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Abstract

The John W. Wayland Papers, 1916-1980, are comprised of the writings of John Walter Wayland, historian and original faculty member at the State Normal and Industrial School for Women at Harrisonburg. Many documents relate to the founding and early years of the school.

Creator

Wayland, John Walter, 1872-1962

Extent

0.2 cubic feet 5 folders

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Bio/Historical Note

John Walter Wayland was born in 1872 in Shenandoah County, Virginia. He received his BA from Bridgewater College in 1899, and his Ph.D in 1907 from the University of Virginia. He was an original faculty member at the State Normal and Industrial School for Women at Harrisonburg, where he chaired the history and social science department, and served many years as secretary of the faculty. At the Normal School, he was known for his unconventional teaching style, sometimes holding classes outside, and leading students on long hikes on Massanutten Mountain. He retired in 1931.

Wayland was known as a preeminent historian of Virginia and the Shenandoah Valley. He authored at least 40 books, some of the most well-known being *History of Virginia for Boys and Girls*, published in 1931, and histories of Bridgewater College, Rockingham and Shenandoah counties, Stonewall Jackson, Robert E. Lee, and the Washingtons. In 1955, the Chamber of Commerce passed a resolution designating the Old Port Republic as the "Wayland Highway." He died in 1962. Wayland was married to Mattie V. Frey (1877-1965), and had two children: Francis Fry Wayland (1907-1995) and John Walter Wayland Jr. (b. 1909).

Scope and Content

The John W. Wayland Papers contain personal papers and documents that recount the founding of the Harrisonburg State Normal School at Harrisonburg and its early years. The collection includes transcribed portions of John Wayland's personal diary (1908-1931) that relate to the early years of the Normal School. A document contains a list of commencement speakers from 1910-1919. The collection contains several of Wayland's papers and speeches, including the manuscript "Harrisonburg State Normal School in Relation to

the World War, 1914-1918," and a paper titled "Some Reminiscences of the Founding of the State Teachers College at Harrisonburg, VA., 1908," which was prepared for First Founders Day, State Teachers College on March 14, 1928. The collection includes character sketches of the early faculty members, including an extended reflection on faculty member, Elizabeth Cleveland.

The collection contains bibliographies of Wayland's publications between 1895-1957, and 1901-1957. Accompanying the bibliographies are correspondence between son, Francis F. Wayland and librarian at Madison College, Lowell E. Ashley, regarding John Wayland publications and writings. The collection also contains newspaper clippings from the *Daily News Record* that reference Wayland.

Related Materials

John Walter Wayland Papers, Mss. 65 W36, Special Collections Research Center, Swem Library, College of William and Mary, Williamsburg, VA.

John Walter Wayland Papers, 26 WFCHS, Stewart Bell Jr. Archives, Handley Regional Library, Winchester, VA.

John W. Wayland papers, 1890 - 1961, 19.4.001, Alexander Mack Memorial Library Special Collections, Bridgewater College, Bridgewater, VA.

A. D. Lough correspondence, 1902-1920, SC 0421, Special Collections, Carrier Library, James Madison University, Harrisonburg, VA.

Keywords

Education, Higher -- Virginia -- History

Teachers colleges -- History

Harrisonburg (Va.) -- History -- 20th century

Bibliographies

Manuscripts (documents)

Newspaper clippings

Letters (correspondence)

Speeches (Documents)

State Normal and Industrial School for Women (Harrisonburg, Va.) -- History

State Normal and Industrial School for Women (Harrisonburg, Va.) -- Faculty

State Normal School for Women at Harrisonburg (Harrisonburg, Va.) -- History

State Normal School for Women at Harrisonburg (Harrisonburg, Va.) -- Faculty

State Teachers College at Harrisonburg (Harrisonburg, Va.) -- History

State Teachers College at Harrisonburg (Harrisonburg, Va.) -- Faculty

James Madison University -- History

Bibliography

Find A Grave. "John Walter Wayland (1872-1962)" Find a Grave Memorial no. 8154002. Accessed January 4, 2018. <https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/8154002>.

Arrangement

Papers are arranged topically in four folders.

Description of Subordinate Components

Diary Excerpts between 1908-1931

Unit ID /repositories/4/archival_objects/4828

Unit Date 1943-1956

Mixed Materials [1000886358] 1 (box)

Container 1 (folder)

Keywords

Lee, Robert Walker, 1875-1929

Papers and Speeches

Unit ID /repositories/4/archival_objects/4829

Unit Date 1916-1958

Mixed Materials [1000886358] 1 (box)

Container 2 (folder)

Keywords

World War, 1914-1918

Bibliographies

Unit ID /repositories/4/archival_objects/4830

Unit Date 1975, 1980, undated

Mixed Materials [1000886358] 1 (box)

Container 3 (folder)

Newspaper Clippings

Unit ID /repositories/4/archival_objects/4831

Unit Date 1944-1957

Mixed Materials [1000886358] 1 (box)

Container 4 (folder)

Alumnae Association and Glee Club

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Unit Date 1918-1956

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