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Descriptive Summary

Creator:	Atherton, George Washington, 1837-1906
Title:	George W. Atherton Papers, 1837-1950
Accession number:	MGN 6
Provenance:	Gift of Helen Atherton Govier and Harriet Atherton Buckhout, 1949.
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Repository:	Pennsylvania State University, University Libraries, Special Collections Library

Administrative Information

Access

Unrestricted access.

Preferred Citation

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Arrangement

The collection is organized into twelve series: I. Pre-Penn State Personal; II. Penn State Personal (three subseries: Diaries and Personal Journals, 1884-1906; Personal Finances, 1882-1906; and Family and Personal Correspondence); III. Penn State Subjects (three subseries: A. 1882-1904; B. 1873-1907; C. 1906-1950); IV. Legislation, 1862-1906; V. Pre-Atherton Penn State Administration; VI. Penn State Buildings and Property; VII. Pamphlets (six subseries: A. History, Literature, Texts, Science; B. History, Literature, Science, Texts; C. Trade and Finance; D. Education; E. Government, Politics, Military, Legal; F. Agriculture, Land Use); VIII. Clippings and Postcards; IX. Photographs, ca. 1845-1950 (four subseries: Daguerreotypes, Ambrotypes, Tintypes, Pictures); X. Objects; XI. Autobiographical Vertical File Extension; XII. Books.

The series are arranged by subject and form of material.

Biographical Note

- 1837 Born Boxford Mass., June 20.
- 1861 Aug., 1862; 1863 served two enlistments with the 10th Connecticut Volunteers; discharged June 1863 with rank of Captain.
- 1863 Attended Topsfield Academy (Mass.), Philips Exeter Academy, and graduated from Yale.
- 1863 Married Frances Washburn, December of eight children, four survived to adulthood.
- 1864-1867 Instructor, Albany Academy, Albany, N.Y.
- 1867-1868 Instructor, St. Johns College, Annapolis, MD.
- 1868-1869 Member of first faculty of the State Industrial School of Illinois (now the University of Illinois).
- 1869-1882 Voorhees Professor of Political Economy and Constitutional Law at Rutgers College, New Brunswick, N.J. (also military superintendent).
- 1871 Member of Labor Commission resulting from passage of Hoar Bill.
- 1873 and 1891 Member of the Board of Visitors, U.S. Naval Academy.
- 1875 Member, Red Cloud Commission to investigate the situation at the Red Cloud Indian Agency.
- 1876 Chairman, Republican state convention, New Jersey; unsuccessful candidate for U.S. Congress.
- 1877 and 1881 Efforts made to obtain U.S. diplomatic post in South America (Brazil; Peru and Chile; Mexico).
- 1878 Chairman, N.J. Special Tax Commission; passed N.J. Bar Exam and opened small practice in New Brunswick.
- 1882-1905 President, Pennsylvania State College, State College, PA.
- 1883 LL.D. from Franklin andamp; Marshall.

- 1887 Member of Commission appointed by Governor J.A. Beaver to report on industrial education.
- 1888-1902 Trips to Europe to study condition of technical instruction.
- 1905 Resigned presidency, PSC, December.
- 1906 Died, State College, PA., July 24.

George W. Atherton was a member and officer of the Association of American Agricultural Colleges and Experiment Stations, organized after the passage of the Hatch Act, 1887 and its first President, 1888; Association of Land Grant Colleges; National Irrigation Congress; Colleges and University Council (Pa.); Association of Colleges and Preparatory Schools of the Middle States and Maryland; and Pennsylvania Society (Centre County Representatives).

List of Biographical Sketches

Armsby, H.P. *Memorial Address, at the 20th Annual Meeting of the Association of American Agricultural Colleges and Experiment Stations.* Gill, Benjamin. "Moulded by an Idea", May 26, 1907. In *Sermons and Addresses of Benjamin Gill.* Runkle, Erwin. "President Atherton and the Pennsylvania State College." *Pennsylvania School Journal* (January 1908). *Dictionary of American Biography. Cyclopedia of Contemporary Biography. Prominent Pennsylvanians. Who's Who* (back files). *La Vie*, (Penn State yearbook, 1908), contains tributes and memories.

Scope and Content

The George W. Atherton Papers consists of personal and presidential papers, pamphlets and clippings, photographs and memorabilia collected by Penn State's seventh president, his confidential secretary, and his daughters, Helen Atherton Govier and Harriet Atherton Buckhout. His career as a Civil War officer, scholar, and college president can be gleaned from biographical sketches and a chronology listed in the Biographical Note. His importance in Penn State's history, however, is critical. His role as a "second founder" is described in the following excerpt from Wayland F. Dunaway's *History of the Pennsylvania State College* (1946).

A summary view of the Atherton Era, spanning nearly a quarter of a century, or more than a fourth of the life of the College, will serve to reveal the extent of changes taking place in this period. When it began, the foundations of the College were shaky and its prospects far from bright. Even visions among the Trustees and the faculty, the morale of the institution was low, and its reputation was unsavory. It had never been widely advertised and most people in the state were unaware of its existence, while those who did know about it, except for its few friends, regarded it as a local agricultural school receiving from the Commonwealth money for which it made no adequate return. The attitude of the public toward the school was critical, not to say hostile. The legislature

had never accorded to it due recognition, nor taken seriously its covenant with the Federal Government to support it; no appropriations had been made for maintenance, and but few for other purposes. It was everywhere the object of misunderstanding and prejudice. The physical plant was inadequate and unattractive, practically all the activities of the institution being carried on in one gloomy-looking building unsuited to its purposes. The student body numbered only eighty-seven, the majority of whom were in the Preparatory Department. Except on paper, no provision had been made for instruction in the mechanic arts and in the liberal arts. The College had no library worth mentioning, no regular chaplain, and no suitable living accommodations for the faculty or the women students. From the student viewpoint almost everything dear to the hearts of students was lacking; there were no fraternities, no organized athletics, no student musical organizations, and, sad to relate, not even college colors or college song, or college yell. Furthermore the place in which the College was located was a straggling village of about a hundred people, without churches, without a public school, and without civic improvements.

By the close of President Atherton's administration the institution had undergone a complete transformation. The Atherton Era was a turning point in the history of the College--the beginning of a forward movement which gathered momentum with each passing year. It marked the transition from a period of drifting and experiment to one with a sound and enlightened policy, well understood and clearly defined. Its guiding principles, based on a true interpretation of the Morrill Act, were to go far toward shaping College policy for all time to come. The foundations were made secure, the public misconceptions were removed, and public prejudice overcome. The Legislature, hitherto indifferent, was induced to redeem its pledge to the Federal Government by making generous appropriations, not only for buildings but also for maintenance as well. No longer was the college to be regarded as a stepchild, neglected and left to shift for itself, but was recognized as the own child of the Commonwealth to be supported liberally and with a growing pride in its work and progress. The school was indeed increasing rapidly in numbers, equipment, and reputation. The faculty increased from 17 to 66; the student body, from 87 to 800. The physical plant underwent a complete change: Old Main was renovated and a dozen major buildings, besides a number of professors' residences and other minor buildings, were erected. The courses of study were increased in number, broadened and liberalized. The technical courses were greatly expanded, and the work in the liberal arts was developed. Everywhere were seen evidences of a strong, growing institution, with high morals, increasing prestige, and promising outlook. Such were the results of the forward movement which began with the coming of the President Atherton in 1882 and continued to gather strength to the close of his administration in 1906.

In this guide, George Washington Atherton is abbreviated GWA; his wife, Frances Washburn Atherton is abbreviated FWA. Their daughters, Helen Atherton Govier is abbreviated HAG, and Harriet Atherton Buckhout is abbreviated HAB.

Index Terms

These materials are indexed under the following headings in the catalog of the Pennsylvania State University. Researchers wishing to find related materials should search the catalog under these index terms.

Personal Subjects

Atherton, George Washington, 1837-1906 -- Archives

Atherton family -- Archives

Corporate Subjects

Association of American Agricultural Colleges and Experiment Stations -- Archives

Pennsylvania State College -- Alumni and alumnae

Pennsylvania State College -- Faculty

Pennsylvania State College -- History

Pennsylvania State College -- Presidents

Pennsylvania State College -- Students

Rutgers University -- Faculty

United States. Army. Connecticut Regiment, 10th

Topical Subjects

Agricultural experiment stations -- United States

Education, Higher -- Pennsylvania

State universities and colleges -- Pennsylvania

Universities and colleges -- Pennsylvania

Geographic Subjects

Centre County (Pa.) -- History

United States -- History -- Civil War, 1861-1865 -- Sources

Form/Genre Terms

Correspondence

Diaries

Photographs

Correspondents

Atherton, Frances Washburn, d. 1913

Atherton, Frank

Atherton, Charles

Buckhout, Harriet Atherton, d. 1953

Govier, Helen Atherton, 1878-1976

McElwain, Harriet A.

Alvord, Henry Elijah, 1844-1904

Armsby, Henry Prentiss, 1853-1921

Barnard, George Grey, 1863-1938

Beaver, James Addams, 1837-1914

Comstock, Theo. B. (Theodore Bryant), 1849-1915

Curtin, Andrew Gregg, 1815-1894

Goodell, Henry Hill, 1839-1905

Gregory, John Milton, 1822-1898

Hadley, Hiram, 1833-1922

Harris, Abram W., 1858-1935

Hastings, Daniel Hartman, 1849-1903

Hiester, Gabriel, 1850-1912

Hatch, William H., 1833-1896

Morrill, Justin, 1810-1898

Meek, Peter Gray

Melvill, George W. (George Wallace), 1841-1912

Peabody, Selim H. (Selim Hobart), 1829-1903

Pennypacker, Samuel W. (Samuel Whitaker), 1843-1916

Penrose, Boies, 1860-1921
Pratt, Richard Henry, 1840-1924
Quay, Matthew Stanley, 1833-1904
Reid, Whitelaw, 1837-1912
Schaeffer, Nathan Christ, 1849-1919
Sparks, Edwin Erle, 1860-1924
Stock, Harry H., 1866-1923
Stone, Charles W., 1843-1912
Stryker, William S. (William Scudder), 1838-1900
Trumbull, H. Clay, 1830-1903
White, Henry Clay, b. 1848

Container List

Pre-Penn State Personal Series

Pre-Penn State Personal, pre-1837-1905.

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General Information- Family andamp; Hometown [Biographical sketches and requests for same; genealogy and correspondence relating to Atherton family history DAR material (FWA); booklets and other material related to Hometowns. (GWA- Boxford, Mass.; FWA- Plympton, Mass.)]

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Personal Items [Early report card; recommendation for teaching position; financial items; announcements for special school events: Yale- Class of 1863; Albany Academy- teacher; St. Johns (Annapolis)- teacher], 1850-circa 1869

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Alumni Material [Topsfield Academy; Phillips Exeter; Yale; Chiefly school bulletins, reunion announcements andamp; related correspondence; copy of Constitution andamp; By-Laws of the Yale Alumni Association, 1901], 1869-1906

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Civil War [GWA- Two Enlistments, Member 10th Conn. Infantry; 1) Dec. 1861 - resigned Aug. 1862 (1st Lt., Co. K.; Capt., Co. B). Copy of service records; 2) diaries; list of members, Co. B; material, stationery, etc.; correspondence July 1861 - September 1863], 1861-1863

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George W. Atherton [Family correspondence, (not including Civil War); finances, family items], 1853-1869

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Box #3: 11 x 9 x 5", wood (carved) painted black. According to GWA's daughter, Helen A. Govier, the box "was Pa's for little things he prized." It contained the following:

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Folder A01

Captain's shoulder bar1

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Belt buckles (Civil War)

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Silk scarf

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Silk skull cap
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Cane head
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General Epistle of James (miniature book), 1857
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2 Seals of the Territory of Arizona
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Box #2: 11 1/4 x 9 1/2 x 4 1/4", decorative glass inset in top, wood, on round "legs". It contained the following: (B01-B05)
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Bead chain made by Helen A. Govier
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Box 15
Folder N
Two gold medals: Republique Francaise and Exposition Universelle Internationale, both with threaded shaft broken off reverse. Envelope from Lathound-Aine, Paris, in 2 two-piece black circular cases, 9 pieces. 1900
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Cilumnum," Sept. 4, 1907
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Ivory figurine
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Bundle of sticks
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Folder K
Japanese doll with four additional wigs.
Box 16
Folder L
Tinted "sunglasses" in red case
Box 16
Folder M
Two copper-engraved plates: Mr. and Mrs. Geo. W. Atherton with Albany address;
and Fannie W.D. Washburn, also 3 copies of Mr. and Mrs. card, 2 copies of Fannie
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Eight miscellaneous items.

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George W. Atherton correspondence (microfilm of originals held by Rutgers University Archives)