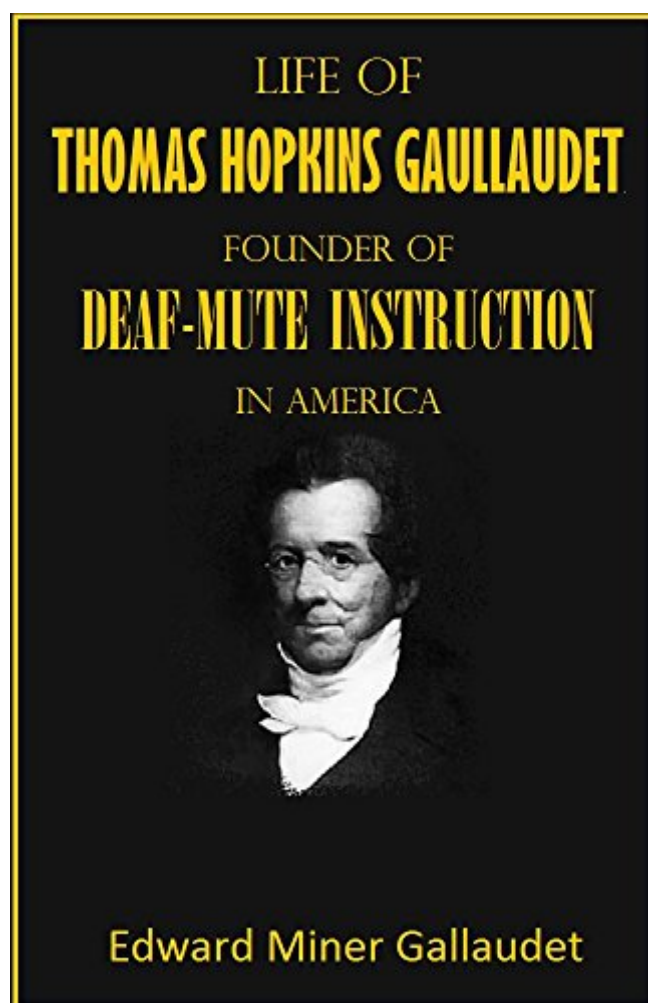


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# Life Of Thomas Hopkins Gallaudet: Founder Of Deaf-mute Instruction In America (1888)



## Synopsis

Reverend Thomas Hopkins Gallaudet, LL.D., (1787 – 1851) was a renowned American pioneer in the education of the deaf. Along with Laurent Clerc and Mason Cogswell, he co-founded the first institution for the education of the deaf in North America, and he became its first principal. When opened on April 15, 1817, it was called the "Connecticut Asylum (at Hartford) for the Education and Instruction of Deaf and Dumb Persons," but it is now known as the American School for the Deaf.

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This book was a fascinating review of the life of Gallaudet and his accomplishments in inventing signing for the deaf. He gave of himself, unselfishly to make life better for hearing impaired and the deaf. This book helped me in my research to understand the culture of the deaf.

This is a thorough biography, taken from many of Gallaudet's personal correspondences. It speaks through the lens of his deep personal Christian faith

Great story

I am pleased with this book since it accurately shows the person of Thomas Hopkins Gallaudet as well as his solid Gospel position. He preached about the Bible, sin, repentance, and a godly life. We should continue doing the same with Deaf worldwide. This is a very good book. I quote from it often as I lead the worldwide International Partnership Ministries Deaf Ministries Department.

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