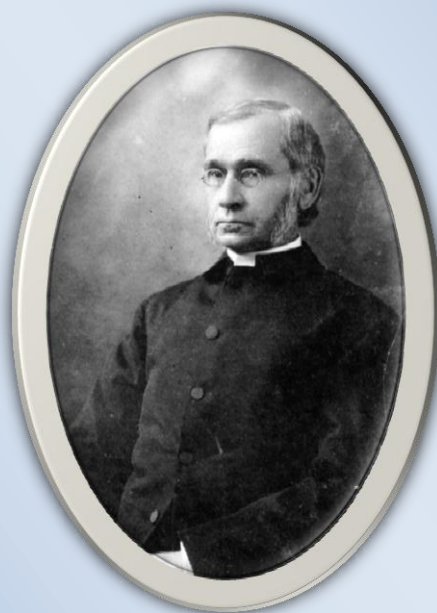


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Artemus W. Sawyer collection

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Scope and Content

The collection consists of personal records for Artemus W. Sawyer.

File list:

1960.001-SAW/1 o/s volume (1905) entitled 'Jubilee of Rev. A. W. Sawyer DD LLD, June 1905'. This book was assembled by Sawyer's admirers (members of the Board of Governors, faculty and alumni) and is a tribute to his services to Acadia University. The book begins with the speech delivered by Rev. E. M. Saunders, and then letters of tribute are attached to the following pages. Also includes two copies of Sawyer's printed response (inserted). At the time, Sawyer was presented with a cheque from admiring contributors of over \$1,303.03.

Biographical Sketch

Artemus Wyman Sawyer, born in Rutland Vermont on March 4th, 1827, was the longest serving President in Acadia University's history (1869 - 1896). He graduated from Dartmouth College in 1847, studied theology at the Newton College, Massachusetts, and was appointed as the Principal of New London Academy in New Hampshire. He was also the recipient of two honorary degrees: a D.D. from Colby University in 1861 and an honorary LL.D. from Acadia University in 1888 (the first conferred by Acadia).

Acadia contacted Sawyer in 1855 and he agreed to accept a position as chair of Classics. He held that position until 1860 at which time he resigned to become pastor at the Baptist Church at Saratoga, New York. In 1869, Sawyer returned to Wolfville and became Acadia University's fourth President. The curriculum underwent many changes and the number of faculty members greatly increased during Sawyer's term as President. Sadly, the first College Hall built by Isaac Chipman was burnt to the ground in 1877; Sawyer, however, built a new \$20,000 College Hall in its place. Even after retiring as President in 1896 he continued teaching at Acadia, as a professor of various subjects, including Classics, Psychology, and Metaphysics.

Sawyer was married in 1858 to Maria E. Chase in Wolfville, N.S. They had five children. He died on August 4, 1907 at Wolfville, NS.

Custodial History

Received, possibly by purchase, from the Book Room Limited of Halifax through the combined efforts of Howard M Bendelier, Harvey E. Crowell, President Watson Kirkconnell, and Librarian Harry Ganong, in May of 1960.

Notes

Supplied title based on contents of fonds.

Records subject to the *Copyright Act*.

Leather-bound volume is in excellent condition. Tributes are glued to pages of the book.

Additional information about the book is included in the accession file.

Additional information about Dr. Sawyer is included in the accession file.

Related records: Portraits of Artemus Sawyer are included in the Acadia Photo Collection as number 553, 991, and 992

See also publications by A.W. Sawyer in the Library's catalogue.

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