British Association of Teachers of the Deaf archive

Reference: BATOD
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Records of the British Association of Teachers of the Deaf and predecessor organisations. Including minutes and meeting papers, 1885-2014; account books, 1885-1940; examination results, 1885-1907; registers of teachers; general correspondence, 1885-1916; Joint Examinations Board correspondence, 1902-1920; miscellaneous items, 1887-1917 and publications, 1885-2015.


Administrative history: In the late nineteenth century there was little formal education provision for hearing-impaired children. The education available, largely through the work of charitable organisations, was often limited in content and difficult to obtain. Dr Richard Elliott (1836-1923), a pioneer in the education of the hearing-impaired, believed that the academic potential of deaf children was consequently not being fully realised and that it was necessary to 'ensure a supply of teachers of knowledge, experience and ability' if the situation was to be vastly improved. Although some teachers of the deaf at that time held specialised qualifications, these were generally unrecognised by the government and the wider teaching community. Thus in 1885, Elliot founded the
College of Teachers of the Deaf and Dumb (CTDD) in order to establish and administer an officially recognised diploma for teachers, generally based in schools, of hearing-impaired children. The CTDD was not the only institution to award this type of diploma. In 1907, therefore, following negotiations between the CTDD, the Society for Training Teachers of the Deaf and for the Diffusion of the German System, and the Association for the Oral Instruction of the Deaf and Dumb, the Joint Examination Board was formed. The three colleges remained as separate entities, but a single, unified diploma was introduced. In 1918 the CTDD merged with the National Association of Teachers of the Deaf and was renamed the National College of Teachers of the Deaf (NCTD). After a split in 1959 when a break-away group formed the Society of Teachers of the Deaf (STD), the two bodies reunited in 1976 to become the British Association of Teachers of the Deaf (BATOD).

1885 College of Teachers of the Deaf and Dumb founded

1894 Association of Teachers of the Deaf and Dumb formed

1895 National Association of Teachers of the Deaf formed from amalgamation of the Committee of a 'Conference of Head Masters and Others' held in London, July 1895 with the Association of Teachers of the Deaf and Dumb, and other representatives

1907 Joint Examination Board created

1918 National College of Teachers of the Deaf formed from merger of the National Association of Teachers of the Deaf with College of Teachers of the Deaf and Dumb

1959 Society of Teachers of the Deaf formed as a breakaway group from the National College of Teachers of the Deaf

1979 British Association of Teachers of the Deaf formed through merger between National College of Teachers of the Deaf and the
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Society of Teachers of the Deaf

Source: the minutes; deposit file papers

**Arrangement:** The collection is arranged chronologically and divided into categories reflecting the key stages in development represented in the archive:

/1 College of Teachers of the Deaf and Dumb

/2 Association of Teachers of the Deaf and Dumb

/3 National Association of Teachers of the Deaf

/4 Joint Examination Board

/5 National College of Teachers of the Deaf

/6 British Association of Teachers of the Deaf

41 archive boxes

Access: Open, but subject to some access restrictions

**Access conditions:** Access to all registered researchers with exception of Examination Board minutes and results of examinations which are closed in line with conditions set out by the depositors; access to these records is confined to officers of the Association or to such individuals as those officers may accredit in writing. In addition, 11 boxes of material received in 2007 is not yet available for research as it is awaiting processing. Please contact the Archivist for more information.

**Physical description:** The original deposit comprised records of the College of Teachers of the Deaf and Dumb, the Joint Examinations Board, the National College of Teachers of the Deaf and the British Association of Teachers of the Deaf. In order to continue the chronological system of arrangement used when the papers were received in 1993, some of the record series were re-numbered when records of predecessor bodies not previously represented in the archive were deposited in 2013 (the Association of Teachers of the Deaf
and Dumb and National Association of Teachers of the Deaf). Previous finding numbers are given in the handlist.

National Association of Teachers of the Deaf: Executive Committee minutes 5 October 1895-12 June 1897 spine partially missing; National College of Teachers of the Deaf Executive Committee minutes April 1930-18 September 1937 spine missing and evidence of some water damage on the lower half of the volume. Some minutes are fixed in with seloptape which has caused discolouration to the pages; the seloptape is peeling away from page surfaces and consequently a few pages are partially stuck together.

Copies: Minutes of the National Executive Council (NEC) of BATOD from 2008 onwards are available online to members through the BATOD website at http://www.batod.org.uk.

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Language: English

Acquisition: This collection was originally deposited by the British Association of Teachers of the Deaf with the University of Birmingham’s School of Education in 1993; it was transferred to Special Collections (now Cadbury Research Library: Special Collections) in 1999; further accruals have since been received. A number of additions to the archive have also been received from John Rylands Library, University of Manchester, including 18 volumes of minutes and an account book of the National College of Teachers of the Deaf 1917-1940; please ask staff for details.
### BATOD/1 College of Teachers of the Deaf and Dumb

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<td>Jan 1885 Circular inviting nominations to create Examining Body</td>
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<td>1886-1887 Correspondence between Elliot, Board of Trade and Inland Revenue re obtaining licence and registering CTDD as Incorporated Company. Draft Memorandum and Articles of Association.</td>
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<td>1887-1917 Various. Includes correspondence re forming JEB; Memorandum and Articles of CTDD; Certificate of Incorporation of CTDD.</td>
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<td>1895 Letter from C. Storr to Elliot re formalities of altering Articles of Association.</td>
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<td>June 1896 Letter from J. G. Shaw thanking Elliot for granting him Diploma of CTDD without Examination</td>
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<td>1896 Correspondence re legality of Mr Shaw’s nomination</td>
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<td>1896 Circular – reminder about payment of subscription fees</td>
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<td>June 1897 Letter from Woodhall to Elliot confirming attendance at meeting and accepting continued office as President</td>
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<td>1899 Draft of letter from Elliot requesting recognition of CTDD as an approved examining body.</td>
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<td>May 1896-May 1900 Circular inviting nominations for new committee members</td>
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<td>c1895 Circular requesting names of candidates for examinations. Two different formats</td>
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<td>1900 Circular re AGM of CTDD, including agenda. Circulars inviting members to AGMs in 1896, 1897 and 1904.</td>
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<td>Jan 1900 Incomplete copy of letter to Mr Farrar re republication of Mr Arnold’s manual and Volta Bureau.</td>
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<td>Feb 1902 Letter from Farrar re poor sales of his book and lack of support from CTDD.</td>
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<td>1/1/16</td>
<td>Feb 1902 Letter to Elliot from Mrs Kinsey (Ealing College) re proposal by CTDD (possibly an early suggestion to form a joint examining board).</td>
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<td>1/1/17</td>
<td>Jan 1903 Correspondence between Board of Education, Driscoll (NATD) and Elliot re academic ability of ‘deaf and dumb’ pupils.</td>
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<td>March 1905 Letter from Dodds (headmaster) re exam results of 2 of his teachers.</td>
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<td>1907 Correspondence between Elliot and a candidate re his exam failure.</td>
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June 1908 Letter from Mabel Gibbs to Elliot re her inability to sit for exam as she is under age.

Elliot to Chair of Council re opening Council to headteachers

Letter from Townsend (CTDD) re proposal to merge CTDD with NATD

Letter from B. H. Payne (Royal Cambrian Institute for the Deaf and Dumb) to CTDD re changing times of lectures

Letter from Elliot re his resignation as President and the development of the College.

Correspondence re availability and publication of books on teaching the deaf.

Letters thanking CTDD for donations.

Letter to Mr Jones from Mrs Illingworth re her husband’s recovery from illness.

Correspondence between Jones and Carey Roe re Easter holiday course.

Apologies for non-attendance at AGM.

Correspondence between Nelson and Elliot re future of CTDD.


Executive Committee minutes

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Draft copy of minutes of AGM.

List of members and subscriptions.

Report and list of members year

Examination results

Syllabus

Financial matters

Miscellaneous

Awards (certificates and prizes)

Articles of Association, etc.
BATOD/2 Association of Teachers of the Deaf and Dumb

2/1 Minutes

2/1/1 1894-1895 General Meeting and Committee minutes

BATOD/3 National Association of Teachers of the Deaf

3/1 Minutes

3/1/1 1895-1897 Executive Committee minutes

3/1/2 1897-1901 Executive Committee minutes

3/1/3 1901-1907 Executive Committee minutes

3/1/4 1907-1917 Executive Committee minutes (includes minutes NCTD Executive March-July 1918)

3/1/5 1895-1898 General Meeting minutes

BATOD/4 Joint Examination Board (previously numbered 2/1-2/8)

4/1 Correspondence

4/2 Schedule of Constitution

4/3 Minutes

4/4 Teachers (Qualified)

4/5 Candidates

4/6 Results

4/7 Syllabus

4/8 Financial matters
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BATOD/5 National College of Teachers of the Deaf (previously numbered 3/1-3/12)

5/1  Correspondence
5/2  Documents relating to the establishment of NCTD
5/3  Minutes
5/3/1  1917-1941  AGM minutes
5/3/2  1942-1976  AGM minutes
5/3/3  1918-[1924]  Executive Committee minutes (see also BATOD/3/1/4)
5/3/4  1924-1930  Executive Committee minutes
5/3/5  1930-1937  Executive Committee minutes
5/3/6  1938-1964  Executive Committee minutes
5/3/7  1964-1976  Executive Committee minutes
5/3/8  1921-1947  Examination Board minutes (CLOSED)
5/3/9  1947-1969  Examination Board minutes (CLOSED)
5/3/10  1970-1984  Examination Board minutes (CLOSED)
5/3/11  1932-1959  Education Committee minutes
5/3/12  1959-1972  Education Committee minutes
5/3/13  1949-1964  General Purposes Committee minutes
5/3/14  1964-1976  General Purposes Committee minutes
5/4  Teachers (Qualified)
5/5  Candidates and results (CLOSED)
5/6  Syllabus
5/7  Financial matters
5/8  NCTD Executive
5/9  Reports
5/10  Publications
5/11  Prizes
5/12  Miscellaneous
BATOD/6 British Association of Teachers of the Deaf (previously numbered 4/1-4/6)

6/1 Establishment of BATOD
6/2 Correspondence (partially CLOSED)
6/3 Minutes and meeting papers (partially CLOSED)
6/4 Documents relating to BATOD South Region
6/5 Examination papers
6/6 Certificates

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Publications (please request by title, date and box number)

Journal of the National College of Teachers of the Deaf 'The Teacher of the Deaf', volumes 45-74, 1947-1976 (complete from volume 48, 1950) (Boxes 1-3);

Journal of the Society of Teachers of the Deaf, issues 1-24, 1968-1976 (Box 3);


Magazine of the British Association of Teachers of the Deaf Association, 1988-2015 (incomplete) (Boxes 5-7);

Journal of the British Association of Teachers of the Deaf (titled 'Deafness & Education International'), volumes 1-6, 1999-2004 (volume 6, 2004, incomplete) (Box 8);

Newsletter of the British Association of Teachers of the Deaf, 2013-2017 (Box 8)

Various printed reports, memoranda, programmes, leaflets etc, 1912-2001 (Box 9)