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**Rev. Nathan C. Schaeffer Papers
MS 8**

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Summary Information

Creator

Schaeffer, N. C. (Nathan C.), 1840-1919

Title

Rev. Nathan C. Schaeffer Papers

Dates

1877-1914, 1895-1914 (bulk)

Extent

.25 LF (.5 ms. boxes, oversize materials)

Arrangement

Collection organized into folders corresponding to type of material.

Language of Materials

All materials in English.

Abstract

This collection consist of the personal papers of Rev. Nathan C. Schaeffer. Materials include addresses and lecture notes from 1899 as well as honorary degree certificates received by Schaeffer during his career.

Subjects

Schaeffer, N. C. (Nathan C.), 1840-1919.

Franklin and Marshall College--Alumni and alumnae--Correspondence.

Franklin and Marshall College--Faculty--Correspondence.

Franklin and Marshall College--Trustees--Correspondence.

Administrative Information

Acquisition Information

Source unknown, date of acquisition unknown.

Custodial History (Provenance)

Provenance unknown.

Access Restrictions

Access unrestricted.

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Processing Information

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Accruals

No further accruals are expected.

Additional Information

Related Materials

Additional material of, or, about Nathan Schaeffer available in: Records of Franklin and Marshall College (RG 1-15), Archives and Special Collections, Franklin and Marshall College, Lancaster, PA

Historical/Biographical Information

Nathan Christ Schaeffer (1849-1919), a native of Berks County, graduated in 1867 from Franklin and Marshall College. After attending German Reformed Seminaries in Mercersburg, PA and in Germany, Schaeffer became Professor of Ancient Languages at Franklin and Marshall College in 1875. In 1877 he left F&M to accept the position of Principal at the Keystone State Normal School in Kutztown, PA where he served until 1893. At this time he became the State Superintendent of Public Instruction for the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and served in this capacity until his death in 1919. A respected and renowned advocate of education, Rev. Schaeffer was constantly in demand as a speaker on religious and educational topics as well as a candidate for numerous committee, trustee and public positions. In 1902 he joined the Board of Trustees of Franklin and Marshall College and was offered the position of President but declined. His son John Ahlum Schaeffer later served as President of the College from 1935-1941.

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Inventory/Contents**Box 1**

1/1 Addresses, Lectures, ca. 1899.

Oversize

Honorary Degree given to Nathan C. Schaeffer from Ursinus College, July 1900.

Honorary Degree given to Nathan C. Schaeffer from University of Heidelberg, June 1914.

Honorary Degree given to Nathan C. Schaeffer from Villanova University, June 1901.

Honorary Degree given to Nathan C. Schaeffer from Washington & Jefferson College, October 1902.

Honorary Degree given to Nathan C. Schaeffer from University of Pennsylvania, February 23, 1914.

Honorary Degree given to Nathan C. Schaeffer from Dickinson College, June 1904.

Honorary Degree given to Nathan C. Schaeffer from Occidental University, 1895.

Certificate of Appreciation from students of Franklin and Marshall to NC Schaeffer, n.d. ca. 1877.

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