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## **Biographical Note**

Dr. Walter E. Russell, born Fayette, Maine, August 6, 1869, died 1948, preacher and educator, was Principal of Gorham Normal School from 1906 to 1940. He graduated from Maine Wesleyan Seminary and attended Wesleyan University in Connecticut. He taught in New Britain, Connecticut for a year before coming to Gorham. Noting a lack of qualified high school and lower school teachers in Maine, he put emphasis during the 1930's on building up a source of qualified teachers for the state.

## **Description of the Papers**

The Walter E. Russell Papers span the period 1874-1945, but the bulk of the material dates from the 1870s and 1880s. The papers consist of his writings on education and allied topics as well as his sermons. His concern with the need to create qualified teachers is a constant theme throughout his educational writings. His recording of the place and date of most of his sermons is of interest in that it clearly documents his favorite themes and venues.

There are a small number of printed items, mostly Maine teachers' associations programs, and a single photograph of 1928 Gorham Normal School Summer School at the end of the collection. Russell often used printed material as scrap paper. Thus forms usually found in the offices of education administrators of the time occur in these papers. The following is a list of those printed forms and what folder they can be found in:

*A. C. McClurg & Co., "catalog card advertisement" (5)*  
*American Institute Of Instruction, 79<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting, program*  
See Industrial Education, Box 1, folder 30.

*Gorham Normal School:*

*Commencement Week Invitation*

See General Conference, Box 1, folder 25

*Summer Session, 1936, Teachers and Subjects*

See Boston Alumni, Box 1, folder 5

*Faculty and Students Invitation*

See General Conference, Box 1, folder 25

*Class of 1913 Reception*

See Closing thoughts..., Box 1, folder 10

*Summer Session, June 27-August 5, 1932*

See Professional School For Teachers, Box 1, folder 43

*Program, Tuesday 15, Wednesday 16*

See Support of Schools, Box 2, folder 56

*Methodist Episcopal Church, Subscription card, The Missionary Centenary*

See Some Uses Of ----- Tests, Box 1, folder 54; All Children Must Be, Box 1, folder 2;

Put The Emphasis... Box 1, folder 44

*State Of Maine, Notice To Parent Or Guardian*

See Individual Differences, Box 1, folder 29

*Western State Normal*

*School-Application For Admission (3)*

See Equalization Of Opportunities, Box 1, folder 20

*York County Teachers' Institute, Saco, Sept. 2-6, 1912*

See State The Aims Of Education, Box 2, folder 55; Some Ideas

The Schools Should Develop, Box 1, folder 52; Teacher's Tools, Box 2, folder

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Box	Folder	Description	Date
		<b>Series I. Writings, Notes and Lists (1874-1945, undated)</b>	
1	1	Abraham. Faith, sermon	undated
	2	All Children Must Be..., outline	undated
	3	Alumni, outline	1941 Ju 15
	4	American University, [dedication?], text	undated
	5	Boston Alumni, outline	undated
	6	Centennial, sermons: Farmington, (2) [place not given]	1884 1888
	7	Character, text	undated
	8	Christian Activity, sermon: Hallowell	188 No 11
	9	Church At Its Best, The, sermon & outline	1944 Fe 19
	10	Closing thoughts for presentation on the relation between church and social forces, outline	undated
	11	Congratulations On Being Educated In The 20 <sup>th</sup> Century, outline	undated

Box	Folder	Description	undated Date
	12	Dedicating The Honor Roll, outline & text	undated
		<b>Series I. Writings, Notes and Lists (cont.)</b>	
1	13	Difficulties Of Task Success Of Performance Adapting Work To Individual Needs, A School System Conclusion, introduction	undated
	14	Duties Of Christianity, sermon: Rockland Farmington Kent's Hill	1881 Mr 3 1882 No 26 1888 Ju 8
	15	[Education ?], speech	undated
	16	Education For Citizenship, outline	undated
	17	Education In Maine, outline	undated
	18	Educational Value Of Manual Training,The, speech	[1902?]
	19	Eighty Years Ago, Herbert Spencer..., text	undated
	20	Equalization Of Opportunities, outline	undated
	21	Evolution Of The Maine Teacher's Association, text	undated
	22	Evolution Of Public School Education In Maine, outline	[1942?]
	23	Fidelity To The Ideal, address: Farmington Normal	1882 Jun 29
	24	Fight the Good Fight Of Faith, sermon: Kent's Hill R. Corner Livermore Falls Newburgh, N. Y.	1885 Se 13 1885 Se 27 1885 No 8 1886 Ag 1
	25	General Conference, outline	undated
	26	Gorham Normal School, historical sketch	undated
	27	He Brought Me To His Banquet, sermon: Kent's Hill R. Corner	1886 Oc 19 1887 Ja 16
	28	He That Is Not With Me... sermon: Union St. Rockland Farmington	1878 De 15 1883 Ja 28 1883 Ja 28
	29	Individual Differences, outline & text	undated

Box	Folder	Description	undated Date
	30	Industrial education, outline & notes	
		<b>Series I. Writings, Notes and Lists (cont.)</b>	
1	31	It Doth Not Appear...sermon (4 versions): Brick Chapel	1875 Ag 1 1875 Se 19 1876 Oc 29 1876 Ju 11 1876 Oc 8 1876 Ja 16 1876 Mr 12 1877 Ja 28 1877 Jy 29 1877 Mr 20 1877 My 1878 Ja 20 1878 Mr 10 1878 No 17 1878 Ap 28 1878 My 11 1878 Jy 1879 No 2 1879 Ag 3 1880 Ap 25 1880 Fe 8 1880 My 30 1880 Fe 15 1880 Je 27 1880 No 14 1880 No 21 1881 De 4 1881 Se 11 1881 My 15 1882 Je 4 1883 Jy 15 1884 Fe 10 1884 Ag 29 1884 Ap 20 1885 No 15 1885 Se 13 1886 My 16 1886 Au 1 1887 My 22 1887 Je 12
		Bucksport Cong. Bangor Baptist Hammond St. Brewer Brick Chapel First Baptist (Headwoods?) First Parish Thomaston Union St.	
		Brewer Thornton Methodist North Bangor Orono North Bangor First Parish Union St.	
		North Bangor Rockland	
		Warsaw ? Cong. Belfast Farmington	
		Bath Swedenborgian Kent's Hill R. Corner R. Hill Newburgh R. Corner	
	32	Lions International, outline	1944 Fe 1
	33	Manpower Tzar, A, outline	undated
	34	Mary Lyon: A Great American Woman, outline & text	undated

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	<b>Series I.</b>	<b>Writings, Notes and Lists (cont.)</b>	
1	36	[Ministers For Churches?], outline	undated
	37	Model Rural School, outline & text	undated
	38	Model School, A, text	undated
	39	Need For Variety Of Expression In Education, The, outline & text	undated
	40	Quest Of Greatness, The, outline	undated
	41	Objections To Enlarging The Traditional Range Of Motor Ex., outline	undated
	42	Per Oration, text	undated
	43	Professional School For Teachers, outlines	undated
	44	Put The Emphasis..., statement	undated
	45	Relation Of The H[igh] S[chool] To The Preparation Of Public School Teachers, outline & notes	undated
	46	Responsibility Of The New England Teacher Training Institutions In Developing Personality, text	undated
	47	Righteousness Obtainable By Faith, sermon: Union Street Rockland Farmington Kents Hill Reidsfield C[enter]?	1879 De14 1880 Oc 3 1884 Je 29 1885 Je 7 1885 Je 7
	48	School Houses, list	undated
	49	Schools, The, text	undated
	50	Schools Today, The, text	undated
	51	Significant Accomplishments By Age, list	undated
	52	Standard X, text	undated
	53	Some Ideas The Schools Should Develop, outline	undated
2	54	Some Uses Of ----Tests, outline	undated
	55	State The Aims Of Education, notes	[1912?]

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		<b>Series I. Writings, Notes and Lists (cont.)</b>	
2	56	Support of School, outline	undated
	57	Teachers, outline	undated
	58	Teachers' Tools, outline	[1912?]
	59	Teaching, outline	undated
	60	Temperance, sermon: Brick Chapel	1874 No
	61	Testing, text, fragment	undated
	62	Testing Schoolroom Efficiency, text	undated
	63	Testing The Efficiency Of Our Work, outline	undated
	64	Then Jesus Beholding Him..., sermon: Union St. Free Will Columbia St. West Bangor Brick Chapel Rockland Thomaston Hampden Rockland Baptist South Thomaston R. Hill R. Corner	1879 Je 12 1879 Ja19 1879 De 28 1880 Fe 8 1880 My 1880 Je 20 1880 De 5 1880 Ja 4 1881 My 28 1881 Oc 2 1887 De18 1887 De18
	65	Ultimate Objective In American Education, The, text	undated
	66	[Value of Preachers?], outline & notes	undated
	67	Welcome To 1927, outline	undated
	68	What Is Education, speech	undated
	69	What Topics Should Be Eliminated, outline & notes	undated
	70	Fragments	1936, undated
		<b>Series II. Printed Material (1879-1942, n.d.)</b>	
	71	State Normal School, Catalog and Circular	1907-08
	72	Hancock County Teachers' Association	1908

Box	Folder	Description	Date
		Annual Convention, program with notes	
		<b>Series II. Printed Material (cont.)</b>	
2	73	Madawaska Teachers Convention, program	1909
	74	Sagadahoc Teachers' Association Annual Meeting, program with notes	1910
	75	Piscataquis County Teachers' Association, program with notes	1910
	76	Penobscot-Washington Teachers' Association, program	1910
	77	Waldo County Teachers' Association, program with notes	1910
	78	Saco Valley Teachers' Association, program	1911
	79	Institute For Teachers Of Rural Schools, program	1912
	80	Eastern Somerset County Teachers' Association, program with notes	1914
	81	State of Maine: Meritorious Service Certificate, Class of 1918, Western State Normal School See oversize	1918
	82	Dedication Of The New Normal School At Gorham, clipping	undated
	83	<u>Congressional Record</u> , extract, address by George B. Cutten	1942 Jy 6
	84	Alumni Association Of The Gorham Normal School, 1879-1942, catalog with notes	1942
	85	State of Maine: 92 <sup>nd</sup> Legislature, Senate & House Registers	1945
	86	"Of One Blood," As A Doctor Sees It, Dr. James D. Van Buskirk, pamphlet	undated
		<b>Series III. Oversize Material (1918,1928)</b>	
Mapcase 7 Dr. 1		Photograph: Gorham Normal School Summer School	1928
		State of Maine: Meritorious Service Certificate, Class Of 1918, Western State Normal School (from Box 2)	1918