

Guide to the Bradshaw Family Papers

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Collection Overview

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CALL NUMBER: MS 1234

CREATOR: Bradshaw family

TITLE: Bradshaw family papers

DATES: 1886-1939

PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION: 0.75 linear feet (2 boxes)

LANGUAGE: English

SUMMARY: The papers consist of correspondence, memorabilia, financial and legal papers, and photographs which chronicle the academic careers and brief marriage of Francis and Margaret Bradshaw and the career of their daughter, Frances Bradshaw Blanshard.

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Key to the container abbreviations used in the PDF finding aid:

b. box
f. folder

Administrative Information

Immediate Source of Acquisition

Gift of Brand and Roberta Blanshard, 1980. Additional papers are the gift of Roberta Yerkes Blanshard, 1990.

Conditions Governing Access

The materials are open for research.

Conditions Governing Use

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Biographical / Historical

Margaret Rooker Bradshaw was born in Delaware County, Missouri, on March 8, 1866. She was the daughter of John and Nancy Hampton Rooker. She received a B.A. degree from Hardin College. In 1890 she married Francis Elmer Bradshaw. The young married couple both attended Vanderbilt University where they each earned M.A. degrees in 1893.

The Bradshaws did graduate work at Yale University from 1893 to 1894. Francis Bradshaw accepted a teaching position at Vanderbilt for the following year. Their daughter Frances was born in 1895, and in October of that year Francis Bradshaw died of typhoid. Left a widow with an infant daughter, Margaret Bradshaw accepted a position as a teacher at Brookfield College where she stayed until 1900. She returned to Yale in 1900 to continue her graduate work and earned her Ph.D. in 1902.

In 1902 Margaret Bradshaw was offered a position as instructor in English at Smith College. She was promoted to the rank of associate professor in 1912 and continued teaching until she suffered a stroke in 1930. She died on September 27, 1946 in Swarthmore, Pennsylvania, where her daughter Frances Blanshard had lived when she was Swarthmore College's dean of women.

Scope and Contents

The Bradshaw Family Papers consist of correspondence, memorabilia, financial and legal papers, and photographs which chronicle the academic careers and brief marriage of Francis and Margaret Bradshaw and the career of their daughter Frances Bradshaw Blanshard. Additional Bradshaw material, including correspondence between Margaret Bradshaw and her son-in-law Brand Blanshard and papers of Frances Bradshaw Blanshard, can be found in the Brand Blanshard Papers. Brand and Roberta Yerkes Blanshard donated the papers between 1980 and 1990.

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b. 1, f. 1	Financial and legal papers	1889-1902, undated
b. 1, f. 2	Memorabilia	
	Personal Correspondence	
b. 1, f. 3	General	1890-1895 April
b. 1, f. 4	General	1895 May-1929, undated
b. 1, f. 5	Between Francis E. Bradshaw and Margaret Rooker Bradshaw	1894 June
b. 1, f. 6	Between Francis E. Bradshaw and Margaret Rooker Bradshaw	1894 July
b. 1, f. 7	Between Francis E. Bradshaw and Margaret Rooker Bradshaw	1895 April
b. 1, f. 8	Between Francis E. Bradshaw and Margaret Rooker Bradshaw	1895 May 1-14
b. 1, f. 9	Between Francis E. Bradshaw and Margaret Rooker Bradshaw	1895 May 15-28, September
b. 1, f. 10	Letters of condolence to Margaret Rooker Bradshaw	1895 October- November
b. 1, f. 11	From Frances Bradshaw Blanshard	1906, 1912 April- June
b. 2, f. 12	From Frances Bradshaw Blanshard	1919 June- December
b. 2, f. 13	From Frances Bradshaw Blanshard	1920 January- March
b. 2, f. 14	From Frances Bradshaw Blanshard	1920 April-June
b. 2, f. 15	From Frances Bradshaw Blanshard	1924-1929
b. 2, f. 16	From Frances Bradshaw Blanshard	1938 August- October
b. 2, f. 17	From Frances Bradshaw Blanshard	1938 November- December
b. 2, f. 18	From Frances Bradshaw Blanshard	1939 January- March
b. 2, f. 19	From Frances Bradshaw Blanshard	1939 April- August
b. 2, f. 20	Photographs	
	Professional papers	
b. 2, f. 21	Francis E. Bradshaw	1886-1892

b. 2, f. 22	Francis E. Bradshaw	1894-1895, undated
b. 2, f. 23	Margaret Rooker Bradshaw	1887-1906, undated

Selected Search Terms

The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the Library's online catalog. They are grouped by name of person or organization, by subject or location, and by occupation and listed alphabetically therein.

Subjects

Families
Husband and wife
Students

Names

Blanshard, Frances Bradshaw, 1895-1966
Bradshaw, Francis Elmer, d. 1895
Bradshaw, Margaret Rooker

Corporate Bodies

Smith College -- Faculty
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