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**HERRICK, JOHN R.**

PAPERS, 1885-1887  
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## History

John Russell Herrick was born in Milton, Vermont in 1822. He became president in August 1885 at the age of 63. He was a graduate of the University of Vermont (1847) and Andover Theological Seminary. Herrick was also an ordained minister of the Congregational Church. He taught theology for several years, and in 1880, became president of Pacific University at Forest Grove, Oregon. Herrick was the first University of Dakota president with an administrative background, and he emphasized the raising of academic standards. However, by 1887, the terms for the first Board of Directors had ended and a new governor, Louis K. Church, had been elected into office. Darwin Inman, the president of the executive committee, was a Vermillion native. Inman believed that the current president and faculty were not aggressively promoting or serving the needs of the university. Herrick's affiliation with the Congregationalist Church also raised concerns within the community. With Inman's influence on the governing board, Herrick was succeeded by Professor Edward Olson. Dr. Herrick moved to Illinois to be closer to his children while continuing to lecture, write, and preach. He died on July 26, 1912.

## Scope and Content Note

The John R. Herrick Collection is composed of two series: **Correspondence and Printed Materials**. Unfortunately, the records for the Herrick administration, particularly for correspondence, are extremely limited in scope due to the 1893 fire of University Hall (Old Main) which destroyed many of the records.

The **Correspondence** series contains letters written by individuals requesting a catalog of courses or seeking admission into the university. There is also correspondence from companies conducting business with the university. A majority of the correspondence relates to the incorporation of the "University of Dakota" by the Board of Regents. General correspondence is contained in one folder entitled, "A-Z." Incoming and outgoing correspondence for a person or organization with more than 2 letters are contained in one folder; these are listed directly after "General" files.

The **Printed Materials** series includes a photocopy of an article regarding Dr. Herrick's term as president of the university and information pertaining to his career after leaving Vermillion.

## Additional Resources:

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

Herrick, John Russell. *John Russell Herrick, S.T.D., 1822-1912, a Sketch... Forescore and Ten Extracts*. Chicago: Privately printed, 1912.

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

Herrick, John R., 1885-1887—Archives.

University of South Dakota – History—19<sup>th</sup> century—Sources

College presidents—South Dakota—Vermillion--Archives

CORRESPONDENCE (14 folders)

**Box 1**

General "A-Z" (1 folder)

A. A. Griffing Iron Company

1885, Nov. 14

Ballaseyus, F. A.

1887, June 22

Barton, Mary

1887, June 20

Beels, George N.

1887, March 10

Caldwell & Bliss

1885, Sept. 28

Chicago, Milwaukee, and St. Paul Railway

1887, May 31

Conklin, J. V.

1887, July 21

Ellis, Fred O.

1887, July 2

Groff, George G.

1887, June 27

Harper & Brothers Publishers

1887, May 17

Herrick, John R. (President of University of Dakota)

1886, Oct. 7

James, Fran (?)

1885, Aug. 1

Cavalier, L. E.

1886, Dec. 29

Karr, L.

1887, June 13

Montgomery, Henry

1886, June 23

Lee & Prentis

1886, July 16

Michigan School Furniture Co.

1887, June 28

Plain Talk, (Vermillion Newspaper)

1887, June 30

Territory of Dakota, Executive Office

1885, Oct. 12

Territory of Dakota, Treasurer's Office

1885, Aug. 3

Territory of Dakota, Secretary's Office

1887, July 30

William Tobin & Co.

1885, Aug. 25

Willoughby, Rilla

1885, Oct. 9

Beadle, W. H. H. (Member of Board of Trustees), (2 items)

1887, June 14

1887, July 8

CORRESPONDENCE, CONT'D

- Blair, H. S. (3 items)  
1887, May 17  
1887, June 9  
1887, June 11
- Champion Quarries (3 items)  
1885, Aug. 19  
1885, Sept. 4  
1885, Sept. 17
- C. T. Fitts and Co. (2 items)  
1885, Oct. 6  
1887, Feb. 19
- Farley & Loetscher Mfg. Co. (2 items)  
1885, Aug. 19  
1885, Aug. 29
- Labin, L. P. (3 items)  
1886, March 1  
1886, June 25  
1887, Feb. 9
- Livingston, W. H. (5 items)  
1887, March 5  
1887, March 14  
1887, June 20  
1887, May 5  
1887, June 22
- Meneely Bell Foundry (2 items)  
1886, Jan. 13  
1886, Jan. 30
- Merchants Hotel (2 items)  
1887, June 27  
1887, July 6
- Merrill, Cara L. (2 items)  
1885, Aug. 19  
1885, Aug. 28
- Stetson, Charles S. (2 items)  
1885, Sept. 17  
1885, Sept. 23
- Territory of Dakota, Auditor's Office, (3 items)  
1885, Aug. 18  
1887, Jan. 8  
1887, March 24
- Territory of Dakota, Dept. of Immigration & Statistics,  
(2 items)  
1887, May 11  
1887, June 2

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"President John Russell Herrick," *Alumni Quarterly of the University of South Dakota*, 15(October 1919) 83-90.