

Richard H. Tucker Papers Lehigh Class of 1879

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OVERVIEW OF THE COLLECTION

Abstract:

This collection includes material from Tucker's days as both a student and a professor at Lehigh University, such as correspondences, newspaper clippings, and a scrapbook. Also includes photographs, certificates and some documents from his time at Lick Observatory, California.

Creator:

Richard H. Tucker

Title:

Richard H. Tucker, Class of 1879

Inclusive Dates:

1875-1894

Quantity/Extent:

3 Boxes, 1.5 linear feet

Language:

Collection materials are in English.

Repository:

Lehigh University, Linderman Library, Special Collections

Historical / Biographical Note:

Richard Hawley Tucker was born in 1859 and graduated from Lehigh in 1879. He was an astronomer at the Lick Observatory in California until his retirement in 1926, and received an honorary Ph.D. from Lehigh in 1922. Tucker died in 1952.

Scope and Contents of the Collection:

The material here includes letters written to his mother while he was a student at Lehigh, grade reports, letters from the President of the University about unexcused absences; term papers; programs of track meets; his grade books when he was an instructor at Lehigh in 1883-1884; newspaper clippings about Lehigh, including extensive coverage of the death of Asa Packer; forms and correspondence about the Alumni Association; and biographical material, including diplomas, and reprints of all the articles he published. Also included are letters from his classmates (James S. Cunningham, C.L. Doolittle, James E. Gilbert, Joseph H. Paddock, and Fitzwilliam Sargent) after graduation, telling of their adventures; and a scrapbook of play programs and lists of performances he saw, 1874 1882.

Arrangement of the Collection:

This collection is arranged according to material's format.

RESTRICTIONS

Access Restrictions:

Collection housed remotely. Users need to contact 24 hours in advance.

Use Restrictions:

Collection is open for research.

Copyright Notice:

Please inquire about copyright information.

SUBJECT HEADINGS / INDEXING TERMS

Personal Names:

Tucker, R. H. (Richard Hawley), 1859-1952.

Packer, Asa, 1805-1879.

Corporate Names:

Lick Observatory.

Lehigh University – Students.

Lehigh University – History.

Lehigh University. Class of 1879.

Lehigh University. Alumni Association.

Place Names:

Bethlehem (Pa.).

Subjects:

Tucker, R. H. (Richard Hawley), 1859-1952.

Astronomy.

College students.

Genre and Forms:

Personal correspondence

Grade reports

Newspaper clippings

Scrapbooks

Occupations:

Astronomers

Students

Professors

ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION**Preferred citation:**

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INVENTORY / DESCRIPTION OF THE COLLECTION

Box 1: General

- Folder 1.01 Freshman year 1875-1876
- Folder 1.02 Sophomore year 1876-1877
- Folder 1.03 Junior year 1877-1878
- Folder 1.04 Senior year 1878-1879
- Folder 1.05 Correspondence from Cunningham 1881-1887
- Folder 1.06 Correspondence from Doolittle 1883
- Folder 1.07 Correspondence from Gilbert 1881
- Folder 1.08 Correspondence from Paddock 1880
- Folder 1.09 Correspondence from Sargent 1880 82
- Folder 1.10 Scrapbook 1874-1882.
- Folder 1.11 Course work 1875-1879.
- Folder 1.12 Athletics, programs, including Intercollegiate Athletic Association, and silver award 1876-1879.
- Folder 1.13 Correspondence about Lehigh 1879-1915.
- Folder 1.14 Scrapbook pages, clippings about Lehigh and death of Asa Packer 1877-1902.
- Folder 1.15 Forms and correspondence about Alumni Association 1879-1911
- Folder 1.16 Biographical material, articles, clippings, certificates 1879-1952
- Folder 1.17 Grade books when instructor at Lehigh 1883-1884
- Folder 1.18 Three final exams, 1879

Box 2: Reprints of Articles

- Folder 2.01 List of publications and articles from 1882-1900.
- Folder 2.02 Articles 1900-1907
- Folder 2.03 Articles 1907-1914
- Folder 2.04 Articles 1916-1923
- Folder 2.05 Articles 1923-1928
- Folder 2.06 Six notebooks as student, including Psychology, Theology and Mathematics
- Folder 2.07 Tau Beta Pi key

Box 3: (Donated in Feb. 1997)

- Folder 3.01 Miscellaneous material including songbook, music program, invitation to commencement, 1879, and chapel attendance sheet (1883-84)
- Folder 3.02 Princeton Review magazine (with article by Dr. Coppee) 1878
- Folder 3.03 Manuscript of Tucker's valedictory address (Lehigh 1879)
- Folder 3.04 "Colored Topography" 11 plates 1878
- Folder 3.05 "Problems in Descriptive Geometry and Applications" 33 plates 1877

Folder 3.06 "Elementary Projection Drawing and Applications" 21 plates 1876
Folder 3.07 Bethlehem Times, 3 copies June 1879

Diplomas and certificates (located in separate diploma box)

Lehigh University, Civil Engineer 1879
Lehigh University, Honorary Doctor of Science 1922
Astronomical Society of the Pacific 1893
American Philosophical Society 1908
The Society of the Sigma Chi, California Chapter 1924
Societè Astronomique de France, membrès titulaires, 1924

Photographs (in Lehigh photograph collection)

Graduation portrait, 1879 (BS0043)
Class group, 1878 (F0167)
Portrait, 1938 (F0168)
At telescope at Lick Observatory, 1893 (F0169)
12 postcards of Lehigh and Bethlehem views