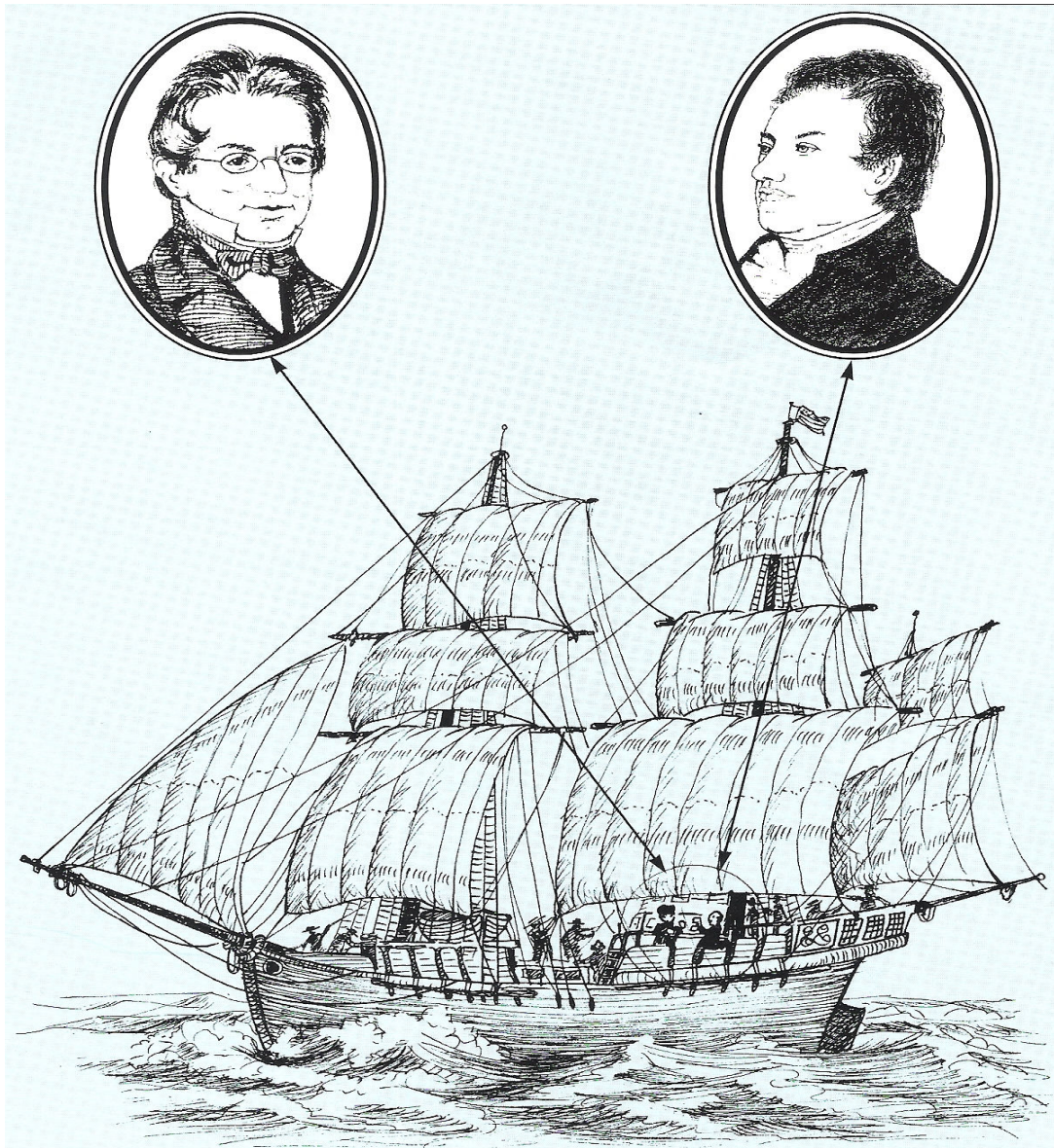


# I Helped Make America Great

**Dedicated to Friends**  
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**Thomas H. Gallaudet**

**Laurent Clerc**



**Mary Augusta**

**June 18 - August 9, 1816**

Leaving Le Havre, France for New York City

On April 15, 1817, the first permanent school for deaf students was founded in the Western Hemisphere, located in Hartford, CT

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**THE RED NOTEBOOK**

M.A.I.L. Section

<http://www.folda.net/mail/issues.html>

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## INTRODUCTION

*I Helped Make America Great* is the new major topic addressed to "Got Deaf Culture @ your library? Ask a Librarian Series." Its purpose is to aim at introducing eleven deaf-related membership organizations to America's libraries and deaf communities, such as each organization has its own valuable resources on deaf culture and communication issues. Additionally, it is to benefit libraries and deaf communities in their need to collaborate for presenting deaf cultural programs in America, regardless of the geographic location.



**Deaf Resources @ your library** is the new subtitle of **The Red Notebook** effective since July 1, 2008. Originated in 1979 and joined the Internet in 1994, this resource has been a starting point for libraries to look up for information regarding the deaf community and library services. Public information on deaf culture, sign language, kinds of hearing loss, auxiliary aids and adaptive services is also available on various Internet websites and library shelves.

## AMERICAN DEAF COMMUNITY / DEAF CULTURE

<http://www.folda.net/diversity/index.html>

For our purposes, American deaf community consists of individuals - deaf and hearing -- who share common characteristics of hearing loss and/or deaf culture. They reside, work, go to school and enjoy their leisure in America – fifty states, the District of Columbia, two commonwealths and three territories.

Here, we refer to all types of hearing loss as “deaf” which has been defined as “partially or completely lacking in the sense of hearing” Adj. *Webster’s dictionary*

We define deaf culture as “varying ways of living among deaf individuals who have visual language, shared history and stories, and common values within family, school, work, and social circles.” Generally, deaf individuals have deaf and/or hearing parents. Some have deaf and/or hearing children; deaf and/or hearing siblings; deaf or hearing spouses / partners; and deaf and hearing friends, colleagues and professionals.

## DEAF COMMUNITY CONTACTS

<http://www.folda.net/contacts/dcc.html>

*Knowledge is of two kinds. We know a subject ourselves,  
or we know where we can find information upon it.*  
Samuel Johnson (*Boswell's Life of Johnson*) April 18, 1775

*Deaf Community Contacts @ your library*, a FOLDA directory, is regularly updated online. It composes of organizations that have deaf resources and/or interests in prompting library resources for deaf communities.

### DIRECTORY CRITERIA

- 1) Name of the country
- 2) Type of organization: academic, public, school or special
- 3) Zip code & town *if no home office, use home address of the contact*
- 4) Organizational name and acronym
- 5) Date when founded and/or incorporated
- 6) Web site address
- 7) Contact: name, title and e-mail address.

1. National / US-based national organizations in alphabetic order of each following category:

Academic	Special - Consumer / Membership
Public	Special – Services
School	Special – Faith-based
Special –Auxiliary	Special – Media

2. District of Columbia in zip code order

3. Fifty States, each in zip code order

4. Two Commonwealths and three territories, each in zip code order

*Americans of all ages, all conditions, and all dispositions  
constantly form associations...*

Alexis de Tocqueville  
*Democracy in America*  
1835

## **ELEVEN CHAPTERS**

### Membership, nonprofits organizations

US National organization

\* US-based international organization

On-going project for 2008-2010

**Name printed in bold already completed and added to FOLDA web site**

Black Deaf Advocates (BDA) 1981

Tribute to Andrew J. Foster

Deaf Pilots Association (DPA) 2001

Tribute to Nellie Zabel Willhite

Deaf Seniors of America, Inc. (DSA) 1992

Tribute to Thomas Brown

Gallaudet University Alumni Association (GUAA) 1889

Tribute to Sophia Fowler Gallaudet

\* International Lutheran Deaf Association (ILDA) 1971

Tribute to Edward Pahl

Intertribal Deaf Council (IDC) 1993

Tribute to Walter Paul Kelley

**Maryland Association of the Deaf (MDAD) 1956**

**Tribute to George William Veditz**

Nebraska School for the Deaf Alumni Association (NSDAA) 1901

Tribute to William DeCoursey French

National Asian Deaf Congress (NADC) 1994

Tribute to Delight Rice

**National Association of the Deaf (NAD) 1880**

**Tribute to Laurent Clerc**

National Council of Hispano Deaf and Hard of Hearing (NCHDHH) 2006

Tribute to Pedro Ponce de Leon