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 1865, 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 19  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