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Title: **Robert Emory (President, 1845-1848)** **RG 2/3**

Dates: 1845-1848

Material: Papers

Volume: 0.1 linear feet

Usage: There are no access restrictions on these records.

HISTORICAL NOTE

During Emory's presidency he brought, with the approval of the Board of Trustees, several significant advances in policy. He improved the modern language program by introducing the first elective classes into the curriculum, allowing juniors to choose between Greek and German and seniors to choose between Mathematics and French. In addition, the library, laboratory, and museum were all moved together into South College, and classes for both the Grammar School and the College would now be held in the same buildings, with the teaching load being shared among the school and college faculties as well. This innovation would save both space and money, two valuable commodities for the ever-struggling institution. Also under Emory, an old building, North College, was refurbished for use by student artisans. Several needier students were able both to live within the building as well as have a space to ply their trades on the premises. Despite all of these apparently positive changes, however, Emory's presidency would prove to be quite short.

Suffering from chronic health problems, most particularly tuberculosis, Emory attempted to resign from his position in 1847. The Board of Trustees refused to accept his resignation, encouraging him instead to take a leave of absence and granting him permission to do so. He traveled to London to attend the Evangelical Alliance Convention in hopes of regaining his health, but shortly after his return, on May 18, 1848, Robert Emory died in Baltimore.

SERIES ARRANGEMENT AND DESCRIPTION

The records contained in the President Robert Emory record group pertain only to his time and affairs as president of Dickinson College. As such, any papers from Emory's acting presidency during John Price Durbin's sabbatical are not included here, neither are his personal papers, nor his papers as a faculty member. Please see the Robert Emory Personal Papers in the Manuscript Collections for further personal information. The Emory records are housed in one box with RG 2/2 through RG 2/10 and are divided into three series: General Business, Personnel, and External Affairs.

Within the General Business series are the Miscellaneous Affairs: papers generated through the operation of the college. These papers include notes for speeches, correspondence received from various parties, including former president John Price Durbin, and general college business. Records are arranged in chronological order with undated material coming first. All

financial activities and all Church Conference activities are housed separately within the Board of Trustees record group.

The Personnel series is divided into three sub-series: Faculty, Non-faculty and Applications. Only confirmed employees of the college are included within the Faculty and Non-faculty sub-series. The Applications sub-series contains the letters and recommendations of persons seeking employment with the College. In cases where it is unclear whether or not the request for a position was granted, the records remain in the Applications sub-series until their employment status can be confirmed. Records within their sub-series are arranged in alphabetical order by the individuals last name.

External Affairs includes any events taking place outside the school that had an impact on this institution. This series is further divided into Miscellaneous External Affairs, Career Services, and the McClintock Riots. Miscellaneous External Affairs includes requests from various churches for professional assistance, and communications with various Church Conferences that did not involve the Board of Trustees. The Career Services sub-series does not represent an actual college department. It merely refers to a practice of the college in filling positions when notified or requested by various schools/churches. All of the letters included in this section request students for teaching positions, but the ultimate fate of the request is unknown. Any requests in which a specific student could be identified were placed in the student's individual file in RG 5/1. The remaining requests are arranged chronologically within the Career Services sub-series, with undated materials coming first. The McClintock Riots sub-series revolves around the aftermath of the incident and includes letters to the school about the incident, with regards to funding, enrollment, and concerns for the school and its students. These papers are arranged chronologically within their sub-series.

RECORD GROUP INVENTORY

RG 2/3 - ROBERT EMORY (PRESIDENT, 1845-1848)

Series 1 General Business

1.1 Miscellaneous Affairs

- 1.1.1 Undated – Request by Mary M. Crook for college boarders
 - 1846 – Schedule of classes with number of students by class year
 - 19 Jan. 1846 – Letter of John Price Durbin, re: Grammar School teacher
 - Apr. 1846 – Notes for the incoming student address
 - May 1846 – Advertisement of the American Peace Society
 - 15 June 1846 – Letter of John Price Durbin, re: copperplate for college diploma
 - 29 June 1846 – Letter of John Price Durbin, re: his return to Carlisle
- 1.1.2 Nov. 1846 – Advertisement of Otis Broader & Co.
 - 5 Nov. 1846 – Letter of John Price Durbin, re: Emory fundraising speech in Phila.
 - 10 Nov. 1846 – Letter of John Price Durbin, re: plans for fundraising for college
 - 7 Dec. 1846 – Letter of Clyde Williams, re: catalog
 - 1847 – Plan to alter “Wood House” into shops by Robert Emory (North College)
- 1.1.3
 - 4 Jan. 1847 – Letter of Joseph Castle, re: article on college
 - 9 Jan. 1847 – Letter of John O. Guion, re: request of UPS address
 - 9 Jan. 1847 – Letter of H. B. Law, re: book being sent to Emory
 - 27 Jan. 1847 – Letter of James L. Wallace, re: false report on college building fire

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- 1.1.4 1 Feb. 1847 – Letter of R. Shaelay, re: speaking engagement for Emory
- 8 Feb. 1847 – Letter of William McCord, re: speaking at meeting, fundraising
- 12 Mar. 1847 – Letter of P. K. Peirce, re: published sermons
- 1 June 1847 – Letter of E. R. Neitch, re: visit of professors to new church
- 2 June 1847 – Letter of F. Saunders, re: refusal of book proposal
- 1.1.5 14 June 1847 – Letter of G. H. Boulet, re: fencing instruction at college
- 22 June 1847 – Letter of W. H. Allen, re: college business
- 23 June 1847 – Letter of John P. Durbin, re: college business
- 25 June 1847 – Letter of A. F. Dulin, re: iodide of iron for medicinal use
- 30 June 1847 – Letter of A. F. Dulin, re: further medical advice
- 5 July 1847 – Letter of Benjamin Matthias, re: inability to attend commencement
- 13 Aug. 1847 – Letter of George Jenkins, Lafayette College, re: printing college catalogs

Series 2 Personnel

2.1 Faculty

- 2.1.1 Ashmead, Samuel
- Baird, Spencer Fullerton
- Crooks, George Richard, Jr.
- Devinney, James Andrew
- Marshall, James William
- McClintock, John
- Tiffany, Otis Henry

2.2 Non-faculty

- 2.2.1 Bell, Charles
- Jenkins, John
- Keppler, John and Mary
- Roberts, Andrew
- Snow, Daniel J.

2.3 Applicants

- 2.3.1 Bangs, Elijah K.
- Biemend, Adoph
- Blair, James G.
- Bowman, J. S.
- Burritt, Charles Davis
- Fisher, George Purnell
- Phillips, Mrs.
- Simpson, Matthew
- Wilson, William H.

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Series 3 External Affairs

3.1 Miscellaneous External Affairs

- 3.1.1 1 Dec. 1846 – Letter of Edward Everett, re: repeal of ban on importation of books and philosophical apparatus
- 8 Dec. 1846 – Letter of Fielder Israel, re: Board of Managers' action
- 16 Jan. 1847 – Letter of Thomas Myers, re: incorporation of Williamsport church
- 2 Feb. 1847 – Letter of D. Steele, re: invitation to Emory or McClintock to attend church in Hagerstown
- 26 June 1847 – Letter of William Cooper, re: visiting committees and availability of faculty members to preach
- 30 June 1847 – Letter of John Francis Chaplain, re: society actions
- 1 July 1847 – Invitation to meeting of Board of Counselors, Evangelical Alliance

3.2 Career Services

- 3.2.1 20 June 1846 – Letter of David Shields, re: teacher for MD school
- 5 Oct. 1846 – Letter of James Nicols, re: teacher for MD school, requests Mr. Gibbons
- 30 Oct. 1846 – Letter of J. C. Keene, re: teacher for his children, Baltimore, MD
- 27 Nov. 1846 – Letter of James C. Milburn, re: female teacher for girls' school, MD
- 30 Jan. 1847 – Letter of M. L. Forbes, re: teacher for James' Academy, MD
- 16 Feb. 1847 – Letter of J. W. Abrahams, re: teacher
- 6 Aug. 1847 – Letter of T. J. Thompson, re: thank you for recommending teacher

3.3 McClintock Slave Riot, June to July 1847

- 3.3.1 4 June – Resolution from students in support of Professor McClintock
- 4 June – Minutes of meeting to approve resolution of support
- 3.3.2 8 June – Letter of John S. Porter
- 8 June – Letter of W. Spry
- 9 June – Letter of George Fechtig
- 9 June – Letter of Otho Norris
- 11 June – Letter of George Fechtig
- 12 June – Letter of John P. Durbin
- 3.3.3 14 June – Letter of John Bowen
- 14 June – Letter of Owin Rogers
- 15 June – Letter of Benjamin Matthias
- 23 June – Letter of G. Chenoweth
- 1 July – Letter of J. W. Kelley
- 16 July – Letter of Thomas W. Smith