

**Cambridge Manual Training School/ Rindge Manual Training School/  
Rindge Technical School Collection**

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**Provenance:** Gift of Stephen G. Surette, March 1981, October 2004, August 2019, and unknown provenance. See individual boxes below for more information.

**Collection ID:** CHC020

**Dates:** ca. 1880s-1940s

**Extent:** 2 flat boxes, 3 object boxes

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**Access:** Collection is available for research under the CHC rules of use

**Collection Description:**

Collections of items associated with the Frederick Hastings Rindge collection, 1852-2001. These items are related to the Cambridge Manual Training School, later renamed the Rindge Manual Training School in 1899. This collection has been assembled from multiple sources, but the bulk of the materials were gifted by Stephen G. Surette. Formats include photographs, documents, correspondence, and objects.

**Historical Note:**

The Cambridge Manual Training School for Boys was founded by Frederick Hastings Rindge in September 1888. Between 1888 and 1890, Rindge funded the construction of Cambridge City Hall, the Cambridge Public Library, and the Cambridge Manual Training School. In 1892, the Cambridge English High School moved into a spacious new building on Broadway, developing land that Rindge had presented to Cambridge. The EHS's old building at Broadway and Fayette was remodeled, and the Cambridge Latin School (later the Cambridge High and Latin School) moved in. The Cambridge School Committee renamed the school Rindge Manual Training School in 1899 in honor of Mr. Rindge after he retired. Considering its broadened offerings in technical education, the school was later renamed Rindge Technical School. In 1977, the Rindge Technical School merged with the Cambridge High and Latin School to form the Cambridge Rindge and Latin School (CRLS). This school is managed under the Cambridge Public School District.

**Containers:**

Box 1. Rindge Technical School: Sports Photographs, 1912-1922 [This box also houses photographs from the Curtis Mellen Photograph Collection]

Gift of Stephen G. Surette, March 1981

Box list:

156 black-and-white 5 x 7" and smaller photographs of sports teams and individual players at Rindge Technical School. Most images are of the football team, but also include crew, hockey, track, swimming, and baseball. The majority of images are posed group and single portraits but some action snapshots are also included. Many subjects are identified by last name, and at times, position played.

Box 2. Photographs and Correspondence  
Gift of Stephen G. Surette, October 2004

Box list:

Correspondence and Papers, 1887-1889

1. Resolution regarding formation of committee relating to the Rindge gifts, 17 November 1887
2. Edward Everett Hale to Col. T.W. Higginson, 10 December 1887
3. Frederick H. Rindge to Col. T.W. Higginson, 15 December 1887
4. William E. Russell to Col T.W. Higginson, 21 December 1887
5. Edward Everett Hale to Col. T.W. Higginson, 21 December 1887
6. Open letter, Francis J. Cogswell to school superintendents outside Cambridge, 23 December 1887
7. Francis J. Parker to Col. T.W. Higginson, 27 December 1887
8. Francis J Parker to Col. T.W. Higginson, 28 December 1887
9. William E. Russell to Col. T.W. Higginson, 3 January 1888
10. Frederick H. Rindge to Col. T.W. Higginson, 4 February 1888
11. Francis J. Parker to Col. T.W. Higginson, 7 February 1888
12. Francis J. Parker to Col. T.W. Higginson, 20 February 1888
13. R.J. Anch\_?\_ to William E. Russell, 25 February 1888
14. Harry Ellis to Col. T.W. Higginson, 12 March 1888
15. Charles H. Morse to M.H. Ellis, 6 May 1888
16. William E. Russell to Col. T.W. Higginson, 10 May 1888
17. Frederick H. Rindge to Col. T.W. Higginson (telegram), 18 May 1888
18. Frederick H. Rindge to Col. T.W. Higginson, 18 May 1888
19. Rindge to Col. T.W. Higginson, 22 May 1888
20. Col. T.W. Higginson, 8 June 1888
21. Charles W. Eliot to Professor John Trowbridge, 15 April 1889
22. John Trowbridge to Col. T.W. Higginson, 15 April 1889
23. John Trowbridge to Col. T.W. Higginson, 30 April 1889
24. Frederick H. Rindge to Col. T.W. Higginson, n.d.
25. Frederick H. Rindge to ?, date unknown (incomplete – first page missing)
26. Draft history of the school (?), n.d.
27. Travel expenditures, Chicago to Boston, n.d.
28. Draft terms of Rindge gift (?), T.W. Higginson (?), date unknown
29. "Report of the 'Committee of Conference' from the School Board," n.d.

Photographs, ca. 1910-1942

32 black-and-white photographs pertaining to events and classes at the Rindge School and Camp Rindge. Events include parades, construction. Classes and other subjects include drawing, carpentry, drafting, chemistry, physical training, the fire brigade, and views of classrooms.

Box 3. Photographs: Fire Brigade, Shops, and classrooms, ca. 1900-1920

Box list:

32 photographs of the English High School and Rindge School classrooms and fire brigade operations. Views of the classrooms include the shops where no students are present. Fire brigade photographs show training and practice as well as parades.

Box 4. Objects

Gift of Stephen G. Surette, October 2004

Box list:

Three 3-dimensional teaching models of the Cambridge Manual Training School/Rindge Manual Training School for plumbing, drafting, etc. Materials: wood and paint.

Box 5. Objects

Gift of Stephen G. Surette, October 2019

Box list:

One bowl and one cup featuring the Rindge Tech "RTS" design and monogram. Likely used by faculty and possibly students at Rindge Tech in the 1950s.

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