

HENRY W. BLAIR (1834-1920)
PAPERS, 1795-1904
19 Boxes, 6 1/2 lin. ft, ca. 2,900 Items

BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION:

Henry William Blair, son of William Henry and Lois (Baker) Blair, was born in Campton, NH December 6, 1834. He was admitted to the Bar in 1859 and practiced for many years in Plymouth, NH. He was a Representative from Plymouth in 1866, State Senator, 1867-68; Representative in Congress, 1874-1878 and again 1892-1894; United States Senator, 1879-1891.

December 20, 1859 he married Elizabeth A. Nelson, daughter of Rev. William Nelson. Mrs. Blair was educated in Plymouth & Newbury, VT. Seminary. She was a member of the National Association for the Advancement of Science and Vice President of the New Hampshire Federation of Women's Clubs. Mrs. Blair was the author of Lisbeth Wilson, "a truthful and wholesome picture of New England life." They had one son, Henry Patterson Blair, born in Plymouth, NH December 8, 1867.

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE:

The collection covers the period from his law practice to the early years of his life as a Senator in Washington. The bulk of the material consists of detailed records of court cases. There are also papers representing his business as an insurance agent. The collection also contains Civil War materials mostly dealing court matters after he was severely wounded and mustered out in Aug. of 1863.

There is family correspondence including letters from Washington D.C. to his wife before she joined him in Washington. Blair comments on the problems of daily living. Elizabeth Blair is represented by correspondence from 1869 to 1900. Her letters portray her several interests and writings together with letters from notable contemporary writers. There are two folders of correspondence of Henry Patterson Blair from 1876 to 1887.

For further Blair papers see also Accession Number 1974-70.

SERIES A: HENRY BLAIR, BUSINESS PAPERS

Subseries 1: Correspondence

Box 1 1826-1868
Box 2 1869-1871
Box 3 1872-1904

Subseries 2: Cases by Name of Plaintiff (and State vs.)

Box 4 Allen - Clark, Joseph
Box 5 Clark, Russell - Flint
Box 6 Fogg - Fox
Box 7 French - Ladd
Box 8 Lane - Mitchell
Box 9 Moore - Palmer
Box 10 Parker - Shaw
Box 11 Shepard - Woodman
Box 12 State vs. Bean - State vs. Howland
Box 13 State vs. Howland - State vs. Wallace

Subseries 3: Legal Papers

Box 14 fld 1 Affairs of Grafton County
fld 2-3 Bills, 1842-1899
fld 4-5 Deeds and Quitclaims, 1795-1854
fld 6 Estates, Howe - Packard
fld 7-8 Estates, Ezra Willmouth
fld 9-11 Legal agreements, 1829-1874
fld 12-19 Pension cases, by Name
fld 20 Pension cases, no names given
fld 21 Petitions, 1852-1868
fld 22 Promissory notes, 1843-1882
fld 23-24 Receipts, 1845-1898
fld 25 Wills, 1845-1872
Box 15 fld 1-3 Briefs & other legal memoranda,
no dates
fld 4 Character references, no date
fld 5 Court bills, 1859-1862
fld 6 Court decisions, 1855
fld 7-9 Depositions & Affidavits, 1842-1873
and undated
fld 10 Land surveys, undated
fld 11 Legal references, undated
fld 12 Jurymen & witness lists, undated
fld 13-18 Testimony, 1849-1874 and undated
fld 19 Writs & Subpoenas, 1858-1873

Subseries 4: Insurance

Box 16 fld 1-5 Insurance letters, 1875-1879
fld 6 Insurance Miscellaneous, 1859-1868
fld 7 Insurance receipts, 1851-1860

SERIES B: BLAIR FAMILY

Box 17	fld 1-19	Elizabeth Blair, Correspondence, 1869-1900 & undated
	fld 20-21	Henry P. Blair, Correspondence, 1876-1887 & Misc.
	fld 22	Family History
	fld 23	Account book, 1868
	fld 24	Post cards & stamps
	fld 25	Bank of Camp Chocorua, drafts
	fld 26-27	Miscellaneous

SERIES C: PRINTED MATERIALS

Box 18	fld 1-3	Congressional Record, June 9, 1900; June 13, 1900 & 1876-1886
	fld 4	The Education Bill, 1887
	fld 5	Organizations, 1868-1900
	fld 6-9	Newspaper clippings, 1879-1902 and undated

SERIES D: MISCELLANEOUS

Box 19	fld 1-13	Business papers, 1841-1878 and undated
	fld 14-15	Miscellaneous, 1878-1944

CARDS MADE FOR CATALOG:

Insurance	Deeds
Pension	Wills
Occ-Lawyer	Blair, Elizabeth A. (Nelson)
U.S. Congress-Senator	Blair, Henry Patterson
Plymouth, NH	
Women	