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Guide to MS-034:  
Henry Lewis Baugher Family Papers



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### Size

1 box, 0.27 cubic feet

### Dates

Inclusive: 1826-1896

Bulk: 1845-1862

### Biographical Note

Henry Lewis 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, and then moved to Gettysburg to teach at the Gymnasium at the invitation of Samuel S. Schmucker, founder of Gettysburg College. He was awarded an honorary D.D. degree from his alma mater in 1848. 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.

A son of Henry Lewis Baugher, H. 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 to 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 L. 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.

### Scope and Content Note

This collection is a compilation of miscellaneous papers of the family of Henry Lewis Baugher, 2nd President of Gettysburg College, consisting of copies of official college notices by President Baugher,

military service records of his son, Nesbit, and memoriam books and photocopies of an address and newspaper articles regarding another son, H. Louis. It is not an extensive or in-depth collection.

## Box List

### Box 1

- 1-1 Biographical information for President Baugher
- 1-2 Copy of 1826 Dickinson College Commencement program showing Henry L. Baugher earning second honors and giving the Latin Salutatory address
- 1-3 Letters, fundraising, 1845, 1849, 1852, 1853, 1858 (President Baugher)
- 1-4 Letter to students' parents' concerning varioloid outbreak, June 11, 1861 (President Baugher)
- 1-5 Compiled Military Service Record (son Nesbitt)
- 1-6 Receipt book, 12/13 1850 - 7/8 1853 (President Baugher)
- 1-7 Memoriam booklets (son H. Louis)
- 1-8 Star and Sentinel, March 5, 1889 containing an article written by son H. Louis
- 1-9 Copies of letters, an address and newspaper articles by or referring to son H. Louis primarily in regard to his conflict with President McKnight and subsequent dismissal from the faculty of Gettysburg College

## Related Collections

RG 2.0.2 Office of the President – President Henry Lewis Baugher

Baugher, H.L. 1804-1868; Special Collections Pamphlets; Copies of 12 discourses and sermons delivered by Henry Lewis Baugher to students at Gettysburg College 1851-1965

### Miscellaneous Volumes Collections

- # 50 Grade Book 1850
- #51 Grade Book 1856-1859

CWVFM-7 Captain H.B. Blood; Letter 3 September, 1863 to Rev Dr. Baugher relaying permission to pay \$625 for damages to College buildings while used for hospital purposes

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