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1885-2019

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, 1885-2019.

Publications include: The Teacher of the Deaf, Journal of the National College of Teachers of the Deaf, 1947-1976 (complete from volume 48, 1950); Journal of the Society of Teachers of the Deaf, 1968-1976; Journal of the British Association of Teachers of the Deaf, 1977-2004 (titled 'The Teacher of the Deaf', 1977-1983; 'Deafness and Education', 1997-1998; 'Deafness & Education International', 1999-2004 and 2018-2019) and incorporating the Association magazine up to 1987 (an incomplete sequence); the magazine of the British Association of Teachers of the Deaf, 1988-2015 (an incomplete sequence); the newsletter of the British Association of Teachers of the Deaf, 2013-2017; also various printed reports, memoranda, programmes, leaflets etc 1912-2001.

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

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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: 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;

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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.

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BATOD/1 College of Teachers of the Deaf and Dumb

1/1	Correspondence	
1/1/1	Jan 1885	Circular inviting nominations to create Examining Body
1/1/2	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.
1/1/3	1887-1917	Various. Includes correspondence re forming JEB; Memorandum and Articles of CTDD; Certificate of Incorporation of CTDD.
1/1/4	1895	Letter from C. Storr to Elliot re formalities of altering Articles of Association.
1/1/5	June 1896	Letter from J. G. Shaw thanking Elliot for granting him Diploma of CTDD without Examination
1/1/6	1896	Correspondence re legality of Mr Shaw's nomination
1/1/7	1896	Circular – reminder about payment of subscription fees
1/1/8	June 1897	Letter from Woodhall to Elliot confirming attendance at meeting and accepting continued office as President
1/1/9	1899	Draft of letter from Elliot requesting recognition of CTDD as an approved examining body.
1/1/10	May 1896-May 1900	Circular inviting nominations for new committee members
1/1/11	c1895	Circular requesting names of candidates for examinations. Two different formats
1/1/12	1900	Circular re modifying 'scheme of examinations'
1/1/13	1900	Circular re AGM of CTDD, including agenda. Circulars inviting members to AGMs in 1896, 1897 and 1904.
1/1/14	Jan 1900	Incomplete copy of letter to Mr Farrar re republication of Mr Arnold's manual and Volta Bureau.
1/1/15	Feb 1902	Letter from Farrar re poor sales of his book and lack of support from CTDD.
1/1/16	Feb 1902	Letter to Elliot from Mrs Kinsey (Ealing College) re proposal by CTDD (possibly an early suggestion to form a joint examining board).
1/1/17	Jan 1903	Correspondence between Board of Education, Driscoll (NATD) and Elliot re academic ability of 'deaf and dumb' pupils.
1/1/18	March 1905	Letter from Dodds (headmaster) re exam results of 2 of his teachers.
1/1/19	1907	Correspondence between Elliot and a candidate re his exam failure.

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1/1/20	June 1908	Letter from Mabel Gibbs to Elliot re her inability to sit for exam as she is under age.
1/1/21	nd	Letter from Elliot to Chair of Council re opening Council to headteachers
1/1/22	C1910	Letter from Townsend (CTDD) re proposal to merge CTDD with NATD
1/1/23	Feb 1911	Letter from B. H. Payne (Royal Cambrian Institute for the Deaf and Dumb) to CTDD re changing times of lectures
1/1/24	Sep 1912	Letter from Elliot re his resignation as President and the development of the College.
1/1/25	1913	Correspondence re availability and publication of books on teaching the deaf.
1/1/26	Sep 1913	Letters thanking CTDD for donations.
1/1/27	Sep 1913	Letter to Mr Jones from Mrs Illingworth re her husband's recovery from illness.
1/1/28	1914	Correspondence between Jones and Carey Roe re Easter holiday course.
1/1/29	1914	Apologies for non-attendance at AGM.
1/1/30	1915-1916	Correspondence between Nelson and Elliot re future of CTDD.
1/2	Minutes	
1/2/1	1885-1889	Minute book of CTDD. Includes letter re publication of a book and circular.
1/2/2	1889-1902	Executive Committee minutes
1/2/3	1903-1912	Executive Committee minutes
1/2/4	1913-1917	Executive Committee minutes
1/2/5	1917	Draft copy of minutes of AGM.
1/3	Qualified Teachers	
1/3/1	c1896-1914	List of members and subscriptions.
1/3/2	1893	Report and list of members year
1/4	Examination results	
1/5	Syllabus	
1/6	Financial matters	
1/7	Miscellaneous	
1/8	Awards (certificates and prizes)	
1/9	Articles of Association, etc.	

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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
5/3/15	1907-1926	Northern Branch minutes
5/3/16	1926-1945	Northern Branch minutes
5/3/17	1945-1972	Northern Branch minutes
5/3/18	1972-1976	Northern Branch minutes
5/3a	Attendance Registers	
5/3a/1	1965-1974	Northern Branch attendance register
5/3a/2	1974-1976	Northern Branch attendance register
5/4	Teachers (Qualified)	
5/5	Candidates and results (CLOSED)	

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- 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

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);

Journal of the British Association of Teachers of the Deaf incorporating the Association magazine up to 1987 (titled 'The Teacher of the Deaf', 1977-1983; 'Deafness and Education', 1997-1998), volumes 1-22, 1977-1998 (incomplete from volume 18, 1994) (Boxes 4-5);

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), volume 20-21, 2018-2019 (Box 8);

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

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

(Acc 2019/23) added to BATOD Publications Box 10, comprising:

Illustrated volume titled 'An Illustrated Vocabulary for the use of The Deaf and Dumb', London: SPCK, 1857;

NCTD 'Syllabus of Examination, [1960s];

NCTD Report on the Proceedings of the Easter Course and COncference, 16-19 April 1968;

'The hearing-impaired child in your class', [1970s];

'Soundless Workshop' by Rev T. H. Sutcliffe, [undated];

'Occasional Paper No 6: Reading and Language Skills in Children with Impaired Hearing in Ordinary Schools' by Patrick Hamilton, [undated];

'Points for Speakers about Deaf Children' by Gordon M. L. Smith, [undated];

'Suggestions to Parents of Deaf Children' by D. M. C. Dale, [undated];

'The Medical Aspect of Deafness in Children' by Ian G. Robin, [undated];

'Learn to understand me: a guide for parents of deaf children' by Aira Kankkunen, [undated];

'Teach Deaf Children', October 1975;

NCTD 'Educational Provision for Children with Defective Hearing', Janaury 1972;

NCTD 'List of Schools, Units, etc, for Hearing Impaired Children', 1976;

'The Breakthrough Trust Deaf-Hearing Group: a report on the Whitwell Hall multiple-handicapped deaf children's holiday project', [April 1971];

NCTD Official Handbook, 1959-1960;

NCTD Rules, 1930;

Miscellaneous typescript papers and articles relating to deaf teaching, including articles regarding language development, [undated]