



Finding Aid for

**WILLIAM HOLMES MCGUFFEY COLLECTION, 1836-1894**  
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## OVERVIEW

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ACCESSION NUMBER: 00.1406

CREATOR: Benson Ford Research Center

TITLE: William Holmes McGuffey collection

INCLUSIVE DATES: 1836-1894

QUANTITY: 0.2 cubic ft. and 1 oversize box

LANGUAGE: The materials are in English

ABSTRACT: William H. McGuffey was an educator, minister, author and college president best known for creating the McGuffey Reader textbooks. The collection contains correspondence, lectures and photographs of McGuffey and his family.

## **ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION**

- ACCESS RESTRICTIONS:** The collection is open for research
- COPYRIGHT:** Copyright has been transferred to The Henry Ford by the donor. Copyright for some items in the collection may still be held by their respective creator(s).
- ACQUISITION:** Donation, date and source unknown
- PREFERRED CITATION:** Item, folder, box, accession 00.1406, William Holmes McGuffey collection, Benson Ford Research Center, The Henry Ford
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## **BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE**

William Holmes McGuffey was an educator, minister, author and college president. He is best known for the series of Eclectic Readers, or McGuffey Readers, textbooks which were widely used throughout much of the nineteenth century.

## **SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE**

The William Holmes McGuffey collection is an assembled collection of McGuffey material including correspondence from 1846 to 1872 relating primarily to affairs at the University of Virginia and academic interests. A notebook by McGuffey's associate, Dr. Thomas G. Addison, contains lectures on morals by Dr. W. H. McGuffey. Also included are lectures and correspondence of Alexander Hamilton McGuffey, William's brother, a collaborator on the Fifth Reader, and photographs relating to William H. McGuffey and family.

## **SUBJECT TERMS**

### Names, Personal or Corporate

McGuffey, William Holmes, 1800-1873

McGuffey, Alexander H. (Alexander Hamilton), 1816-1896

McGuffey family

### Genre and Form

Correspondence

Photographs

## CONTAINER LIST

<b>Box no.</b>	<b>Description</b>
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### Box 1

McGuffey, Alexander H.  
Lectures, circa 1849  
Correspondence, 1846-1894  
McGuffey, Elizabeth, correspondence, 1856  
McGuffey, William H.  
Correspondence  
Letter to Joseph Haines, 1839  
1846-1852  
Letter to son Charles, 1851  
Letter to Charlotte Kemper, 1853  
1854-1872  
Letter to sister Harriet Love, 1865  
Lectures on morals, manuscript by Dr. Thomas G. Addison, undated  
Photostats and typed transcripts, 1839-1865  
Philomathean Society program, 1839  
Publisher's book list, review clippings, undated  
Woodward College of Cincinnati circular, 1836-1837

### Box 2

Photographs relating to William H. McGuffey and family (12 folders)