Robert P. McGregor (1849-1926)
Leader, educator, advocate

Quote: “The utmost extreme to which tyranny can go when its mailed hand descends upon a conquered people is the proscription of their national language...What heinous crime have the deaf been guilty of that their language should be proscribed?”

NOTE: George W. Veditz referred to Robert P. McGregor as Rob Roy (Rob Roy MacGregor was a Scottish Robin Hood) and several people referred to him as THE McGregor.

Born: 26 August 1849 (other source states May 2 as DOB)
Lockland, Ohio

Died: 21 December 1926
Columbus, Ohio
Green Lawn Cemetery

Family of origin:
Father was from Scotland and mother was US born of Dutch and French descent. Two sisters died of scarlet fever, Robert’s twin brother died as a still born and his mother died after labor.
Father abandoned Robert P. to a brother (Robert P.’s uncle) then went off to Australia to find gold. Never returned

Involvement/Contributions to the Deaf Community:
Became Deaf at eight years of age from brain fever
Teacher of the Deaf for 26 years
Editor-in-Chief of the National Exponent of Chicago (1894-1896) and Deaf-Mute press
First president of the National Association of the Deaf (NAD) where he advocated for ASL, Deaf teachers and Deaf rights.
Filmed in the old NAD moving picture project

Schooling:
Graduated from the Ohio School for the Deaf
Graduated from Gallaudet College (BA - class of 1872) (MA – 1892)

Professional Experiences:
Taught at Maryland State School in Frederick and was principal at the Day School in Cincinnati, Colorado and the Ohio Deaf schools
1875 Founded the Cincinnati Day School
Helped found the Ohio Alumni Association and served as president and in other offices
Founder of the Ohio Home for the Aged and Infirm Deaf
Chairman of the National Association of the Deaf-Mutes 1880 Convention in Cincinnati, Ohio
1st President of the National Association of the Deaf-Mutes (1880-1883)

Personal Information:
1876: Married Hester Marie Porter (Deaf, born May 25, 1853). Hester had Deaf brother and was from MD.
Deaf Daughter - Bessie taught at Ohio school. (born Jan 14, 1879)
Deaf Daughter - Laura (born Oct 5, 1889). She died May 6 1893 after being killed by an electric street car
Hearing Daughter - Jeanette (Nettie) (1885 – 1971)

List of original documents/links:

http://books.google.com/books?id=qKdKAAAAYAAJ&pg=PR6&lpg=PR6&dq=the+social+side+of+oralism+the+nebraska+journal&source=bl&ots=sGq80klBA&sig=okuzlE3lIDKzMbVZtR_bHRtP6Oqhl=en&sa=X&ei=1KRNt2MH4GGqgG13IFQ&ved=0CC8Q6AEwAQ#v=onepage&q=mcgregor&f=false


http://videocatalog.gallaudet.edu/?video=2515

http://videocatalog.gallaudet.edu/?video=2521


References and books/articles/links about Robert P. McGregor:

Lane, Harlan, *Mask of Benevolence: Disabling the Deaf Community*.


http://www.msd.edu/mb/v041i7_1921_april.pdf


Other information/documents/images:
Quote from:
[image of Robert P. McGregor in the NAD film in the Disability History Museum]
http://www.disabilitymuseum.org/dhm/lib/catcard.html?id=434

[below from Maryland Bulletin, (1921)]

[above from findagrave.com]
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