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Guide to the Helen  
Tunnickliff Catterall  
and Ralph C. H.  
Catterall Family Papers  
circa 1840s-1956



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## Descriptive Summary

<b>Identifier</b>	ICU.SPCL.CATTERALL
<b>Title</b>	Catterall, Helen Tunnicliff and Ralph C. H. Catterall Family. Papers
<b>Date</b>	circa 1840s-1956
<b>Size</b>	14.5 linear feet (18 boxes)
<b>Repository</b>	Special Collections Research Center University of Chicago Library 1100 East 57th Street Chicago, Illinois 60637 U.S.A.

**Abstract** Helen Honor Tunnicliff Catterall (1870-1933), attorney and historian, was born in Macomb, Illinois, one of three daughters of Damon George Tunnicliff (1829-1901) and Sarah A. Bacon (1846-1933). Ralph Charles Henry Catterall (1866-1914), historian, was born in Bolton, England, the son of Ralph C.H. Catterall, Sr. (b. 1840) and Sarah Reed Catterall (b. 1838). The collection consists primarily of papers and photographs of the Catterall family. There are smaller amounts of material from the Tunnicliff family; the Bacon family; and members of the Meade family, who were related to Louise Cadot Catterall.

## Information on Use

### Access

The collection is open for research.

### Citation

When quoting material from this collection, the preferred citation is: Catterall, Helen Tunnicliff and Ralph C. H. Catterall Family. Papers, [Box #, Folder #] Special Collections Research Center, University of Chicago Library

### Biographical Note

Ralph Charles Henry Catterall (1866-1914), historian, was born in Bolton, England, the son of Ralph C.H. Catterall, Sr. (b. 1840) and Sarah Reed Catterall (b. 1838). The family emigrated to the United States during his childhood. Catterall received bachelor's degrees from Bucknell University (1891) and Harvard University (1892) before completing his studies at University of Chicago, where he received a Ph.D. in history in 1902. He also taught history courses at the university from 1894-1902. In 1902, he became Assistant Professor of History at Cornell University. He became a full professor in 1905, and also served as head of the history department. He was best-known as the author of *The Second Bank of the United States*

(University of Chicago Press, 1902). Catterall died in 1914 at the home of William Lyon Phelps, with whom the family had a long and close friendship.

Helen Honor Tunnicliff Catterall (1870-1933), attorney and historian, was born in Macomb, Illinois, one of three daughters of Damon George Tunnicliff (1829-1901) and Sarah A. Bacon (1846-1933). She received a bachelor's degree from Vassar College and a law degree from Boston University. Her career included work as a graduate fellow in the Department of Political Science at University of Chicago (1893-1894), law practice in Massachusetts and Illinois, teaching history at Cornell University, and research on the history of slavery for the Carnegie Foundation. Her 5-volume *Judicial Cases Concerning American Slavery and the Negro* was published by the Carnegie Institution 1926.

Ralph Tunnicliff Catterall (1897-1978) was the only child of Helen and Ralph Catterall. He attended Harvard University and served in World War I. He married Louise Fontaine Cadot (1899-1986) in 1923. The couple lived in Richmond, Virginia, where Catterall practiced and taught law. He was appointed to the Virginia State Corporation Commission in 1949, and served until 1973. Catterall published several critical articles on the judicial system.

### **Scope Note**

The collection consists primarily of papers and photographs of the Catterall family. There are smaller amounts of material from the Tunnicliff family; the Bacon family; and members of the Meade family, who were related to Louise Cadot Catterall. The collection is organized into three series:

Series I: Papers, spans circa 1840s-1956. Best represented in this series are Helen Tunnicliff Catterall, Ralph C.H. Catterall, and Ralph Tunnicliff Catterall. Also represented are the family of Sarah A. Bacon; Lila Meade Valentine and the Meade family; Damon G. Tunnicliff; Ruth Tunnicliff; and other members of the Tunnicliff family. Materials include correspondence, diaries, manuscripts, publications, pamphlets, event programs, wedding books, genealogical records, clippings, engravings, place cards and calling cards. Files are arranged by family member, with correspondence among family members collected together.

Series II: Photographs, spans circa 1870s-1920s. There are photograph albums as well as loose prints and negatives. Many of the albums document Ralph Tunnicliff Catterall's childhood and young adulthood. Others contain travel photographs and family snapshots. Represented are the Catteralls, the Tunnicliffs, and their friends and extended family.

Series III: Memorabilia, contains a Catterall family scrapbook from 1899-1900, documenting the family's travels through Europe. In the scrapbook are correspondence and ephemeral

items such as menus, tickets, programs, and stationery. This series also contains a lock of an unidentified person's hair.

## **Related Resources**

The following related resources are located in the Department of Special Collections:

<http://www.lib.uchicago.edu/e/spcl/select.html>

## **Subject Headings**

- Catterall, Helen Tunnicliff, 1870-1933
- Catterall, Ralph C. H. (Ralph Charles Henry), 1866-1914
- Catterall, Ralph Tunnicliff
- Bacon
- Catterall
- Tunnicliff

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Ralph C. H. Catterall, University of Chicago convocation program, 1902

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Ralph Tunnicliff Catterall, address book, 1912

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Ralph Tunnicliff Catterall, French lesson book, 1912

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Ralph Tunnicliff Catterall, "Judicial Self-Restraint: The Obligation of the Judiciary," American Bar Association Journal, 1956

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Ralph Tunnicliff Catterall, New Yorker, 1935

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Ralph Tunnicliff Catterall, Reader's Digest, 1935

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Ralph Tunnicliff Catterall, "Report of the Judicial Council for Virginia to the General Assembly and Supreme Court of Appeals of Virginia," 1949

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Ralph Tunnicliff Catterall, "States' Rights and Civil Rights," clipping, 1948

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Ralph Tunncliff Catterall, travel journals, 1910

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Ralph Tunncliff Catterall, "William v. North Carolina," Virginia Bar Weekly, 1943

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Louise Cadot Catterall, Bryn Mawr College course materials, 1917- 1918

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Catterall family, correspondence with William Lyon Phelps, 1912- 1945

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Catterall family, theater program, Sarah Bernhardt farewell performance, 1892

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Catterall family, wedding books, circa 1896

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Bacon family, birth, death and marriage register, circa 1840s-1850s

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Meade, Lila Valentine, memorial program, 1936

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Meade family, "Record of 'M.C.'" club book, circa 1887

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Tunnicliff, Damon G., memorial program, obituary and calling cards, circa late 19th century-1901

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Tunnicliff, Ruth, Alphonse Loiset, Physiological Memory or, The Instantaneous Art of Never Forgetting, 1888

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Tunnicliff family, correspondence, undated

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Tunnicliff family tree, undated

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Tunnicliff family, photostat of land lease, circa 1792

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Helen Tunnicliff Catterall, circa 1870s-1910s

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Helen Tunnicliff Catterall with Helen Starrett Dinwiddie and Katharine Starrett Whitton, circa 1890

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Ralph C.H. Catterall and Helen Tunnicliff Catterall, circa 1896

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Ralph C.H. Catterall, Thayer Hall dormitory, Harvard University, circa 1892-1893

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Ralph Tunnicliff Catterall and Helen Tunnicliff Catterall, circa 1900s-1920s

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Ralph C.H. Catterall, Sr., circa 1905

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Catterall family album, circa 1896-1910

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Catterall family albums, Ralph Tunnicliff Catterall's infancy and childhood, 1897-1900s

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Catterall family album, travel, circa 1890s

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Catterall family albums, Catterall and Tunnicliff families, circa 1890s-1910s

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Catterall family albums, Harvard University, 1914-1918

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Bacon home, Hillsgrove, Illinois, 1894

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Richey, Alice Gertrude, 1897

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Tunnicliff, Ruth M., circa 1880s-1900s

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Tunnicliff, Sarah Bacon, circa 1870s-1920

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Tunnicliff family, Boston, circa 1890-1891

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Tunnicliff family home, Macomb, Illinois, 1902

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Bacon and Tunncliff families, album, circa 1890s

**Series III: Memorabilia**

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Catterall family, European travel scrapbook, 1899-1900

**Box 18**

Unidentified lock of hair