Celebration of 100th Anniversary of “The Preservation of Sign Language”
22 November 2013
Welcome

Jeanne Behm, Coordinator of the RADSCC
George W. Veditz
portrayed by Christopher Brucker

“Preservation of Sign Language”
(1913)
“Veditz: Who That” video by Karen Christie

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1-uwq0Agpmw
NAD Moving Picture Project

- 1910 – mid 1920s
- Raised $5,000
- Shot on 35 mm nitrate-based film
  transferred to 16 mm safety-film in 1930s
- Films rented all over the US

Purpose:
- Preserve master signers
- Defend ASL
- Challenge oralism and audism
- advocate for Social Justice

Keepers of the films:
- George W. Veditz
- Oscar Regensburg, chair
- Roy J. Stewart, treasurer & custodian
EM Gallaudet – discusses a novel

EA Fay – discusses Emperor’s visit

McGregor – short jokes

Cleveland 10th NAD Conference 2013

Veditz – Preservation of Sign Language

Hubbard – Tomb of Garfield

Erd – poem

Cloud & McCarthy – Plea for l’Epee statue

Fox – Gettysburg Address

Footage of the battlefield

Draper – Gallaudet Charter

WE Marshall – Yankee Doodle
Several Old Films Lost?

Presentation Week at Gallaudet (D.C. 1911)

Escape of Sicard – Dr. James Smith (Chicago 1913)

Signs and Signs – Dr. J. S. Long (D.C. 1914)

CAID Convention in Staunton, VA (1914)

Atlanta Convention

Unveiling of the Gallaudet Replica Statue
John B. Hotchkiss
Special Guest Appearance by Patrick Graybill

“Memories of Old Hartford” (1913)
Hotchkiss – Describing Laurent Clerc
Hotchkiss – Clerc’s Teaching Method
“We eat to live” vs “We live to eat”
Hotchkiss – Clerc & the boy who forgot and a statue for Clerc
Robert P. McGregor
portrayed by Scott Cohen

“The Irishman’s Fleas” (1913)
“The Lady and the Cakes” (1913)
“A Lay Sermon: The Universal Brotherhood Of Man and the Fatherhood of God”
McGregor – Irishman’s Flea
"restored to society deaf"
Mary Williamson Erd
portrayed by Diana Pineda

“The Death of Minnehaha” (1913)
Erd – “Death of Minnehaha”
Modern Version: Performed by Kalena Smith and Directed by Jonathan Lewis
Thomas H. & Sophia F. Gallaudet

portrayed by Dorothy Wilkins

Edward M. Gallaudet

portrayed by Matt Salerno

portrayed by Mark Holcomb
“Chapter in the Life of Thomas Hopkins Gallaudet” (1913)

A chapter from the Life of Thomas Hopkins Gallaudet

T. H. Gallaudet  Mr. H. D. Drake
Mrs. Gallaudet   Miss Ruth Knox
Eddie Gallaudet  Mr. F. H. Hughes
All-Deaf cast portray the Gallaudets discussing Edward Miner’s future prospects
“Preservation of Sign Language” (1913)

National Film Registry 2010
Library of Congress

Lost and forgotten
1930s-1970s

Veditz opens with tribute to L’Epee
33 Years ... know nothing of their thoughts, souls,
their feelings, desires and needs
Eyes of jealousy...free Americans...superiority – 1 thing = ASL. False prophets.
“They have tried to banish signs from the schoolroom, from the churches and from the earth. Yes, they have tried, so our sign language is deteriorating.”
“A new race of pharaohs that knew not Joseph are taking over the land and many of our American schools. They do not understand signs for they cannot sign. They proclaim that signs are worthless and of no help to the deaf. Enemies of the sign language, they are enemies of the true welfare of the deaf.”
As long as....noblest gift
“The End” by Ted Evans
http://www.bslzone.co.uk/bsl-zone/zoom-focus-end/

he said Deaf people can do anything.
New website of Veditz’s writings, artworks, videos, and more

http://veditzsite.wordpress.com/
Closing –
Jeanne Behm & Hotchkiss