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Biographical Information:

Silas Totten was a faculty member at William and Mary from 1849 until 1859, when he became the second president of the University of Iowa. Further information about this individual or organization may be available in the Special Collections Research Center Wiki: http://scdbwiki.swem.wm.edu/wiki/index.php/Silas_Totten.

Scope and Contents

This collection contains letters, diaries, speeches, and other material written by Silas Totten, a professor at the College of William and Mary. Included in the collection is a letter from Silas Totten to Ebenezer Faxon requesting him to come to the college and draw architectural plans for a new college building after the 1859 fire. Other letters in the collection were written by and to members of the Totten family. A certificate of Silas Totten's admission to the Holy Order of Priests and minutes from a meeting of students at the College of William and Mary are also included.

Separated Materials:

1977.007, a framed portrait of Silas Totten was moved to the University Archives Artifact Collection.

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Description of Subordinate Components

Series 1: Acc. 1979.021

Unit ID id33823

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/368232

Unit Date 1836-1916

Scope and Contents

Scope and Contents This series consists of letters written by and to members of the Totten family; nine of Silas Totten's diaries; speeches and essays written by Silas Totten; a certificate of his admission to the Holy Order of Priests; memorial addresses; biographical sketches; news clippings.

Correspondence--from manton Eastburn

Unit ID id38130

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/368234

Unit Date 1845 July 22

Mixed Materials 1 (Box)

Container 1 (Folder)

Scope and Contents

Scope and Contents Manton, Eastburn, Boston, to Rev. and President Totten, Hartford, Connecticut. Re: Expression of sympathy for "the severe affliction you have been called to endure in the injury sustained by your dear and interesting daughter."

Correspondence--from Gordon W. Russell

Unit ID id38131

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/368235

Unit Date 1848 August 3

Mixed Materials 1 (Box)

Container 2 (Folder)

Scope and Contents

Scope and Contents Gordon W. Russell, Hartford, to Rev. Silas Totten, D.D., at Hartford. Re: Testimony of respect and good wishes to Totten, retiring president of Trinity College.

Correspondence--from Benjamin S. Ewell

Unit ID id38132

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/368236

Unit Date 1860 July 18

Mixed Materials 1 (Box)

Container 3 (Folder)

Scope and Contents

Scope and Contents Benjamin S. Ewell, College of William and Mary, Williamsburg, Va., to Silas Totten, n.p. Re: Award of L.L.D.

Correspondence--to Monsieur or Madame Personne

Unit ID id38133

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/368237

Unit Date 1862 August

Mixed Materials 1 (Box)

Container 4 (Folder)

Scope and Contents

Scope and Contents Mary [?] Totten, n.p., to Monsieur or Madame Personne, n.p. Re: Describes when a mob on August 11, 1862, in Iowa came looking for Richard Totten for being a supposed secessionist.

Correspondence--from Edgar Waterman

Unit ID id38134

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/368238

Unit Date 1910 July 21

Mixed Materials 1 (Box)

Container 5 (Folder)

Scope and Contents

Scope and Contents Edgar F. Waterman, Treasurer of Trinity College, Hartford, Connecticut, to Anna Totten, Lexington, Kentucky. Re: Requesting information necessary to compile a biography on her father, the Reverend Silas Totten, S.T.D., L.L.D.

Correspondence--from Edgar F. Waterman

Unit ID id38135

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/368239

Unit Date 1916 February 8

Mixed Materials 1 (Box)

Container 6 (Folder)

Scope and Contents

Scope and Contents Edgar F. Waterman, Treasurer of Trinity College, Hartford, Connecticut, to Anna Totten, Lexington, Kentucky. Re: A paper on her father that Waterman is sending back to her.

Correspondence--to Edgar F. Waterman

Unit ID id38136

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/368240

Unit Date 1916

Mixed Materials 1 (Box)

Container 7 (Folder)

Scope and Contents

Scope and Contents Anna Totten, n.p., to Mr. E[dgar] F. Waterman, Treasurer of Trinity College. Re: Requesting a copy of the paper she sent him concerning her father.

Correspondence--to Lyon G. Tyler

Unit ID id38137

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/368241

Unit Date undated

Mixed Materials 1 (Box)

Container 8 (Folder)

Scope and Contents

Scope and Contents Anna Totten, n.p., to Hon[orable] L[yon] T. Tyler, President of W[illiam] and Mary Coll[ege]. Re: Papers she is sending him on her father [Silas Totten].

Correspondence--from Samuel Balson

Unit ID id38138

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/368242

Unit Date June 25

Mixed Materials 1 (Box)

Container 9 (Folder)

Scope and Contents

Scope and Contents Sam[uel] [?] Balson[?], Iowa City, to Miss [?] Totten, n.p. Re: Note accompanying return of Dr. [J.S.] Shipman's address.

Silas Totten Diary--Chapters 1-9

Unit ID id38139

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/368243

Unit Date undated

Mixed Materials 1 (Box)

Container 10 (Folder)

Scope and Contents

Scope and Contents to "My dear children"

Silas Totten Diary--Chapter 10

Unit ID id38140

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/368244

Unit Date undated

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Container 11 (Folder)

Silas Totten Diary--Chapters 11-14

Unit ID id38141

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/368245

Unit Date undated

Mixed Materials 1 (Box)

Container 12 (Folder)

Scope and Contents

Scope and Contents To "My dear children"

Silas Totten Diary--Chapters 15, 16, 18

Unit ID id38142

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/368246

Unit Date undated

Mixed Materials 1 (Box)

Container 13 (Folder)

Silas Totten Diary--Chapters X - XIII

Unit ID id38143

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/368247

Unit Date undated

Mixed Materials 1 (Box)

Container 14 (Folder)

Silas Totten Diary--Chapters XIV - XXI

Unit ID id38144

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/368248

Unit Date 1866 August 1

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Container 15 (Folder)

Silas Totten Diary

Unit ID id38145

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/368249

Unit Date 1862-1865

Mixed Materials 1 (Box)

Container 16 (Folder)

Scope and Contents

Scope and Contents August 10, 1862 - September 24, 1865

Silas Totten Diary--Decatur, Illinois

Unit ID id38146

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/368250

Unit Date 1862-1863

Mixed Materials 1 (Box)

Container 17 (Folder)

Scope and Contents

Scope and Contents September 28, 1862 - September 21, 1863

Silas Totten Diary

Unit ID id38147

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/368251

Unit Date 1870

Mixed Materials 1 (Box)

Container 18 (Folder)

Pamphlet--A Letter on Education

Unit ID id38148

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/368252

Unit Date 1867

Mixed Materials 1 (Box)

Container 19 (Folder)

Scope and Contents

Scope and Contents by the Reverend Silas Totten, D.D., L.L.D., Lexington, Kentucky

An essay concerning the power of persuasion

Unit ID id38149

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/368253

Unit Date undated

Mixed Materials 1 (Box)

Container 20 (Folder)

Scope and Contents

Scope and Contents by [Silas Totten]

"Farewell to Hartford" and "Farewell to Rev. C.R. Fisher"

Unit ID id38150

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/368254

Unit Date undated

Mixed Materials 1 (Box)

Container 21 (Folder)

Scope and Contents

Scope and Contents two poems written by [Silas Totten]

Speech--Gentlemen and Ladies Teachers in the State of Iowa**Unit ID** id38151**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival_objects/368255**Unit Date** undated**Mixed Materials** 1 (Box)**Container** 22 (Folder)**Scope and Contents**

Scope and Contents a speech given by [Silas Totten]

On the Antiquity of the Sciences and Useful Arts**Unit ID** id38152**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival_objects/368256**Unit Date** undated**Mixed Materials** 1 (Box)**Container** 23 (Folder)**Scope and Contents**

Scope and Contents by [Silas Totten]

Lectures--Speculations**Unit ID** id38153**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival_objects/368257**Unit Date** undated**Mixed Materials** 1 (Box)**Container** 24 (Folder)**Scope and Contents**

Scope and Contents by [Silas Totten]. Lecture one concerns astronomy; lecture two concerns longitude, latitude, and the motions of the earth.

Lecture--"We come now to a new epoch in the history of astronomy..."**Unit ID** id38154**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival_objects/368258**Unit Date** undated**Mixed Materials** 1 (Box)**Container** 25 (Folder)**Scope and Contents**

Scope and Contents Lecture three by [Silas Totten]

Certificate--Silas Totten--admitted to Holy Order of Priests**Unit ID** id38155**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival_objects/368259**Unit Date** 1836 August 7**Mixed Materials** 1 (Box)**Container** 26 (Folder)**Scope and Contents**

Scope and Contents Certificate of Silas Totten's admission into the Holy Order of Priests in Trinity Church, Chatham, Connecticut.

Certificate--Honorary Degree, L.L.D., Silas Totten--College of William and Mary**Unit ID** id38156**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival_objects/368260**Unit Date** 1860 July 9**Mixed Materials** 1 (Box)**Container** 27 (Folder)**Scope and Contents**

Scope and Contents Certificate of Honorary Degree of L.L.D. conferred on Rev. Silas Totten, D.D., by the College of William and Mary on the fourth of July in the 167th year of the college. Signed by Benjamin S. Ewell.

"A Tribute of Respect"**Unit ID** id38157**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival_objects/368261**Unit Date** 1873 October 8**Mixed Materials** 1 (Box)**Container** 28 (Folder)**Scope and Contents**

Scope and Contents by Jacob S. Shipman, J.W. Veneable, Geo[rge] A. Wickes, Louis P. Tschiffely, Walter Tearne.

Pamphlet--In Memoriam: An Adress**Unit ID** id38158**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival_objects/368262**Unit Date** 1873 October 12**Mixed Materials** 1 (Box)**Container** 29 (Folder)**Scope and Contents**

Scope and Contents Delivered in Christ Church, Lexington, Kentucky, Sunday Morning, October 12, 1873. By the Rector, the Reverend J.S. Shipman. Re: Rev. Silas Totten

Newsclipping--Address in Commemoration of Reverend Abner Jackson**Unit ID** id38159**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival_objects/368263**Unit Date** 1874 July 1**Mixed Materials** 1 (Box)**Container** 30 (Folder)**Scope and Contents**

Scope and Contents "An Address Delivered in Christ Church, Hartford, [Connecticut], Before the House of Convocation of the Rev. Abner Jackson, D.D., L.L.D., Late President, by the Rev. W[illia]m Payne, D.D., Rector of St. George's Church, Schenectady, [N.Y.], July 1, 1874."

Biographical Sketch of Silas Totten**Unit ID** id38160**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival_objects/368264**Unit Date** undated**Mixed Materials** 1 (Box)**Container** 31 (Folder)

Biographical Sketch of Reverend Silas Totten, D.D., L.L.D.

Unit ID id38161

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Unit Date undated

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Container 32 (Folder)

"Christ Church Seminary, Lexington, Kentucky. Rev. Silas Totten, D.d., LLD, Rector."

Unit ID id38162

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/368266

Unit Date undated

Mixed Materials 1 (Box)

Container 33 (Folder)

"Some Highlights of University History"

Unit ID id38163

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/368267

Unit Date undated

Mixed Materials 1 (Box)

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Scope and Contents

Scope and Contents from University of Iowa Bulletin

Newsclippings--Twelve Items--Death of Silas Totten

Unit ID id38164

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/368268

Unit Date undated

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Series 2: Acc. 2012.371 and Acc. 2012.372

Unit ID id174779

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/368233

Unit Date 1852-1859

Letters and Minutes of the Students of William and Mary

Unit ID id174781

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/368269

Unit Date 1852-1859

Mixed Materials 1 (Box)

Container 36 (Folder)

Scope and Contents

Scope and Contents This series contains letters written by Silas Totten and meeting minutes of the students of the College of William and Mary concerning an editorial in the Richmond Examiner portaying a faculty member in a negative light.