

Deaf Culture Question of the Week – Oct 31-Nov 4, 2011
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What was the name of the first newspaper published at the Washington School for the Deaf?

- a. Vis-a-vis
- b. The Deaf Mute Companion
- c. The Terrier Times
- d. The Washingtonian

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Answer: “d” – The Washingtonian was first published at the Washington School for Defective Youth in 1892 (Cited from: <http://libguides.gallaudet.edu/content.php?pid=128460&sid=1102258>)

Newspapers published by schools for the deaf and shared among the schools are referred to as the Little Papers Family. (Cited from: http://my.gallaudet.edu/bbcswebdav/institution/Deaf%20Eyes%20Exhibit/Formation_16paper.htm)

Newspaper publication taught deaf students a trade and honed their English skills. Printing/typesetting became a traditional occupation for many deaf people who went to work for local newspapers across the country and opened their own print shops after graduating from their state, residential school for the deaf.

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