

FINDING AID to the

DUNCAN MACAULAY

COLLECTION, 1838-1839

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SCOPE AND CONTENT STATEMENT

The Duncan Macaulay Collection contains his inaugural address as president of Hanover College, some legal documents, and materials related to the dismissal of Macaulay as president of Hanover College.

BIOGRAPHICAL STATEMENT

Little information is known about the life of Duncan Macaulay. He was born in Scotland. He claimed to have earned degrees from both the Universities of Glasgow and Edinburgh. However, Macaulay is not listed as a student in *A Roll of Graduates of The University of Glasgow, 1727-1897*. A Duncan Macaulay is listed as a matriculated student in 1808 in *Matriculation Albums of the University of Glasgow, 1728-1858* by W. Innes Addison. However, 1808 is believed too early for Macaulay to be attending college.

In 1833 Macaulay was sent by the Gospel Colonial Society to Canada where he served as a minister. Information within this collection suggests Macaulay could have been in Canada as early as 1827. Macaulay lived in Toronto from 1836-1837. The minutes of the Synod of Toronto for August 31, 1837 state that Macaulay was found “guilty on his own confession of prevarication, fraud, and wilful falsehood.” He was dismissed from the ministry in 1837 and became a schoolteacher in Columbus, Ohio.

Macaulay was chosen to be the 2nd president of Hanover College in 1838 upon the recommendations of clergy and citizens of Columbus, Ohio. He served as president from March to July 1838 when the facts of his past were revealed to the Board of Trustees of Hanover College. After Macaulay’s dismissal from Hanover College, nothing is known in the records of Hanover College about the remainder of his life. For details about the known biographical information on Macaulay, please ask to see the case file for the Duncan Macaulay Collection.

PROVENANCE

There is no formal documentation of the donations within this collection. However, the three copies of the inaugural speech of Macaulay have been in the collections of Hanover College since the early days of the school. The provenance for the letter from John Witherspoon to John Finley Crowe can be obtained by viewing the finding aid for the John Finley Crowe Collection (MSS 1).

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SERIES 1: DUNCAN MACAULEY SPEECH, LEGAL DOCUMENTS, AND MATERIALS RELATING TO HIS DISMISSAL FROM HANOVER COLLEGE, 1838-1839

Fd. 1 Inaugural address and legal documents, 1838 Mar. 28-Sep. 19
5 items

Item

- 1-3 "Address by Rev. D. Macaulay, D.D. on the occasion of his being inaugurated as President of Hanover College"
1838 Mar. 28
- 4 Judgment in case of Victor and John King vs. Duncan Macaulay
1838 Sep. 19
- 5 Judgment in case of Duncan Macaulay vs. George Wellartin
1839 Aug. 12

Fd. 2 Documents related to the Macaulay controversy at Hanover College
1838 Sep. 13-1839 Jul. 29
4 items

Item

- 1-2 Letter from John Witherspoon to John Finley Crowe
1838 May 25

The letter exposes the facts of Duncan Macaulay being dismissed by the Synod of Toronto and his character. The original letter is housed in the John Finley Crowe family collection.

- 1 Typescript
- 2 Photocopy
- 3 Newspaper articles from the *Daily Republican Banner*
1838 Sept.
5 p.
- 4 Madison Seminary receipts
1839 Jul. 29