

Draper, Dr. Amos G. (Galusha) (1845-1917)
Educator, Mentor

“When our ship reached Liverpool this morning and from her deck were seen several of your number conversing in the crowd that stood upon those wonderful docks, it recalled that line of your greatest poet which says, ‘One touch of nature makes the whole world kin;’ for though you dwell here upon an island and we upon a continent beyond the seas, yet in all essentials our experiences are probably the same. If you have troubles we can sympathize with you, for we have the same troubles; or if you have joys, those joys are ours, and we rejoice with you.” (1899)



AMOS G. DRAPER, M. A., Professor of Mathematics and Latin, Gallaudet College, Washington, D. C.



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[right from Gallaher (1898), left from Gallaudet University Archives]

Born: October 24, 1845
Shaftsbury, Vermont
Died: 16 October 1917
Buried in Grandview Cemetery
Bennington, VT

Family of origin:

Father: Jonathan (John) Draper, Jr.

Mother: Phileana Galusha

They had 3 other children—one who died from scarlet fever
Amos Draper became deaf at age 9-10 from ‘fever/exposure’

Schooling

1851-1859: “district” school (New England Hearing school)

1860-1862: Hartford for 2 years (beginning at age 14)

1868-1872: Bachelor’s degree Deaf Mute College (Gallaudet University)

1877: Master’s (Gallaudet University)

1904: Honorary Doctorate of letters (Litt. D) (Gallaudet University)

Professional Experiences and honors:

Newspaper typesetter, compositor, and editorial writer (Danville and Aurora, IL)

Professor of mathematics and Latin at Gallaudet University 44 years (beginning in 1873, retired 1915?)

Treasurer of Gallaudet Memorial (statue) fund

Translator of papers from NAD/World Congress in French

On a number of NAD Committees prior to 1910 (Literature and the Deaf, Incorporation, Eugenics, Foreign Relations)

President of Gallaudet Alumni Association (1893)

Secretary of the faculty at Gallaudet College (beginning 1888-1914)

Draper Drive on Gallaudet Campus is named in his honor

Personal information:

1879: Married Luella B. (Belle) Merrill (hearing 1857-1937) in Washington DC
(Married by Rev. John Paxton)

Children:

Constance Draper (Howard) (1880-1952) [She married Jay Cooke Howard
(Deaf) and they had 9 children]

Ernest Gallaudet Draper (1885-1954)

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[Below image from Gallaudet University Archives—Amos Draper is first row on the right]



[Below image from the Library of Congress: Alexander Graham Bell family papers, 1834-1974. <http://www.loc.gov/item/magbell.16900207/>
Letter from Amos G. Draper to Alexander Graham Bell: Feb. 15, 1886.]

