Dickinson College, May, 1823”
- 7.1.7 1828 – “Catalogue of the Officers and Students of Dickinson College, July, 1828”
- 7.1.8 c1832 – “Officers of Dickinson College,” “Graduates of Dickinson College”

7.2 Rules and Regulations

- 7.2.1 26 May 1795 – “Rules and Regulations for the Government of Dickinson College” (2 copies, 1 oversized)
- 7.2.2 c1810 – “Laws of Dickinson College”
- 7.2.3 15 Feb. 1822 – “Statutes of Dickinson College, in Carlisle, Penns’a”
- 7.2.4 1 May 1826 – “Statutes of Dickinson College, in Carlisle, Penns’a”
- 7.2.5 16 Apr. 1830 – “The Statues of Dickinson College”

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7.3 Miscellaneous

- 7.3.1 c1811 – Engraving of “Dickinson College” (West College) as sketched by Alexander Brackenridge, Class of 1809
- 7.3.2 Mar. 1811 – “A Sketch of the Rise, Progress, and Present State of Dickinson College in Carlisle,” from the Port Folio (2 copies, 1 an offprint)
- 7.3.3 12 Oct. 1821 – Printed announcement of the reopening of the College
- 7.3.4 13 Apr. 1830 – Proof of newspaper announcement re: college’s reopening (2 copies)
- 7.3.5 14 Apr. 1830 – “A Narrative of the Proceedings of the Board of Trustees of Dickinson College, from 1821-1830”
- 7.3.6 15 Dec. 1830 – Reply to “A Narrative of the Proceedings....” by Henry Vethake
- 7.3.7 8 Mar. 1831 – Printed announcement of curriculum, expenses, rules, etc. (2 copies)