

M 98 THAYER, (Caroline Matilda) Papers

### Biography

Caroline M. (Warren) Thayer was born in 1785 in Watertown, Massachusetts, the daughter of William and Ruby Warren. She was the niece, or some references call her the grand-daughter, of General Joseph Warren, a Revolutionary patriot of the Battle of Bunker Hill. Throughout her life, Caroline Thayer published many works including: *The Gamesters*, *Religion Recommended to Youth*, *in a Series of Letters*, *Elegy*, *Reflections*, *Stanzas*, *Ode* and *First Lessons in the History of the United States*. On April 10, 1809 Caroline Thayer married Dr. James Thayer in Sutton, Massachusetts. In 1818, Caroline Thayer opened a Sabbath school at Father Spencer's on Canandaigua Lake. In 1819 she became the superintendent of the female division of Wesleyan Seminary in New York City, and was dismissed in 1821 for associating with New Jerusalem Church. The following year, Thayer joined the staff of Joseph Hoxie's Academy in New York City. In 1824, Thayer moved to Kentucky where she joined Reverend Valentine Cook teaching in the Green River District. The next year, Thayer became Governess of Elizabeth Female Academy in Mississippi, Bishop Galloway describing her as "a remarkable accomplished woman with a genius for administration." In 1831 she opened a private school at Port Gibson, Mississippi and later served as principal of the female department of Mississippi College. In 1844, Caroline Thayer died and was buried in Harrisonburg, Louisiana.

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- 1 Biographical Notes and Documents on Caroline Thayer and George Thayer (Volunteer soldier serving the Republic of Texas)
  - Sketch of Elizabeth Female Academy
  - Excerpt from Dead colleges of Mississippi
  - Map of southern Mississippi and eastern Louisiana. Each city in which Caroline Thayer resided is highlighted.
  - Excerpt from Education in Natchez before 1830 by Jeanne Forsythe
  - Proceedings of the General Council
  - Mississippi and the Independence of Texas
  - The Southern Historical Quarterly
  - "The Men of Goliad" Southwestern Historical Quarterly
  - Ontario Repository
  - List of Births
  - List of Members of the Ont. Co. Medical Society
  - Timeline of Caroline Thayer's life
  - Information on Texas Volunteers
- 2 The Gamesters, Ruins of Innocence (Preface) by Caroline Warren (Thayer)
- 3 First Lessons in the History of the United States by Caroline Thayer (Compiled for the use of the Junior Classes in Joseph Hoxie's Academy)
- 4 Letter to the Members of the Methodist Episcopal Church in the City of New York by Caroline Thayer

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- 5**        Ode to Cause of the Greeks, adapted to the Song of Miriam by Caroline Thayer (Greek Celebration and Washington's Birthday, Monday, February 23, 1824)
  
- 6**        Religion Recommended to Youth, in a Series of Letters Addressed to a Young Lady by Caroline Thayer (Series of poems written at different times while the author was suffering from the loss of her infant children.)
  - Elegy (November 15, 1809 with loss of infant daughter)
  - Reflections (September 10, 1812 with loss of infant son)
  - Stanzas (September 20, 1814 with loss of infant daughter)
  - The Miracle Spring
  
- 7**        The Thayer Quarterly (June 2001)
  
- 8**        An Oration by Solomon Drown, M.D.
  
- 9**        Memoir of Rev. Benjamin G. Paddock by Rev. Z. Paddock, D.D. (Contains letters from Caroline Matilda Thayer and an Ode)
  
- 10**      Correspondence to the J.B. Cain Archives of Mississippi Methodism regarding Caroline M. Thayer