

# **Sir Francis Joseph Campbell Papers**

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## Collection Summary

**Title:** Sir Francis Joseph Campbell Papers

**Span Dates:** 1870-1935

**ID No.:** MSS14860

**Creator:** Campbell, Francis Joseph, Sir, 1834-1914

**Extent:** 10,500 items ; 35 containers ; 14 linear feet

**Language:** Collection material in English and braille

**Location:** Manuscript Division, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.

**Summary:** American-born musician, educator, and advocate for the blind. Correspondence, biographical notes and manuscripts, speeches, articles, printed matter, and photographs; personal letters, family papers, and manuscript of a biography of Campbell by his wife, Lady Sophia Campbell; and papers of a son, Charles Francis Faulkner Campbell. Includes papers relating to the Royal Normal College and Academy for the Blind in London, England, and of various members of the family identified with the college.

## Selected Search Terms

The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the Library's online catalog. They are grouped by name of person or organization, by subject or location, and by occupation and listed alphabetically therein.

### People

Alcock, Rutherford, Sir, 1809-1897--Correspondence.

Armitage, Thomas Rhodes, 1824-1890--Correspondence.

Arrol, William, 1839-1913.

Campbell family.

Campbell, Charles Francis Faulkner, 1876- Charles Francis Faulkner Campbell papers.

Campbell, Francis Joseph, Sir, 1834-1914.

Campbell, Sophia Faulkner. Sophia Faulkner Campbell papers.

Coldstream, John P., 1806-1863.

Eden, Charles.

Fawcett, Henry, 1833-1884.

Fitzroy, Carl C.

Gardner, Richardson.

Hopkins, Edward.

MacDonald, John.

Playfair, Lyon Playfair, Baron, 1818-1898.

Presland, John, 1839 or 1840-1897.

Smith, Dudley R.

Tebb, William, 1830-1918--Correspondence.

Wilson, Henry J.--Correspondence.

### Organizations

Royal Normal College and Academy for the Blind.

### Subjects

Blind--Education.

Education--England--London.

Music for the blind.

### Occupations

Educators.

Musicians.

# Administrative Information

## Provenance

The papers of Sir Francis Joseph Campbell, musician, educator, and advocate for the blind, were given to the Library of Congress by Edna Irwin Davis and Mary Dranga Campbell in 1952-1953. The bulk of the papers had been willed to Edna Irwin Davis as a part of the estate of her late brother, Robert B. Irwin, who was preparing a biography of Sir Francis Joseph Campbell and had served as executive director of the American Foundation for the Blind.

## Processing History

The collection was processed in 1953-1954. The finding aid was revised in 2014.

## Copyright Status

The status of copyright in the unpublished writings of Sir Francis Joseph Campbell is governed by the Copyright Law of the United States (Title 17, U.S.C.).

## Access and Restrictions

The Campbell Papers are open to research. Researchers are advised to contact the Manuscript Reading Room prior to visiting. Many collections are stored off-site and advance notice is needed to retrieve these items for research use.

## Preferred Citation

Researchers wishing to cite this collection should include the following information: Container number, Sir Francis Joseph Campbell Papers, Manuscript Division, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.

# Biographical Note

| <i>Date</i>  | <i>Event</i>   |
|--------------|--|
| 1832, Oct. 9 | Born, Franklin County, Tenn.   |
| 1836         | Lost eyesight  |
| 1844         | Attended Nashville Institution for the Blind, Nashville, Tenn.   |
| 1850         | Appointed teacher of music, Tennessee State Institution for the Blind, Nashville, Tenn.  |
| 1856         | Studied improved methods of teaching at normal school, Bridgewater, Mass.<br>Taught music, Wisconsin Institution for the Blind<br>Returned to Tennessee where he was boycotted for being abolitionist<br>Married Mary Bond (died 1873) |
| 1858-1869    | Taught music and physical education, Perkins Institute, South Boston, Mass.  |
| 1869-1871    | Studied abroad under the pianists Kullak and Tausig  |
| 1871         | Attended meeting of blind in London, England, where he presented plans for normal college for blind  |
| 1872         | With assistance of T. R. Armitage founded Royal Normal College and Academy for the Blind, Upper Norwood, London, England   |

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| 1872-1912 | Principal, Royal Normal College and Academy of Music for the Blind, Upper Norwood, London, England |
| 1875      | Married Sophia Faulkner  |
| 1880      | Climbed Mount Blanc  |
| 1909      | Knighted by King Edward VII  |
| 1914      | Died, London, England  |

## Scope and Content Note

The papers of Sir Francis Joseph Campbell (1834-1914) span the years 1870-1935. The collection consists of correspondence, biographical notes and writings, printed matter, photographs, family papers, an unpublished manuscript of a biography of Campbell by his wife, Lady Sophia Campbell, and papers of a son, Charles Francis Faulkner Campbell. Part of the material is in braille. Included are papers relating to the Royal Normal College and Academy for the Blind in London, England, and of various members of the family identified with the college. The papers are comprised of four series: [Letters Sent](#), [Letters Received](#), [Family Papers](#), and [Subject File](#).

Among the correspondents are Sir Rutherford Alcock, Thomas R. Armitage, William A. Arrol, John P. Coldstream, Charles Eden, Henry Fawcett, Richardson Gardner, Carl C. Fitzroy, Edward Hopkins, John MacDonald, Sir Lyon Playfair, John Presland, Dudley R. Smith, William Tebb, and Henry J. Wilson.

## Arrangement of the Papers

This collection is arranged in four series:

- [Letters Sent, 1879-1909](#)
- [Letters Received, 1870-1905](#)
- [Family Papers, 1875-1935](#)
- [Subject File, 1871-1926](#)

## Description of Series

| <i>Container</i> | <i>Series</i>   |
|------------------|---|
| BOX 1-4          | <b><u>Letters Sent, 1879-1909</u></b><br>Letterbooks of letters sent and a few loose letters; also typewritten copies of letters not in letter books. The source of these typewritten copies is not known.<br>Arranged chronologically by year.               |
| BOX 5-29         | <b><u>Letters Received, 1870-1905</u></b><br>Handwritten and typed letters in English and braille.<br>Arranged chronologically by year. Letters in braille are located at the end of the file.  |
| BOX 30-31        | <b><u>Family Papers, 1875-1935</u></b><br>Letters sent and received and other papers of Campbell's wife, Lady Sophia Campbell, and son, Charles Francis Faulkner Campbell.<br>Arranged according to type of material within their separate files.             |
| BOX 32-35        | <b><u>Subject File, 1871-1926</u></b><br>Biographical papers, material relating to the Royal Normal College and Academy for the Blind, London, England, to other work with the blind, miscellany, and photographs.<br>Arranged according to type of material. |

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| <b>BOX 1</b>     | Letterbooks  |
| <b>BOX 1</b>     | Aug. 1879-Oct. 1886  |
| <b>BOX 1</b>     | Oct. 1886-May 1888   |
| <b>BOX 1</b>     | Nov. 1889-July 1891  |
| <b>BOX 1</b>     | July 1891-Oct. 1892  |
| <b>BOX 2</b>     | Nov. 1895-Mar. 1897  |
| <b>BOX 2</b>     | Oct. 1902-May 1903   |
| <b>BOX 2</b>     | Nov. 1902-Nov. 1906  |
| <b>BOX 3</b>     | July 1904-May 1906   |
| <b>BOX 3</b>     | July 1905-Nov. 1906  |
| <b>BOX 3</b>     | Sept. 1905-Mar. 1907   |
| <b>BOX 4</b>     | Typescript copies  |
| <b>BOX 4</b>     | Feb. 1879-Mar. 1895  |
| <b>BOX 4</b>     | Jan. 1874-Sept. 1909   |
| <b>BOX 5-29</b>  | <b>Letters Received, 1870-1905</b><br>Handwritten and typed letters in English and braille.<br>Arranged chronologically by year. Letters in braille are located at the end of the file.  |
| <b>BOX 5</b>     | 1870-1875  |
| <b>BOX 6</b>     | 1875-1876  |
| <b>BOX 7</b>     | 1876   |
| <b>BOX 8</b>     | 1876   |
| <b>BOX 9</b>     | 1877   |
| <b>BOX 10</b>    | 1877   |
| <b>BOX 11</b>    | 1877-1878  |
| <b>BOX 12</b>    | 1878-1879  |
| <b>BOX 13</b>    | 1879   |
| <b>BOX 14</b>    | 1880   |
| <b>BOX 15</b>    | 1880-1882  |
| <b>BOX 16</b>    | 1882   |
| <b>BOX 17</b>    | 1882-1883  |
| <b>BOX 18</b>    | 1883-1884  |
| <b>BOX 19</b>    | 1884-1888  |
| <b>BOX 20</b>    | 1888-1889  |
| <b>BOX 21</b>    | 1889-1893  |
| <b>BOX 22</b>    | 1893   |

## Letters Received, 1870-1905

| <i>Container</i> | <i>Contents</i>  |
|------------------|--|
| BOX 23           | 1894   |
| BOX 24           | 1895-1897  |
| BOX 25           | 1897-1899  |
| BOX 26           | 1901-1902  |
| BOX 27           | 1903-1904  |
| BOX 28           | 1905-1908  |
| BOX 29           | In braille, 1878-1905, undated   |
| BOX 30-31        | <b>Family Papers, 1875-1935</b><br>Letters sent and received and other papers of Campbell's wife, Lady Sophia Campbell, and son, Charles Francis Faulkner Campbell.<br>Arranged according to type of material within their separate files.             |
| BOX 30           | Lady Sophia Campbell (wife)  |
| BOX 30           | Correspondence, 1875-1931  |
| BOX 30           | Speeches and articles  |
| BOX 31           | Campbell, Charles Francis Faulkner (son)   |
| BOX 31           | Correspondence, 1902-1935  |
| BOX 31           | Speeches and articles by Charles Francis Faulkner Campbell and others  |
| BOX 32-35        | <b>Subject File, 1871-1926</b><br>Biographical papers, material relating to the Royal Normal College and Academy for the Blind, London, England, to other work with the blind, miscellany, and photographs.<br>Arranged according to type of material. |
| BOX 32           | Biographical material, 1898-1930   |
| BOX 32           | Congratulatory letters concerning knighting of Campbell, 1909-1910   |
| BOX 33           | Lady Sophia Campbell's biography of Sir Francis Joseph Campbell  |
| BOX 33           | Royal Normal College and Academy for the Blind, London, England, 1878-1923   |
| BOX 34           | Typescript of newspaper articles   |
| BOX 34           | Royal Normal College and Academy for the Blind, London, England, 1871-1891   |
| BOX 34           | Perkins Institution and Massachusetts School for the Blind, Boston, Mass., 1905-1908   |
| BOX 34           | Braille committees, 1899-1903  |
| BOX 34           | Miscellaneous material pertaining to the blind, 1877-1933  |
| BOX 34           | Miscellaneous, general, 1875-1926  |
| BOX 35           | Photographs  |