



Guide to the Estate Records for Margaret Bromfield Blanchard and Henry Bromfield, 1836-1890

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Summary

Collection Title:

Estate records for Margaret Bromfield Blanchard and Henry Bromfield, 1836-1890

Creator:

Rogers, Henry B. (Henry Bromfield), 1802-1887

Source:

Sallie Bingham Center for Women's History and Culture

Abstract:

Collection comprises a printed copy of a will (1875?), along with manuscript inventories; lists of stocks and bonds; related correspondence; and payments made against the estate of Margaret Bromfield Blanchard in 1877 and 1878. Henry B. Rogers served as her executor. There are also her manuscript records outlining the distribution of the estate, dated 1867-1868. The Bromfield School is mentioned extensively in the will and the distribution documents. In the will she outlines "if boys are admitted [to the school], I order that their number shall always be one-third less than that of girls." In addition, there are a few records related to the estate of Margaret Blanchard's grandfather?, Henry Bromfield, in Cheltenham, England, dated 1836-1842, including the executor's account. Unrelated documents include a written agreement between Mary Blanchard and Hiram Osborn for his assumption of the farming duties in 1864, along with a letter regarding the establishment of trustees for the Bromfield school, dated around 1890.

Extent:

1.1 Linear Feet (17 items)

Language:

Materials in English

Collection ID:

RL.11707

Permalink:

<https://idn.duke.edu/ark:/87924/m12w2m>

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Background

Scope and Content

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Arrangement

Organized chronologically.

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Processing Information

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Accessions described in this collection guide: 2015-0050-LUBMSS127

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Names and Subjects

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- Decedents' estates -- England -- Cheltenham
- Wills -- Massachusetts
- Inventories of decedents' estates -- Massachusetts
- Distribution of decedents' estates -- Massachusetts
- Wills
- Estate records
- Blanchard, , Margaret B. (Margaret Bromfield), 1787-1876
- Rogers, Henry B. (Henry Bromfield), 1802-1887
- Bromfield, Henry
- Bromfield School
- Baskin, Lisa Unger
- Lisa Unger Baskin Collection (David M. Rubenstein Rare Book & Manuscript Library)
- Sallie Bingham Center for Women's History and Culture

Collection Inventory

Estate records	Box 1
Henry Bromfield Executor's Account	Oversize-folder 1
