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DESCRIPTION OF THE COLLECTION

Name	Arthur Boothby Morrill
Title	Office of the President, Arthur Boothby Morrill, 1889-1893.
Extent	.25 linear feet. 1 box.
Arrangement	The material is divided into six series with the contents arranged in chronological order within each series.
Provenance	This collection was created by the Archives staff.
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Access points	Teacher educators. Willimantic State Normal School.
Occupation	Educator. Principal - Willimantic State Normal School and New Haven State Normal School. Connecticut.
Restrictions	None.
Document types	Print materials. Publications. Photographs.

BIOGRAPHY:

Arthur Boothby Morrill was born in Portland, Maine April 16, 1853 ¹. He attended Portland High School and later attended and graduated from Yale University in New Haven, Connecticut as a member of the class of 1873 ⁴. He married Clementine Fletcher on April 14, 1885 ² and taught science at the New Britain, Connecticut State Normal School.⁵ In the fall of 1889 he came to the “new” State Normal School in Willimantic, Connecticut to serve as the school’s first principal.³

After serving as principal here for five years, he left to become the first principal of the State Normal School in New Haven, Connecticut where he served until his retirement in 1924. Mr. Morrill died in New Haven, Connecticut on March 1, 1926.⁴

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE:

The Office of the President Collection contains materials and information gathered to document the tenure of the principals and presidents of this public institution. Due to a fire in 1943 that destroyed the administration/classroom building, much original documentation pertaining to the early principals and principal/president George Shafer was lost. The information made available here was gathered from public documents, local newspapers and publications as well as from the donations of generous alumni.

This collection includes information about the school’s first administrator, Principal Arthur Boothby Morrill. An account of his appointment as principal, copies of his annual reports, a copy of the first school catalog published in 1889 and an article discussing his professional life are offered here.

SERIES DESCRIPTION:

Series I - Committees

This series includes listings of the Normal School faculty and members of the State Board of Education published in the school catalogs for 1889-1890, 1891-1892, and 1892-1893.

Series II - Events

This series offers a transcript of the activities of the first graduation exercises for the class of 1891 taken from the *Windham County Transcript*.

Series III - News Clippings

This series includes an article about the First District School, an account of the first graduation, articles about former Principal Morrill’s participation in this school’s 25th anniversary celebration in 1914, an article from the *Journal of the New Haven Colony Historical Society* and an excerpt taken from *Southern Connecticut State University: A Centennial History, 1893-1993* about President Morrill by Thomas Farnham, former Connecticut State Historian.

Series IV - Publications

This series includes bibliographic information on a textbook co-authored by Mr. Morrill in 1887 and a photocopy of the first Willimantic Normal School Catalogue, 1889-1890. This series also includes information about Mr. Morrill’s appointment as principal taken from state documents³

and a later publication which offer insight into the time of Principal Morrill's tenure at the school.⁷

Series V - Reports

This series includes copies of Annual Reports submitted to the Connecticut Board of Education in 1890 & 1893 which include classroom photographs, 1892 entrance examination, 1893 higher education legislation, and a school visitor report from 1892.

Series VI - Photographs

This series includes a photocopy of a portrait of Principal Morrill created in 1989 for the school's centennial celebration. The original portrait hangs in the University Archives.

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RELATED COLLECTIONS:

Related material may be found in early school catalogs and in the Photograph collection: formal photographs of the principal and graduates of the first three graduating classes (1891, 1892 and 1893).

The University Archives has a substantial collection of university archives material and also houses the Connecticut Studies Collection. For more detailed information on these collections please speak with a staff member, call 860-465-5563 or visit the Smith Library Archives & Special Collections online at <http://ecs.u.archives.s3-website-us-east-1.amazonaws.com/>

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Series II - Events		
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Series III - News clippings		
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	“Industrial Training at Willimantic”	29 July 1891
	“25 th Anniversary”	June 1914
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