

Guide to the J. Ryland Kendrick and Georgia Kendrick Papers, 1877-1927

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Collection Summary

Repository:	Archives and Special Collections Library, Vassar College Libraries
Creator:	Kendrick, J. R. (James Ryland), 1821-1889
Creator:	Kendrick, Georgia Avery, 1848-1922
Title:	J. Ryland Kendrick and Georgia Kendrick Papers,
Dates:	1877-1927
Quantity:	0.6 cubic feet (3 boxes and 1 volume)
Abstract:	Correspondence, biographical information, manuscripts, photographs and other materials relating to the Kendricks.

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Biographical Note

J. Ryland Kendrick, (1821-1889) a Baptist minister, was born in Poultney, VT and was graduated from Brown University. He served as a pastor in the South and in New York City before coming to Poughkeepsie in 1872 as minister to the First Baptist Church. Kendrick became a trustee of Vassar College in 1875, and in 1885 served as acting president during a difficult year in the college's history following the resignation of President Caldwell and preceding the appointment of James Monroe Taylor.

Kendrick's wife, Georgia Avery Kendrick (1848-1922), began her close connection

to Vassar after her husband's death. In 1891 she was appointed Lady Principal, a position she held for twenty-two years. As social head of the college Mrs. Kendrick worked very closely with President Taylor during years of growth in the college and influenced the lives of thousands of college women. She retired in 1913 because of declining health. Upon her death she was eulogized for her warmth, dignity, and commitment to academic standards.

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Scope and Content Note

Papers of James Ryland Kendrick include his letters to his brother Asahel Clark Kendrick, 1832-1884, concerning entrance examination at Brown University and boarding arrangements there, comments on age and life, election results, engagement to Miss Avery, and other personal affairs; letters received concerning his appointment as acting President of Vassar College, 1885; a resolution from the Baptist Church in Poughkeepsie on his resignation from the Church, 1881; his manuscript on Georgia Avery Kendrick include letters of condolence on the death of her husband, 1889; her speeches, prayers, and statements to students as Lady Principal at Vassar, 1901-1909; and her undated manuscripts including two novels. Collection also includes tributes and speeches at the dedication of the Kendrick House on the Vassar Campus, 1927.

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Subject Headings

Names:

- Kendrick, A. C. (Asahel Clark), 1809-1895

Organizations:

- Brown University--Entrance examinations
- Vassar College--Administration
- Vassar College. Board of Trustees
- Vassar College. Lady Principal

Subjects:

- Clergy

VCL Categories

- Vassar College Trustees

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Encoding Information

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Administrative Information

Preferred Citation

J. Ryland Kendrick and Georgia Kendrick Papers, Archives and Special Collections Library, Vassar College Libraries.

Processing Information

Original processing date unknown.

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Container List

Folder 1.1	Biographical and genealogical information. Also a book, <u>An American Scholar, a Tribute to Asahel Clark Kendrick...</u> , by Florence Kendrick Cooper (New York, 1913), which includes genealogical information
Folder 1.2	Manuscript of an article by Dr. Kendrick on the "Old South" and mounted clippings on the dedication of the Poughkeepsie Baptist Church, 1877
Folder 1.3	Letters to Dr. Kendrick from his brother, A. C. Kendrick, and others
Folders 1.4-1.8	Georgia Kendrick's statements to students, chapel prayers, and speeches
Folders 2.1-2.7	Manuscripts of 2 novels by Mrs. Kendrick
Folder 3.1-3.2	Manuscripts of 2 novels by Mrs. Kendrick
Folders 3.3-3.5	Additional manuscripts by Mrs. Kendrick
Folder 3.6	Letters to Mrs. Kendrick at the time of Dr. Kendrick's death, 1889
Folder 3.7	A letter by Mrs. Kendrick and letters to her
Folder 3.8	Tributes to Mrs. Kendrick and speeches by Myra Avery and Mrs. Mabel Humpstone at the dedication of Kendrick House, 1927

Folders 3.9-3.10	Kendrick photographs
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