

# Schofield, Samuel Biggs (1898-1984) Papers

1967-1981

Samuel Biggs Schofield

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## **BIOGRAPHY**

Samuel Biggs Schofield was born in Georgetown, Cecil County, Maryland on February 13, 1898. He earned a state scholarship to attend Western Maryland College, Westminster, MD (now McDaniel College), graduating in 1919. After graduation he was asked to be an instructor in biology at the College and by 1921 he was professor in chemistry. He furthered his studies in chemistry at Cornell University during summers. Schofield took a leave of absence from 1924 to 1927 to complete his graduate studies, earning his M. A. in chemistry from Princeton University in 1925 and continued at Princeton as a Ph.D. candidate and an assistant in chemistry. His dissertation "The Degree of Dissociation of Ammonium Chloride in the Vapor State" was completed in February 1928. However it was not accepted as partial fulfillment of the requirements for his Ph. D. in chemistry because an almost identical study was published in Germany in the spring of 1928.

Schofield returned to Western Maryland College to resume his teaching career. In 1929 he married Julia Corrine Troy, an instructor of home economics at the College. They had a daughter Corrine Schofield, (Les Callette), WMC class of 1952. Schofield was Professor of Chemistry (1928-1965), Dean of the College (1928-1938), and Dean of Administration (1938-1963). He was an American Institute of Chemists Fellow (resigned in 1950) and a member of the American Chemical Society. Dickinson College in Pennsylvania awarded him an honorary Doctorate in Science in 1949. Schofield retired as professor emeritus in 1965 and became the College Archivist. During the next decade he set up the College's first archives as he researched the College's history. His research culminated in a book *THE FORMATIVE YEARS* with Marjorie Cowles Crain, first printed in 1979 and published in 1982. The College in 1979 awarded Schofield a Doctor of Laws for all his work and research. Dr. Samuel Biggs Schofield died in 1984 in Salisbury, MD.

## **SCOPE AND CONTENT**

This collection contains four document cases and two series. The bulk of material consists of the notes and typescripts on the history of Western Maryland College from 1866 to 1972. There is some correspondence, all relating to the history of the College or the typing of the

notes on the history. Originally accessioned under “General Records of Western Maryland College; Faculty Articles and Papers 2/02/033”, it was removed to special collections. Dates are unlisted in the shelf list record and there are no corresponding accession records. These papers had not been processed. In reviewing the contents of the collection it was discovered the collection contained mostly photocopied duplicates and records from other offices of the College. All photocopies of originals were removed. Photocopies of originals where the original was not in the collection were retained. Also removed from the collection was one file folder from the Office of Provost’s academic files. This folder was returned to RG311. One folder with a certificate from his days as a student is listed as a second series. Another folder in the collection containing information on his retirement was kept with the collection and listed as a third series.

In organizing these papers Dr. Schofield’s handwritten index was taken into consideration as were notes made by Bernice Beard, secretary to the College President, who oversaw the typing of Schofield’s notes and writings.

## **CONTAINER LIST**

Box 1: Series 1, 13 book transcripts, 1 Certificate

Box 2: Series 1, binder, 2-9

Box 3: Series 1, 10-38

Box 4: 39-65; series 2, 1; series 3, 1

## **INVENTORY**

### **Series 1**

#### **Box 1:**

- *Western Maryland College: The Formative Years: 1866-1947* (TFY) bound typescript
- *TFY* self- bound typescript
- *TFY* unbound typescript
- 1. *TFY* Certificate of Copyright registration (1980)

**Box 2:**

1. Binder. TFY correction copy (1979)
2. Notes and correspondence on corrections and typing of TFY (1979-1980)
3. Notes and corrections for TFY (1981)
4. Notes and corrections for TFY (1981)
5. Notes and corrections for TFY (1981)
6. Notes and corrections for TFY (1981)
7. Notes, memos, corrections, and galleys for TFY (1982)
8. Biographical material on Samuel Schofield (1965-1979)
9. TFY publishing and binding information (1979-1980)

**Box 3:** (Folders 10-19 and 22-40 are short essays on subject named)

10. Academic Costume
11. Tsune Misao Hirata
12. William H. Zimmerman
13. John Smith of Wakefield
14. Carl Lawyer Schaeffer
15. James Reese
16. Helen Ohler
17. William Roberts McDaniel
18. Alvie Michael Isanogle
19. Joshua Hering
20. Map of West End of Westminster, MD
21. Copy of James T. Ward's Diary, July 4, 1876
22. Literary Societies of Western Maryland College
23. Class Memorials at Western Maryland College 1871-1924
24. United States Flag on Campus
25. College Colors
26. Financial Aid from the State of Maryland 1870-1916
27. The Charter of Western Maryland College
28. Mamie McKinstry bequest
29. Early Scientific Instruments Used by the College
30. The Methodist Church
31. Class of 1871
32. The Reserve Officers Training Corps (R.O.T.C.)
33. The Endowment Fund Efforts of Thomas H. Lewis

34. Anniversary Commencements
35. The Trees of the West Campus
36. Conveniences for Living on Campus
37. Campus Buildings 1866-1920
38. The Seals of Western Maryland College
39. Incidents in the History of the College, copy of written version
40. Incidents in the History of the College, typed with index

**Box 4:**

41. Table of Contents
42. Thomas H. Lewis and Harvey Stone agreement
43. Iona Jewel Simpson – essay by Madeline C. Bankert
44. St. Johns' Methodist Church board
45. Commencements 1868-1945
46. History of College Debt
47. College's Beginning and notes from Joshua Hering's "Recollections of My Life," volume II, chapter XLVII
48. Alumni Hall
49. Indices of research by Samuel Schofield
50. Note--typing of Schofield's notes
51. Notes--Western Maryland College Monthly 1888-1890
52. Notes – Western Maryland College Monthly 1887 and 1892
53. "Outline of the History of Western Maryland College" by James T. Ward, typescript of original
54. "A Brief History" by James T. Ward, typescript of original
55. Notes-- James T. Ward diaries 1867-1880
56. Notes – James T. Ward's scrapbook
57. Copy – Board of Trustees of Western Maryland College Minutes, 1920
58. Photocopies from books and reports Samuel Schofield made for his research
59. Notes – William Roberts McDaniel 1880-1890
60. Notes – "History of Western Maryland College" by George S. Wills
61. Historical Society of Carroll County newsletter, 1967
62. Faculty statistics, 1867-1939
63. Notes – *American Sentinel*, 1879
64. Newspaper clipping - *American Sentinel*, June 21, 1879, 'Awarding Degrees'
65. Errors of fact found in *Carroll County Maryland: A History 1837-1976*

**Box 4:**

**Series 2:**

1. Irving Literary Society certificate of membership, 1914

**Box 4:**

**Series 3:**

1. Schofield retirement dinner, June 1, 1966

**Additional catalog entries:**

**Persons:**

Baker, Daniel  
Baker, Joseph  
Baker William G.  
Benson, F. Murray  
Billingslea, Charles  
Billingslea, J. Levine  
Bonnette, Ferdinand  
Buell, Fayette R.  
Crockett, Albert Stevens  
Elderdice, Dorothy  
Elderdice, Hugh Latimer  
Ensor, Lowell S.  
Harrison, T. K.  
Hoffa, Arthur P.  
Holloway, Fred G.  
Meekins, Lynn  
Miles, Joshua W.  
Rinehart, Frank P.  
Robinson, Margaret M.  
Thomas, Sarah Baker (Mrs. Charles Thomas)  
Walker, J. B.  
Ward, Albert Norman  
Winslow, William R.  
Yingling, Anna

**Corporate Bodies:**

McDaniel College  
Methodist Protestant Baltimore Annual Conference  
Wesley Theological Seminary  
Western Maryland College  
Westminster Theological Seminary

**Associated Titles:**

*Western Maryland College: The Formative Years, 1866-1947*

**Subjects:**

Colleges – History – United States  
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Education – History – United States  
Education – Religion – History - United States

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Research Notes

**Occupations:**

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