

Francis and Samuel Gummere papers, 1854-1937

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Summary Information

Repository	Haverford College Quaker & Special Collections
Creator	Gummere, Francis Barton, 1855-1919
Creator	Gummere, Samuel James, 1811-1874
Title	Francis and Samuel Gummere papers
Date [bulk]	Bulk, 1854-1919
Date [inclusive]	1854-1937
Extent	0.5 Linear feet (1 box)
General Physical Description note	Three bound texts, copies of handwritten accounts, handwritten correspondence, handwritten notes, various clippings from books and newspapers, three photographs.
Language	English
Abstract	This collection contains materials related to the life of Francis Barton Gummere (1855-1919) as well as his father Samuel James Gummere (1811-1874).

Preferred Citation note

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Biographical note

Francis Barton Gummere, (March 6th, 1855- May 30th, 1919) was born to Samuel J. Gummere and Elizabeth H. Barton in Burlington, New Jersey. He was half-brother of Caroline E. Gummere and John Gummere. In 1870, his family moved to Haverford, Pennsylvania. He became a student at Haverford College. He received his A.B. from Harvard University in 1875 (the same year he received his A.M. from Haverford) and taught there for two years as an English instructor. He then ran the William Swain School for Advanced Work at New Bedford, Massachusetts, and later worked with the Penn Cord and Iron Works. After, he worked the law firm F.I. Gowan, and then as a teacher at the Providence, Rhode Island Friends' School and later at Moses Brown School. He went on to become a professor of German and English at Haverford College in 1888. He studied abroad at the Universities of Berlin, Leipzig, and Jena, and received his Ph.D. in English from the University of Freiburg. He married Amelia Smith Mott in 1882, and he had three children: Richard M., Samuel J., and Francis Barton Jr.

Samuel James Gummere, (April 28th, 1811- October 23, 1874) was born to John and Elizabeth Buzby Gummere in Rancocas, New Jersey. His father opened a boarding school in Burlington, New Jersey, where Samuel assisted. He later organized the classical department in the Friends' School in Providence, Rhode Island. In 1834 his father became the superintendent of Haverford School, and Samuel became an assistant teacher there. Samuel married Abigail Griscom in 1835, and in 1840 she died. In 1843 the Gummeres reopened the boarding school in Burlington, New Jersey which had had financial difficulties. In 1845, Samuel married Elizabeth Hooton Barton. In 1862, he returned to teach at Haverford College (previously Haverford School), then became president of the college in 1863, a position he held until his death in 1874. He had three children, Caroline E. Gummere, John Gummere, and Francis Barton Gummere.

Richard Tapper Cadbury, (October 11, 1853-October 29, 1929) was born to Richard and Lydia Shinn Cadbury in Philadelphia, PA. He graduated from Haverford College in 1868 and received an M.A. from Harvard in 1878. Cadbury was a teacher, writer, businessman, and art connoisseur. Richard Tapper Cadbury was married to Helen Nathans on August 28, 1884, and the couple lived in Haverford, Pennsylvania, where Helen ran a school for small children.

Scope and Contents note

This collection contains materials related to Francis Barton Gummere (1855-1919), including his personal journal, poetry, and correspondence with Richard Cadbury. Also included are materials from Francis' father, Samuel James Gummere: a journal detailing his voyage to Europe, works of his poetry, and written accounts of his travel in the United States. Miscellaneous correspondence, clippings, photographs and writings are also part of the collection. Francis Barton Gummere's journal includes his reflections on his

life, family, work, and excerpts of his poetry. Francis Barton Gummere's correspondence with Richard Cadbury consists mainly of poetry and requests for critique, as well as updates on family and wellbeing. The long poems by Samuel James Gummere consist of description of his travels in the United States, and specifically in Iowa. The unidentified poetry includes religious and romantic sentiments.

Arrangement note

Arranged alphabetically by author; miscellaneous materials grouped by type of media.

Administrative Information

Publication Information

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Conditions Governing Use note

Standard Federal Copyright Laws Apply (U.S. Title 17)

Immediate Source of Acquisition note

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Processing Information note

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Related Materials

Related Archival Materials note

Gummere family materials, MC 950; Gummere-Mott family papers, MC 1148; Francis Barton Gummere papers, MC 910A.

Controlled Access Headings

Personal Name(s)

- Cadbury, Richard Tapper, 1853-1929

Collection Inventory

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