

Henrietta E. Bromwell

1875-1938

.5 linear feet

Mss. 79

Abstract

Henrietta Bromwell (1859-1946) was a genealogist, a compiler of Colorado history, and a landscape artist. She was a founder of the Artists' Club of Denver and of the Denver Art Museum. This collection contains correspondence, a diary and scrapbooks.

Background Note

Henrietta Bromwell was a genealogist, author, and artist who lived in Denver, Colorado, most of her life. She was born of 13 July 1859 in Charleston, Illinois. Her father, Henry Pelham H. Bromwell, was a jurist and politician. He achieved prominence in Illinois and later in Colorado where he brought his family in 1870.

As an artist, Henrietta was well known for her landscapes and she became one of the leading women artists in Colorado. She taught water color and oil painting, and was founder of the Artists' Club of Denver and of the Denver Art Museum. Bromwell's interests in Colorado history and genealogy led to the publication of several books, among them:

The Bromwell Genealogy (1910)

Head Lines of the Bromwell Family in England (1913-1914)

Fifty-niners' Directory- Colorado Argonauts of 1858-1859, 2 vols. (1926)

Colorado Portrait and Biography Index, 5 vols. (1933)

Henrietta remained single throughout her life, and after a long illness, she died in Denver on 8 January 1946 at the age of 86.

Scope and Content

Henrietta donated the collection to the Colorado Historical Society in 1938. Contents include biographical material (1917-1934) including much of her genealogical work; correspondence (1908-1938); financial documents (1913-1934); legal materials (1934) and two scrapbooks (1875-1900), one of which contains clippings of the Colorado constitutional Convention in which her father was a delegate. The other contains clippings about Denver art clubs, exhibitions, artists, and paintings.

Subjects

Bromwell, Henrietta Elizabeth, 1859-1946

Bromwell, Henry Pelham Holmes, 1823-1903

Colorado--Constitutional Convention, 1876--Manuscripts

Artist--Colorado--Manuscripts

Correspondence
Diary
Scrapbooks

Contents List

FF	Folder title	Date
1	Biographical Material: Diary	1917
2	Biographical Material: Family Tree	1934
3	Biographical Material: Published photographs of Henry H.P. Bromwell	nd
4	Correspondence	June 1908-March 1934
5	Correspondence	April 1934-July 1935
6	Correspondence	1938
7	Financial Material: Allen General contract and Building receipt	Dec. 31, 1913
8	Financial Material: Union Express receipts (2)	1934
9	Legal: Inventory of the estate of Alice Forster	Oct. 18, 1934
Loose	Scrapbook: containing clippings regarding the Colorado Constitutional Convention	1875-1876
Loose	Scrapbook: containing clippings and other items regarding Denver art clubs, exhibitions, artists, and paintings.	

Additional Information:

Provenance

Donated by Henrietta Bromwell, 1938

Preferred Citation

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Processing Information

Reprocessed September, 2007.

Separated Material

The Decorative and fine Arts Departments holds a number of Henrietta Bromwell's paintings.