The William Holmes McGuffey Family Papers

Finding aid available at:

A newly revised and updated digital collection of the McGuffey letters and corresponding transcripts is available at:
http://doyle.lib.muohio.edu/cdm4/mcguffey/

William Holmes McGuffey’s family life, his tenets of mental philosophy, and the creation of his Readers are just some of the topics revealed in The William Holmes McGuffey Family Papers. Items include:

- Correspondence that William Holmes McGuffey sent or received between 1826 and 1873.
- Manuscripts of two of McGuffey’s sermons.
- McGuffey’s 1871 unpublished manuscript regarding mental philosophy.
- Contracts and other business papers for the McGuffey Readers.
- Journals and reminiscences written by Henrietta McGuffey Hepburn between 1853 and 1910.
- Two journals kept by 12-year-old Charles McGuffey Hepburn, grandson of William Holmes McGuffey, in 1869 and 1870.

The McGuffey Reader Collection

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The McGuffey Reader Collection provides over 700 examples of the evolution of the Readers that William Holmes McGuffey began writing at his Oxford home in 1834. From Primers through High School Readers, the collection also includes word lists, spelling books and juvenile speaking texts published as complementary additions to the Eclectic Educational Series. Several German and Spanish editions of the Readers can also be found in the collection.

Finding aids for our collection of McGuffey Readers include descriptive details of:

- Cover and title page titles
- Publisher names listed on Reader title pages and covers
- Copyright entry information
- Publication dates
- Edition statements
- Lesson titles and authors
- Illustrations and artists/engravers
- Stereotypers/electrotypers
- Advertisements
- Binding details
- Inscriptions and other unique identifying features of Readers in the collection

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