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PROVENANCE

Transferred to the Archives from the Special Collections of Van Pelt Library in 1992 and 1998.

ARRANGEMENT

The Fairman Rogers Papers are organized into one series, General File, and the contents arranged alphabetically by topic.

BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE

Fairman Rogers (1833-1900) graduated from the University of Pennsylvania with an A. B. in 1853 and an A. M. in 1856. He served the University as Professor of Civil Engineering until 1864 and then as a Trustee from 1871 to 1886. Rogers engaged in surveys of the Potomac River for the United States Coast and Geodetic Survey, and was well published on engineering topics. He was equally

well known, however, for his abilities as a horseman. A skilled rider, he was also the founder of the Philadelphia Coaching Club and the first person in Philadelphia to drive a four-in-hand.

SCOPE AND CONTENT

The collection consists of a scrapbook, a diary and 27 other items, including letters, memos, meeting minutes, lists of students, lecture notes, receipts, accounts, and circulars kept during his tenure as Professor. Of major concern was the restructuring of the School with particular focus on the Department of Mines, Arts, and Manufactures. Included are two pamphlets printed in reaction against the reorganization of the University: Alonzo Potter to J. R. Ingersoll and Henry Verthake to William M. Meredith. The diary includes the journal of the Potomac Survey in 1862.

CONTROLLED ACCESS HEADINGS

Corporate Name(s)

- University of Pennsylvania. Dept. of Mines, Arts, and Manufacturers.
- University of Pennsylvania. -- General subdivision--History.;

Personal Name(s)

- Ingersoll, Joseph R., (Joseph Reed), 1786-1868
- Meredith, William M., (William Morris), 1799-1873
- Potter, Alonzo, 1800-1865
- Vethake, Henry, 1792-1866

Subject(s)

- Engineering--Study and teaching--Pennsylvania--Philadelphia.

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INVENTORY

GENERAL FILE	Box	Folder
Reorganization plans	1	1
Reorganization pamphlets	1	2
Correspondence and minutes	1	3
Scrapbook, 1855-1861	1	4
Civil engineering chart (from the Scrapbook)	1	5
Department of Mines, Arts and Manufactures, circulars	1	6
Rogers Diary, 1862 April 9 - 1862 June 29	1	7