

**Deaf Culture Question of the Week – Feb. 15 – 19, 2010**

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Most every reader of DCQW will know that the American School for the Deaf in Hartford Connecticut was the first permanent school founded in the United States by Laurent Clerc and Thomas Hopkins Gallaudet. But which school for the Deaf was the second to be founded?

- a. Washington School for the Deaf
- b. Kentucky School for the Deaf
- c. New York Institution for the Deaf
- d. Pennsylvania School for the Deaf

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Answer: “c” The New York Institution for the Deaf now called the New York School for the Deaf in White Plains, NY was granted a charter as a school on the same day, April 15, 1817 that the American School for the Deaf opened for instruction. Both schools therefore lay claim to being founded on April 15, 1817 but ASD is generally recognized as the “first school for the Deaf” in America. (Visit the New York School for the Deaf website here:

<http://www.nysd.net/education/school/school.php?sectionid=2>

Pennsylvania School for the Deaf was the third school for the Deaf to be founded in 1820 and Kentucky School for the Deaf was the fourth to be founded in 1823. See a timeline detailing History of Deaf people at this website:

<http://archives.gallaudet.edu/Timeline.htm>