



*RIT ASL & Deaf Studies
Community Center Presents.*

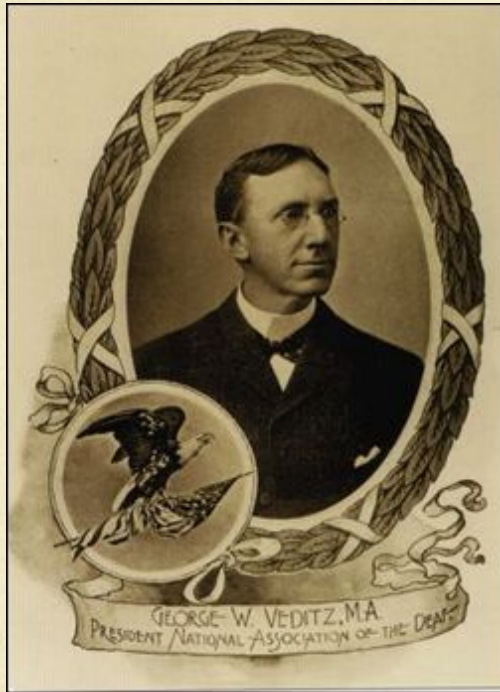
*Celebration of 100th Anniversary of
“The Preservation of Sign Language”
22 November 2013*

Welcome

*Jeanne Behm, Coordinator of the
RADSCC*

George W. Veditz

portrayed by Christopher Brucker



*“Preservation of Sign Language”
(1913)*

“Veditz: Who That” video
by Karen Christie

[http://www.youtube.com/
watch?v=1-uwq0Agpmw](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1-uwq0Agpmw)

NAD Moving Picture Project

- 1910 – mid 1920s
- Raised \$5,000
- Shot on 35 mm nitrate-based film
transferred to 16 mm safety-film in 1930s
- Films rented all over the US
- Purpose:
 - Preserve master signers
 - Defend ASL
 - Challenge oralism and audism
 - advocate for Social Justice



Keepers of the films:

George W. Veditz

Oscar Regensburg, chair

*Roy J. Stewart, treasurer &
custodian*

VEDITZ COLLECTION

EM Gallaudet –discusses a novel

EA Fay –discusses Emperor's visit

McGregor – short jokes

Cleveland 10th NAD Conference 2013

Veditz – Preservation of Sign Language

Hubbard – Tomb of Garfield

Erd – poem

Cloud & McCarthy – Plea for l'Epee
statue

Fox – Gettysburg Address

Footage of the battlefield

Draper – Gallaudet Charter

WE Marshall – Yankee Doodle

Several Old Films Lost ?

Presentation Week at Gallaudet (D.C. 1911)

Escape of Sicard – Dr. James Smith (Chicago 1913)

Signs and Signs – Dr. J. S. Long
(D.C. 1914)

CAID Convention in Staunton, VA (1914)

Atlanta Convention

Unveiling of the Gallaudet Replica Statue

John B. Hotchkiss

Special Guest Appearance by Patrick Graybill

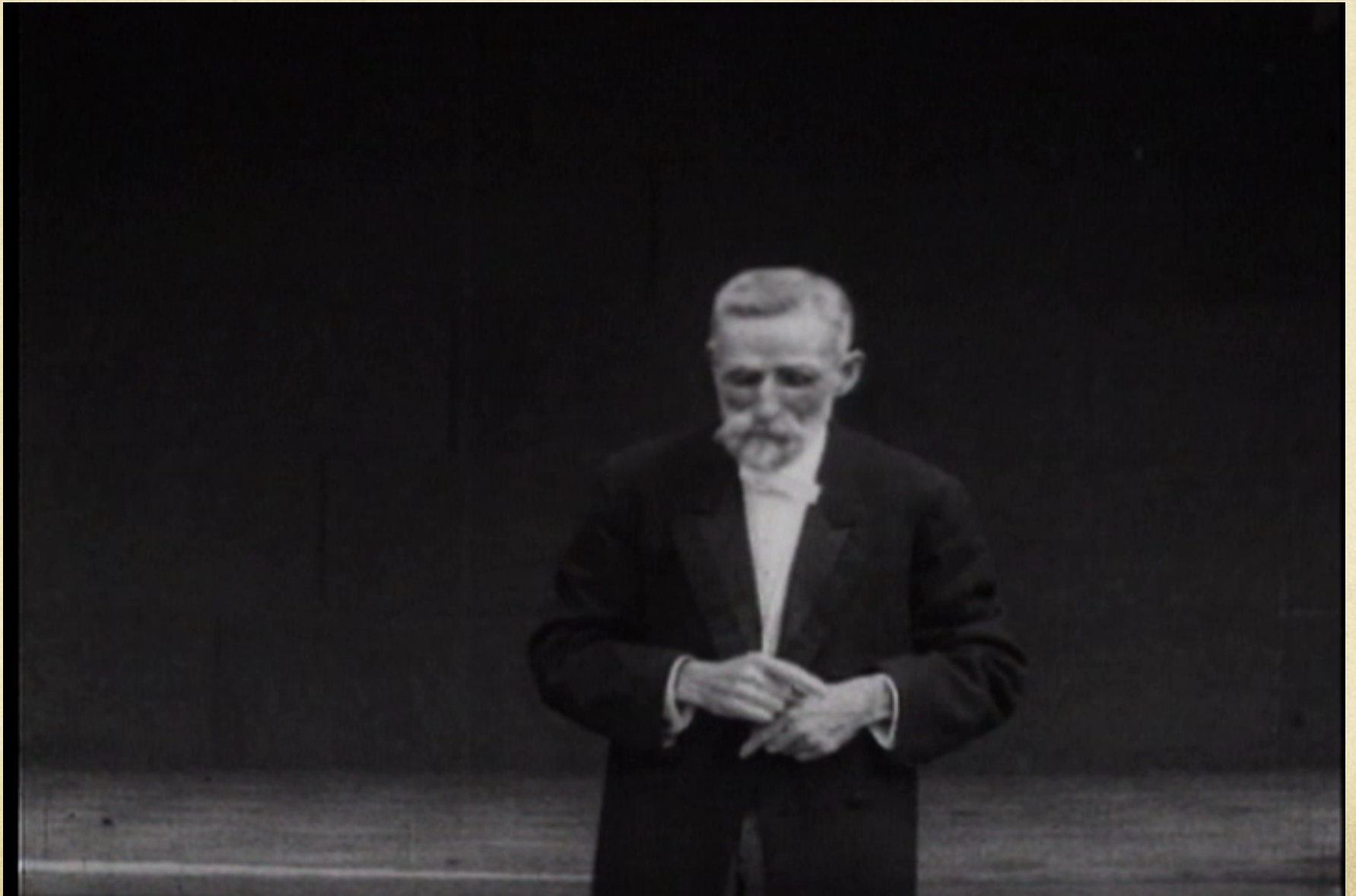


"Memories of Old Hartford" (1913)

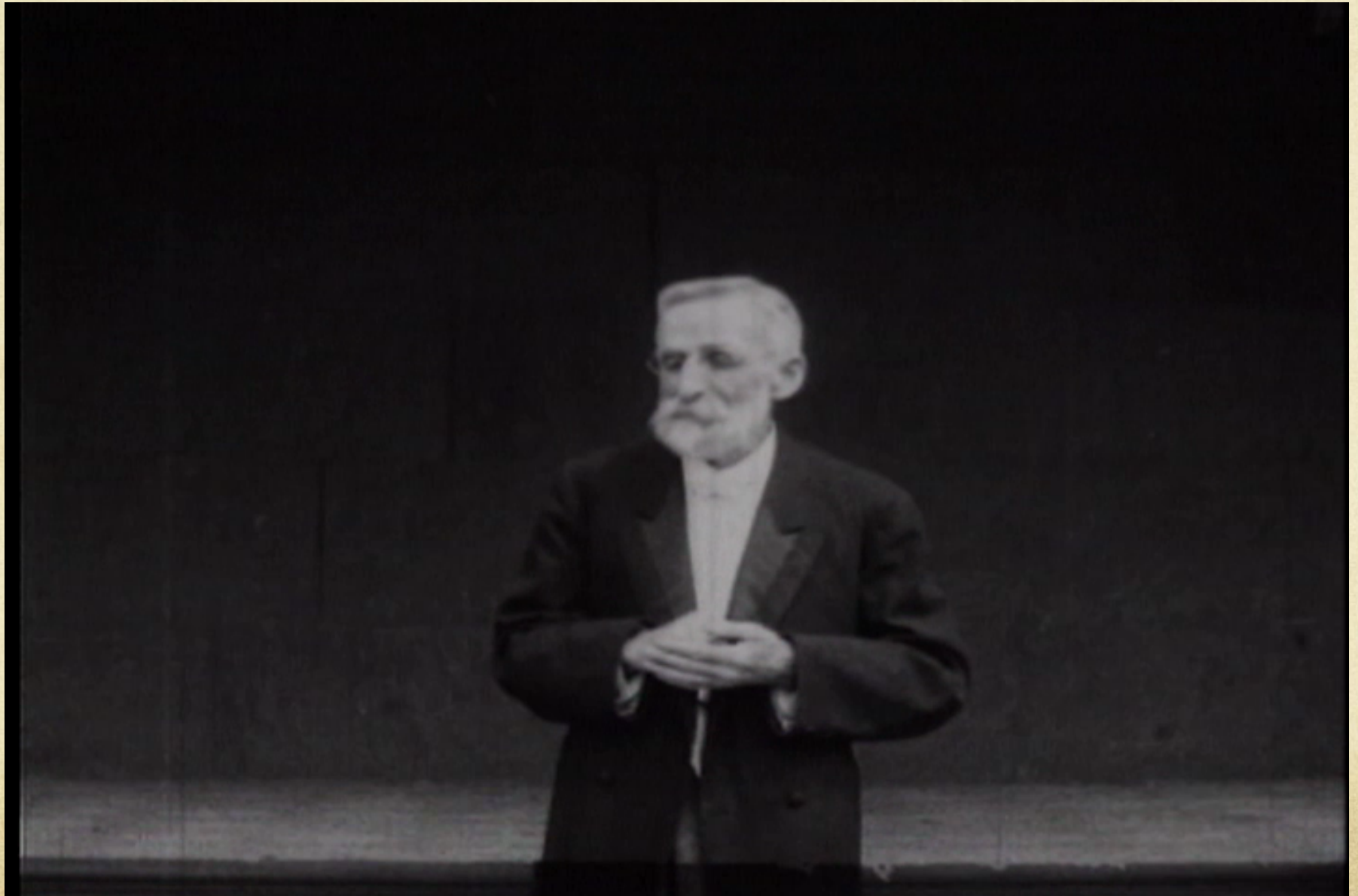
Hotchkiss – Describing Laurent Clerc



Hotchkiss – Clerc's Teaching Method
"We eat to live" vs "We live to eat"

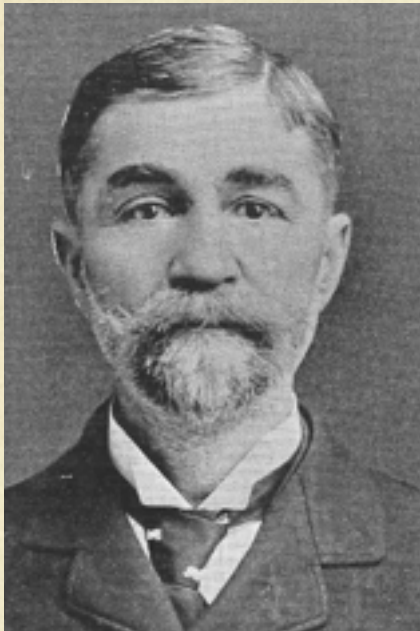


*Hotchkiss – Clerc & the boy who forgot
and a statue for Clerc*



Robert P. Mc Gregor

portrayed by Scott Cohen

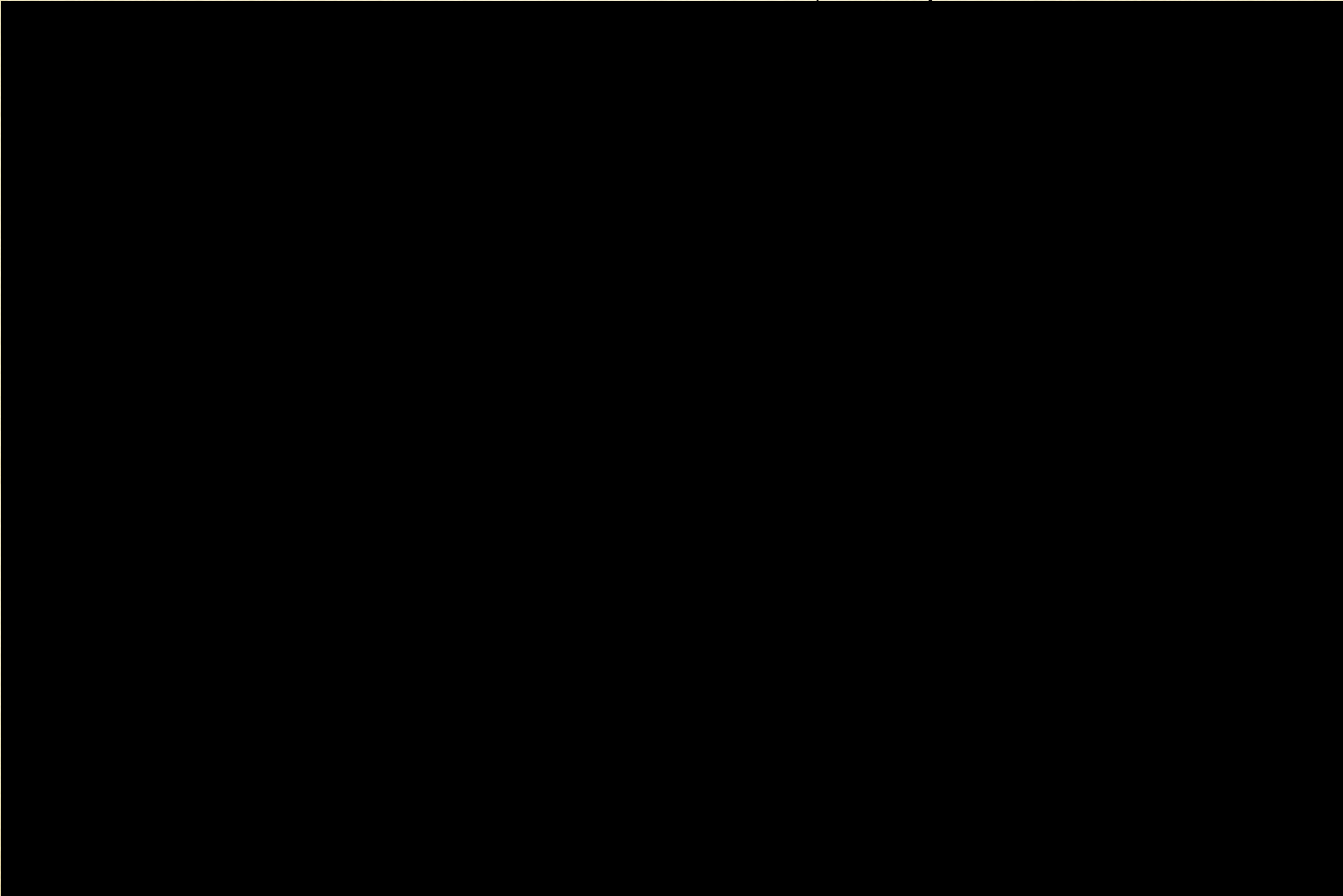


“The Irishman’s Fleas” (1913)

“The Lady and the Cakes” (1913)

*“A Lay Sermon: The Universal Brotherhood
Of Man and the Fatherhood of God”*

McGregor – *Irishman's Flea*
"restored to society deaf"



Mary Williamson Erd

portrayed by Diana Pineda



“The Death of Minnehaha” (1913)

Erd – “Death of Minnehaha”



*Modern Version: Performed by Kalena
Smith and Directed by Jonathan Lewis*

Thomas H. & Sophia F. Gallaudet



portrayed by Mark Holcomb



portrayed by Dorothy Wilkins



Edward M. Gallaudet

portrayed by Matt Salerno

“Chapter in the Life of Thomas Hopkins Gallaudet” (1913)

**A chapter from the Life of
Thomas Hopkins Gallaudet**

T. H. Gallaudet	Mr. H. D. Drake
Mrs. Gallaudet	Miss Ruth Knox
Eddie Gallaudet	Mr. F. H. Hughes



*All-Deaf cast portray the Gallaudets discussing
Edward Miner's future prospects*



“Preservation of Sign Language” (1913)



National Film Registry 2010
Library of Congress

Lost and forgotten
1930s-1970s

Veditz opens with tribute to
L'Epee

*33 Years ... know nothing of their thoughts, souls,
their feelings, desires and needs*



Eyes of jealousy...free Americans...superiority – 1 thing = ASL. False prophets..

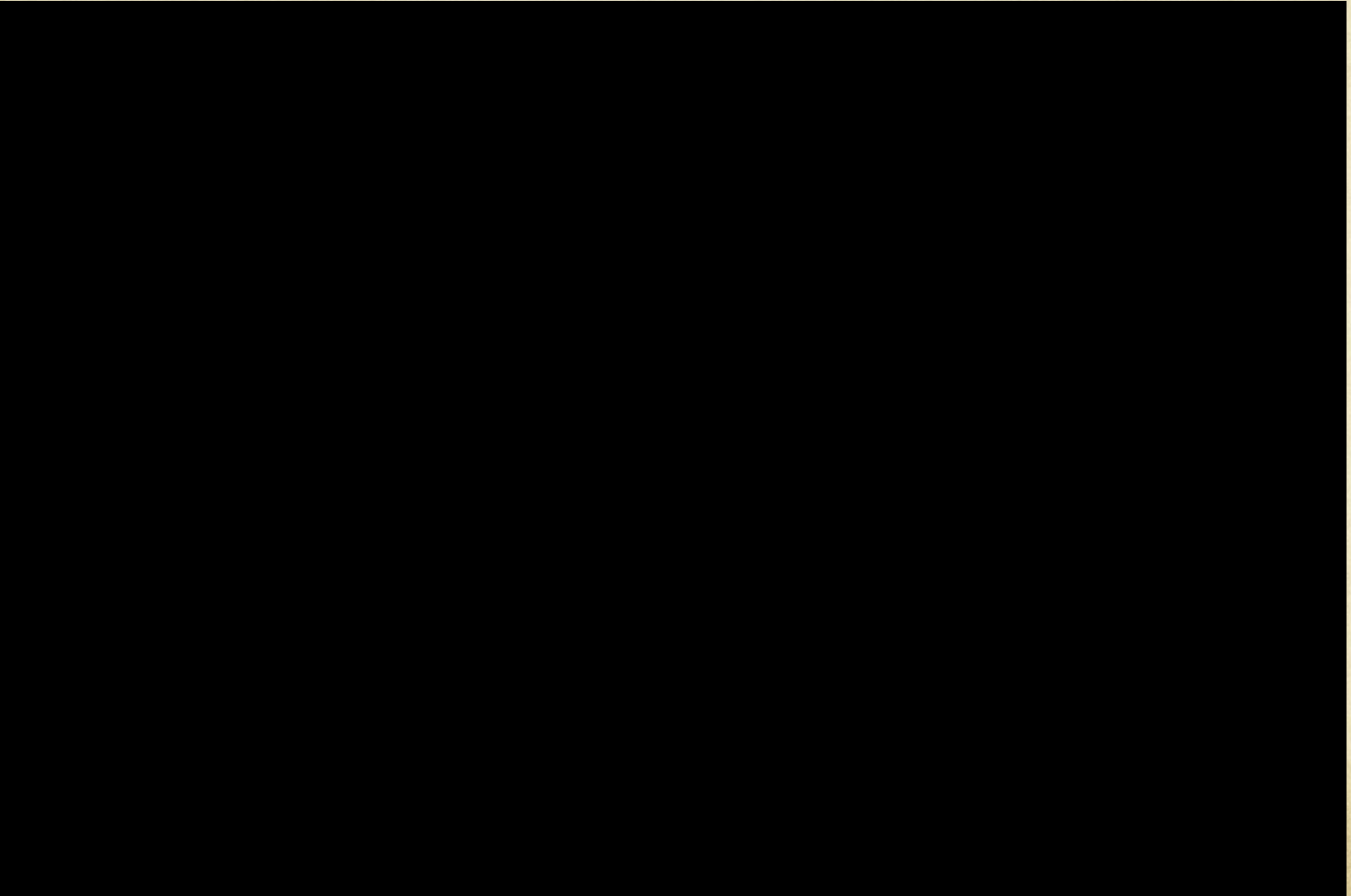


“They have tried to banish signs from the schoolroom, from the churches and from the earth. Yes, they have tried, so our sign language is deteriorating.”



“A new race of pharaohs that knew not Joseph are taking over the land and many of our American schools. They do not understand signs for they cannot sign. They proclaim that signs are worthless and of no help to the deaf. Enemies of the sign language, they are enemies of the true welfare of the deaf.”

As long as....noblest gift



“The End” by Ted Evans

<http://www.bslzone.co.uk/bslzone/zoom-focus-end/>



New website of Veditz's writings, artworks, videos, and more

<http://veditzsite.wordpress.com/>



Closing –

Jeanne Behm & Hotchkiss

