MS-034: Henry Louis Baugher Family Papers

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Biographies:

Henry Louis Baugher was born in Adams County, Pennsylvania on July 19, 1804. He graduated from Dickinson College in Carlisle, Pennsylvania in 1826 and was licensed to preach by the West Pennsylvania Synod in 1828. In October of 1829 he married Clara Mary Brooks of Carlisle, then moved to Gettysburg to teach at the Gymnasium at the invitation of Samuel S. Schmucker, founder of Gettysburg College. In 1850 he was elected the 2nd President of Gettysburg College by the Board of Trustees. He died on April 14, 1868 at the age of 64.

The son of Henry Louis Baugher, Henry Louis Baugher was born on August 6, 1840 in Gettysburg. He graduated from Gettysburg College in 1857 and spent several years teaching in Uniontown, Maryland, Quakertown, Pennsylvania and Washington DC. In 1860 he was appointed a position under the Sergeant-at-arms of the U.S. House of Representatives, after which he spent two years at the Gettysburg Seminary, and one year at Andover Seminary. He was ordained a Lutheran pastor by the West Pennsylvania Synod in 1863. After the death of his father in 1868, he was elected Professor of Greek at Gettysburg College, a position he held until 1880. After serving as a pastor in Omaha, Nebraska and holding a professorship at Howard University, the Gettysburg College Board of Trustees again re-elected him to his former chair in 1883 which he held until 1896. He died February 11, 1899.

Nesbit Baugher, also a son of President Henry Louis Baugher, was born in Gettysburg on September 22, 1836. He graduated from Gettysburg College in 1853 and also attended the Medical Department of Gettysburg College in Philadelphia. He studied law and was admitted to the Bar in 1857. He served as a First Lieutenant with Co. B, 45th Regiment, Illinois Volunteers and was wounded seven times at the Battle of Shiloh and died at a hospital in Quincy, Illinois, May 16, 1862.

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