

Boyden Papers PVMA Library

This collection largely documents the work of Frank and Helen Boyden while at Deerfield Academy. Additional records are available at the Deerfield Academy Archives:
(<https://deerfield.edu/alumni/archives/collections/>)

Frank Learoyd Boyden, son of Benjamin Franklin Boyden, born in Foxboro, MA, on September 16, 1879. Boyden graduated from Amherst College in 1902, and that summer assumed the duties of headmaster of Deerfield Academy, a position he held until 1968. Boyden married Helen Childs of Deerfield, who taught at the Academy, in 1907; they had three children. Through his tireless efforts he transformed the floundering Academy into a school that has grown exponentially and thrives today. Mr. Boyden was a trustee on many school boards and a member of various clubs, and he earned many honorary degrees during his 66 year tenure as headmaster. The Frank Boyden Library was dedicated in 1968 as a tribute. Boyden died April 25, 1972, and is buried alongside his wife in Laurel Hill Cemetery, Deerfield.

Helen Childs Boyden, daughter of Theodore and Clara Childs, was born September 20, 1883, in Deerfield. She attended Greenfield High School, and in 1904 graduated from Smith College. Helen taught science and mathematics at Deerfield Academy for 63 years. Married to headmaster Frank L. Boyden from 1907 until his death in 1972, their marriage revolved around the Academy and their children. In 1974, the Helen Childs Boyden Science Center was dedicated in her honor. She died October 19, 1973.

Box 1:

Folder 1: Photos and postcards

Folder 2: Correspondence with Frank Boyden and letters to and from

Folder 3: Miscellaneous Boydens (includes deeds and letters to Theodore from J. Sheldon)

Folder 4: Magazine articles on Frank Boyden

Folder 5: Deerfield Academy publications: *Alumni Journal*, *Deerfield Scroll*, etc.

Folder 6: Miscellaneous Deerfield Academy publications and publications on D. A.

Folder 7: Newspaper clippings: F. Boyden's death; F. Boyden's tributes; memorials, awards; retirements of Helen and Frank Boyden

Folder 8: Newspaper clippings: Helen and Frank Boyden; Helen Boyden; buildings at Deerfield Academy; miscellaneous

Box 2:

Folder 1: *Congressional Record* for June 2, 1975

Folder 2: Notes kept by Elizabeth Boyden, 1949-1953

Loose over-size scrapbook (kept by Les Thomas)