

Guide to the The Bradley Family Papers

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Collection Overview

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CALL NUMBER: MS 777

CREATOR: Bradley family

TITLE: Bradley family papers

DATES: 1817-1950

PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION: 1.5 linear feet (3 boxes)

LANGUAGE: English

SUMMARY: Correspondence, notebooks, account books, photographs, memorabilia, and other papers of the Bradley family of New Haven, Connecticut. The papers, which are largely from the 19th century, include Civil War letters, account books by a New Haven manufacturer, and a photograph album. There are also World War I letters from Edward H. Bradley.

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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 the Bradley family, 1941-1942

Conditions Governing Access

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Conditions Governing Use

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Biographical / Historical

William C. Bradley (1821-1890): manufacturer of carriage springs in New Haven, Connecticut. George Bradley (b. ca. 1840): soldier in the Civil War. Edward Elias Bradley (1845-1938): active in Connecticut politics. Edward Holbrook Bradley (1897-1968): broker in New Haven, Connecticut

Scope and Contents

The Bradley Family Papers consist of correspondence, journals, account books, notebooks, school notes, writings, deeds and other miscellaneous items of the Bradley family of New Haven, Connecticut.

The Bradley family settled in New Haven at the beginning of the 17th century. The papers span the years 1795 to 1950, but the heaviest concentration of material covers the years 1814 to 1870.

While the papers touch on New Haven history (19th century), the Civil War and World War I, they are not substantive enough to allow a thorough development of any of these subjects. The papers contain materials from the following individuals:

William C. Bradley (1821-1890) The papers of William Bradley, a New Haven merchant, who manufactured carriage springs and sold scrap iron, contain two account books, a waste book, two notebooks and one journal, all relating to his business.

George Bradley (c. 1840-?) George Bradley, a soldier during the Civil War, stationed in Virginia, fought in the battle of Fredericksburg and was taken prisoner during the battle of Chancellorsville. The letters he wrote home from the battle field and later while a prisoner of war are an interesting segment of these papers. This correspondence is dated 1862 to 1863.

Edward Elias Bradley (1845-1939) Edward E. Bradley, the youngest son of Isaac and Abigail Bradley, began his career as a shipping clerk with the New Haven Wheel Company in 1860 and rose to the presidency of the company by 1887. During the Civil War, he was captain of the Company F-2nd Regiment. Bradley's other occupations included paymaster general of Connecticut, member of the Connecticut House of Representatives (1882-1883) and Senate (1886), and president of the State Park Association (1930). Bradley also served as Adjunct General of Connecticut from 1893 to 1895. There is a photograph album from this period, which contains photographs of Bradley and the Governor's staff.

Included in the papers are three original manuscripts by Edward Elias Bradley. The subjects of these papers are General Israel Putnam, Connecticut Revolutionary War hero, Timothy Dwight, president of Yale (1795-1817), and the erection of the Defenders Monument in New Haven.

Edward Holbrook Bradley (1897-?) Edward H. Bradley left Yale College in his sophomore year(1917) to join the American Ambulance Corps that was stationed in France during World War I. After arriving in France, Bradley discovered that there was a shortage of drivers in the Convois Automobile Service of the French Army. He spent 1917 in the service of the French Army, driving a camion that carried ammunition and supplies to the front lines. A typescript of some of the letters he wrote home during this period gives some description of life in France during the war. Bradley returned to Yale after the war and graduated in 1920.

The Bradley Family Papers also contain material from other family members but this represents only a small portion of the collection.

Arrangement

The papers are arranged chronologically.

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b. 1, f. 1	Bradley family genealogy, 1795-1913	Circa 1913
	Bradley, Horace	
b. 1, f. 2	Ledger	1817-1844
	Bradley, Stephan	
b. 1, f. 3	Correspondence	1818 March 6
	Bradley, William C.	
b. 1, f. 3	Correspondence	1851 August 6, undated
	Bradley, Bertha	
b. 1, f. 3	Report card from Day School for Young Ladies and Girls, New Haven Connecticut	1890
	Bradley, William	
b. 1, f. 4	Waste book	1827-1836
b. 1, f. 5	Book of accounts, vol. I	1827-1841
b. 2, f. 6	Book of accounts, vol. II	1831- 1838
b. 2, f. 7	Journal	Circa1830
	Bradley, Charles William	
b. 2, f. 8	Notebook	1840
b. 2, f. 9	Miscellaneous notes, memoranda and fragments	Circa 1840
b. 2, f. 10	Deeds, Connecticut	1858 April 3-1866 November 24
	Bradley, George H.	
b. 2, f. 11	Civil War correspondence	1862 January 21-1863 July 17
	Bradley, Edward Elias	
b. 3, f. 12	Governors staff photograph album A copy of this material is available in digital form from Manuscripts and Archives. Contact Manuscripts and Archives at beinecke.library@yale.edu to request access to the digital copy.	1894-1895
b. 3, f. 13 - 15	"General Israel Putnam, " autograph manuscript English	1909

b. 3, f. 16	"History of Defenders Monument Project" English	1911 October 27
b. 3, f. 17	"Timothy Dwight, Chaplain of American Army" English	1913 June 22
b. 3, f. 18	"Timothy Dwight, Chaplain of American Army," unfinished autograph manuscript English	1913 June 22
b. 3, f. 18	"Timothy Dwight, Chaplain of American Army," typewritten manuscript. English	
b. 3, f. 19	Introduction	1913 June 22
b. 3, f. 20	"Timothy Dwight, Chaplain of American Army," typewritten manuscript English	1913 June 22
Bradley, Edward Holbrook		
b. 3, f. 21	Extracts from letters written while serving in Convois Automobile Service of the French Army	1917
Bradley, Edward M.		
b. 3, f. 22	Obituary	1950 February 15

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

Business
Families
Fredericksburg, Battle of, Fredericksburg, Va.,
1862
World War, 1914-1918

Geographic Names

Connecticut -- Politics and government
New Haven (Conn.)
United States -- History -- Civil War, 1861-1865

Genres / Formats

Account books
Deeds

Occupations

Manufacturers

Names

Bradley, Edward Elias, 1845-1938
Bradley, Edward Holbrook, 1897-1968
Bradley, George, ca. 1840-
Bradley, William C., 1821-1890
Dwight, Timothy, 1752-1817
Putnam, Israel, 1718-1790

Families

Bradley family