

**Guide to the
John A. Himes Collection**



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Biography:

John Andrew Himes was born June 3, 1848 in McAlisterville, Pennsylvania. He graduated from Gettysburg College in 1870 and attended Yale University the following year. He held the position of Instructor of Physics at the College from 1871 to 1872 and was tutor at the preparatory department from 1871 until 1873, when the Board of Trustees named him Acting Graeff Professor of English Literature and Political Science in June of that year, a position he held until retiring in 1914. Prior to his retirement, he was considered to be one of the country's better known authorities on John Milton. Some of his more popular works include *A Study of Milton's Paradise Lost*, 1878 and *Milton's Paradise Lost, its Structure and Meaning*, 1898. He died on August 11, 1923.

Scope and Content Notes:

This collection consists entirely of materials related to Himes's academic career, first as a student at Gettysburg College, then as an instructor. No biographical material is included.

Box 1:

1 - 1 Student notebook - first year lecture notes, 1867

1 - 2 Notebooks (2) - Lectures on Shakespeare, 1882-1883; one notebook also includes notes from lectures from Prof. Hare on Constitutional Law, 1882-1883

Box 2:

1 - 3 Notebook - Notes on Milton's *Paradise Regained*, 1918 - 1920

1 - 4 Typed manuscript - "Earlier English Poems of John Milton, Edited with Notes by John Andrew Himes, Sometime Professor of English, and Editor of Milton's *Paradise Lost* with Introduction and notes on its Structure and Meaning"

1 - 5 Pamphlet - *Miltonic Enigmas* by Prof. John A. Himes, 1921

1 - 6 Newspaper clippings - "Wife Preaching for Pastor Stirs Clergy to Opposition" *Public Ledger*, June 29, 1925 and "Mary Himes, Oldest College Alumna, Expires", October 25, 1977