

Excerpts of Minutes of Meetings of the Richmond College Board of Trustees
Pertaining to the Death and Memorialization of
Robert Ryland
1899

I. Minutes of the Richmond College Board of Trustees, April 24, 1899

The Death of Robert Ryland
Former
President of Richmond College

The Trustees were called together at one o'clock p.m. Monday April 24th in the Rooms of the Foreign Mission Board in Richmond. The President W. E. Hatcher D.D. announced the death of Rev. Robert Ryland, D.D., long President of the College, and stated that he well knew the desire of all to honor the memory of the deceased.

Judge B. A. Hancock led the Board in prayer. On motion of Trustee Geo. B. Steel a Committee of five members were appointed to retire and bring in such expression of the feelings and sentiments of the Board as may be suitable.

The following were named, Thor. S. Dunaway D.D., J. R. Garlick D.D., Geo. B. Steel, A. R. Courtenay, and J. C. Williams. Subsequently the Committee reported as follows:

The Trustees of Richmond College having heard with profound sorrow of the death of the venerable Robert Ryland, D.D. who passed to his heavenly reward on Sunday April 23^d 1899 at the advanced age of ninety four years, and wishing to honor the memory of so noble and useful a man and to put upon record our high appreciation of the very valuable services which he rendered the denomination and the Cause of higher Education as President of Richmond College from its foundation in 1832 to the year 1866 when he resigned that office, therefore

Resolved.

1. That we deem it fitting that the body of the deceased ex-president of the College should be brought to Virginia and to Richmond and sleep near the scene of his great life work and under the care of the friends and brethren who have known and honored him through the long years of his remarkable life.
2. That we tender to the bereaved family a burial

- place in the Collep section in Hollywood
Cemetery and request that his remains may be
laid to rest in that beautiful spot, also tendering
at the same time a place by his side for his sur-
viving wife should she desire to be buried there.
3. That the funeral services be held in the Collep Chapel
which shall be appropriately draped in mourning
and the exercises of the Institution be suspended for
such time as the President may direct in order
that all connected with the Institution may attend
the funeral in a body.
 4. That we tender to the family the assurances of our
heartfelt sympathy in their bereavement.
 5. That the Treasurer be and is hereby authorized to
pay any and all expenses connected with the
removal of the body of our deceased friend and
brother from Kentucky to Richmond and its suit-
able interment in Hollywood.
 6. In view of the great work done by D. Ryland for
Richmond College, which institution we believe to be
a monument to his fidelity, industry, wisdom*
and learning, a Committee of five members
of the Board be appointed to consider and
report at the Annual meeting in June next
upon the propriety of placing in the College a
suitable Memorial of the Ex-President and
what shall be the Character of the same.
 7. That these resolutions be spread upon the
records of the College, and a copy be sent
to the afflicted family by the Secretary.

Signed
 Tho. S. Dunaway
 J. R. Garlick
 Jno. C. Williams
 A. R. Courtney
 Geo. B. Steel.

Committee

The Report was adopted and the Board adjourned
to meet in the Collep Chapel at the hour of the
funeral and to act as a body of honorary pall-
bearers to the distinguished dead.

B. H. Ryland
 Secretary.

* The Committee on Memorial
 J. R. Bagby, A. W. Davis, A. E. Owen }
 A. J. Dasher, J. W. Postwright }

Rev. R. Ryland, D.D. Memorial

Rev. J.R. Bagby, Chairman, presented for the Committee

R. Ryland
Memorial

The following:

You Com. app^r on the occasion of the burial of Rev. R. Ryland D.D. to report to this body what Memorial ^{sh^d} be erected in the College to the memory of that noble man beg leave to report that in the endeavor to perpetuate the noble deed, & splendid Character of the first President of Richmond College, it is an opinion that whatever is done should combine as far as possible the useful, the instructive and the beautiful. As it is not in the power of the College, at this time, to erect a statue worthy of his memory, we suggest that the wing of the College which fronts on Broad St and which is the only building remaining on the Campus, which was erected during his Presidency, and which was largely built by his energy, perseverance and liberality, be named The Robert Ryland Memorial Building, and that a tablet suitably inscribed be erected in the Main Hall of said building. And we wish to express the hope that at no distant day there will be placed in the College a bust or statue that shall be worthy of this benefactor of his race.

Signed by Messrs Bagby, Boutwell, Owen, Boshen & Davis.