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Dickinson College

Carlisle, PA

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Title: **Robert Laurensen Dashiell (President, 1868-1872)** **RG 2/7**

Dates: 1868-1872

Material: Papers

Volume: 0.1 linear feet

Usage: There are no access restrictions on these records.

HISTORICAL NOTE

Robert Laurensen Dashiell attended Dickinson College, graduating in July of 1846 as Salutatorian. He taught in Baltimore for two years, before receiving his master's degree from the college in 1849. From 1848 to 1868, Dashiell served as a member of the Baltimore Conference and then, the Newark Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church. He was named President of Dickinson College in 1868, becoming the first alumnus to hold that position.

Dashiell's term in office is best remembered for the student rebellion of 1870. He resigned as President on June 25, 1872. He was named Corresponding Secretary of the Methodist Episcopal Missionary Society, a position he occupied until his death on March 8, 1880 in Newark, New Jersey.

SERIES ARRANGEMENT AND DESCRIPTION

The records contained in the President Robert Laurensen Dashiell record group pertain only to his time and affairs as president of Dickinson College. As such, no personal papers or papers pertaining to Dashiell's time as a student are included in this record group. For records concerning Dashiell's interactions with students, please refer to RG 5/1. The Dashiell records are housed in one document box with RG 2/2 through RG 2/10 and are arranged into two series: General Business, and Personnel.

The General Business series is comprised of records concerning miscellaneous affairs of college business. The records within this series are arranged chronologically, with undated material housed first. All records concerning college financial affairs and interactions with the church are housed within the Board of Trustees record group.

The Personnel series is divided into two sub-series: Faculty, and Applications. Only confirmed employees of the college are included within the 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.

RECORD GROUP INVENTORY

RG 2/7 - ROBERT LAURENSEN DASHIELL (PRESIDENT, 1868-1872)

Series 1 General Business

1.1 Miscellaneous Affairs

- 1.1.1 undated – Report to the Conference
1868 – "Reception of Dr. Dashiell, President-elect of Dickinson College"
- 1.1.2 17 May 1870 – Circular letter, re: student rebellion
2 Sep. 1870 – Letter of Robert S. Maclay, re: gift of book for the library
17 Aug. 1871 – Letter to E. D. Fendall, re: order of book

Series 2 Personnel

2.1 Faculty

- 2.1.1 Bowman, Shadrach L.
- 2.1.2 Cheston, Henry C.
- 2.1.3 Trickett, William

2.2 Applicants

- 2.2.1 Edwards, W. B.
LaFrance, George