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**GAULT, FRANKLIN B.**

PAPERS, 1906-1913  
(bulk dates, 1906-1912)  
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## History

Gault, a mathematician, earned his BS, Master of Science, and Master of Arts degrees from Cornell College at Mt. Vernon, Iowa. He received an honorary doctorate from Wooster University in Ohio. Prior to coming to USD, Gault had extensive experience in public schools and was president of two institutions, the State University of Idaho and Whitworth College in Tacoma, Washington. Gault had been president at Whitworth College for seven years when he accepted the presidency at USD. During his administration, the scope of the university expanded through the establishment of a College of Medicine, and the emergence of the College of Engineering, and three new buildings were added to the physical plant. Although diligent and conscientious in his duties, Gault was not a dynamic personality that students or faculty gravitated toward. He announced his resignation in May 1913 due to increasing factionalism among faculty and staff. He returned to Washington where he taught high school math until his death on March 16, 1918.

## Scope and Content Note

The Franklin B. Gault Collection is composed of four series: **Correspondence, Faculty Minutes, Printed Materials, Typescripts, and Misc.** Unfortunately, the records for the Gault administration, particularly for correspondence, are very limited in scope.

The largest series in the Gault Collection is the **Typescript** series which includes university rules, disciplinary decisions for three students, and a draft for proposed state legislation.

The **Correspondence** series contains letters written by individuals requesting a catalog of courses or seeking admission into the university. Some of the correspondence is addressed to University presidents and high school superintendents regarding accreditation issues. General correspondence is contained in one folder entitled, "A-Z." Incoming and outgoing correspondence for a person with more than 2 letters are contained in one folder; these are listed directly after "General" files.

The **Printed Materials** series includes certificates for free scholarships to students and a speech delivered by Gault at the opening of the second semester on Feb. 12, 1907 entitled, "Men in a World of Men."

The **Faculty Minutes** series contains the minutes for university faculty meetings from 1908; these meetings were convened by the President's Office during this period.

The **Misc.** series includes articles about President Gault from the *South Dakota Alumni Quarterly*.

## Additional Resources

Cummins, Cedric. *The University of South Dakota, 1862-1966*. Vermillion: University of South Dakota Press, 1975.

Political Graveyard Website. Index to Politicians and U. S. Political Biography, <<http://politicalgraveyard.com/bio/driver-dryzga.html#RJU0PBFJK>>

**Subjects: University of South Dakota. President—Archives**

Droppers, Garrett, 1899-1905—Archives.

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College presidents—South Dakota—Vermillion--Archives

CORRESPONDENCE (4 folders)

**Box 1**

General “A-Z” (1 folder)

Beebe, M. Plin  
1911, May 20

Crawford, Edith  
1906, Sept.

Ericson, E. C.  
1910, Feb. 11

Hayter, Thomas N.  
1908, Sept. 10

Heath, Harrie H.  
1908, Sept. 10

Herndon, J. Julian  
1910, Jan. 21

Simons, Blaine  
1913, Dec. 13

State of South Dakota, Office of Attorney General  
1909, March 16

Given, W. S. (2 items)  
1906, Feb. 24  
1906, March 10

Hadley, Albert Dennis (9 items)  
1908, February-June

McClinton, J. W. (2 items)  
1906, Jan. 23  
1906, Feb. 3

FACULTY MINUTES (1 folder)  
1908

PRINTED MATERIALS (2 folders)  
Certificates-Free Scholarship (1 folder)

Bode, Sherman L.  
1910, Aug. 23

Bruce, I. F.  
1908, Jan. 13

Crocker, Loyal E.  
1909, Aug. 19

Day, Herbert James  
1907, Sept. 17

Englund, Carl R.  
1907, Jan. 1

Hare, Charles McFee  
1907, Jan.

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PRINTED MATERIALS cont.

Kippenbrock, Maude

1909, Jan. 4

Kyerstad, E. L.

1909, Jan. 18

Leloyd, George

1911, Sept. 18

Lockhort, Frances

1911, Jan. 14

Lyons, Richard

1905, Feb. 11

Manning, Thomas J.

1904, Dec. 3

McEachran, Ernest

1906, Jan. 3

McLeod, Henry

1909, Sept. 17

Mehl, Peter Oliver

1911, Sept. 14

Minier, Hazel

1906, Sept. 18

Muhmel, Fred J.

1906, Sept. 10

Newby, Harley

1906, Aug. 17

Payne, Arthur R.

1905, Jan. 7

Payne, E. Gazella

1905, Jan. 7

Potts, Grover

1909, Jan. 29

Potts, William Merrill

1905, Oct. 18

Rice, George

1910, Jan. 25

Royhl, Max A.

1905, Sept. 15

Satrum, Albert A.

1905, Jan. 12

Sherwood, Frank F.

1911, Sept. 13

Shoberg, Paul T.

1908, Jan. 15

Sills, Grace

1908, Feb. 11

Sinclair, Harrison J.

1905, Aug. 5

Sutcliff, Elton

1910, Jan. 25

Swenson, Joseph

1905, Feb. 5

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PRINTED MATERIALS cont.

Weedfall, Otto

1905, Jan. 11

White, Walter

1906, Oct. 9

White, Walter E.

1907, Sept. 11

Whitney, Odell K.

1908, Sept. 8

Willy, W. M.

1911, Jan. 8

VanDemark, Walter E.

1905, Feb. 20

Gault, Franklin B. (1 folder)

Convocation Address

1910, Sept. 15

“Men in a World of Men,” Delivered at Opening  
Semester of the University of South Dakota,

1907, Feb. 12

TYPESCRIPTS (2 folders)

Folder 1

Agreement memorandum

Amanda McGinnis appointed matron of East Hall

1909, Sept. 25

Disciplinary action memorandum, 3 students

1908, March 7

Edwards

Hadley

Lyons

“With Regard to Proposed Legislation,” draft

n.d.

Requirements for Admission

n.d.

University of Iowa

University of Illinois

University of Minnesota

University of Nebraska

University of Utah

University of Wisconsin

Folder 2-Legal Size

Fraternity proclamation

n.d.

Rules Governing Athletic Sports and Contests

MISC.

Articles

South Dakota Alumni Quarterly, Oct. 1906

South Dakota Alumni Quarterly, July 1913

South Dakota Alumni Quarterly, April 1918

