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Bromwell & Sleeth

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Henry Pelham Holmes Bromwell was born on August 26, 1823, in Baltimore, Maryland. He received his early schooling in Maryland. In 1850, he moved west to Illinois where he worked as a clerk in a land office. He also edited an abolitionist newspaper, The Age of Steam and Fire.

Bromwell was admitted to the Bar in 1853. In 1856, he was elected county judge of Fayette County, Illinois. In 1860, he served as a member of the electoral college and was elected to Congress twice. He served from 1865 until 1869 in Illinois' Seventh Congressional District. He was also a partner in the law firm of Bromwell & Sleeth of Vandalia, Illinois.

In 1870, Bromwell moved to Colorado. He was elected to the Colorado Territorial Council, and in 1875, Bromwell served as a delegate to the Colorado Convention. In 1879, he was elected to the Colorado State Legislature. In 1881, Governor Frederick Pitkin appointed Bromwell the state's first irrigation commissioner.

Bromwell was married to Emily Payne in 1860. They had three children. Their daughter, Henrietta Bromwell, became a well known artist in Colorado. Bromwell died in Denver, Colorado on January 9, 1903.

The collection contains ledgers and correspondence from H.P.H. Bromwell, most of which is related to the law firm of Bromwell and Sleeth.

The collection was donated with other Bromwell family materials (MSS 79 & 80) by Henrietta Bromwell in 1938, and Mrs. Gerald Moore in 1945.

Collection Contents

Bromwell & Sleeth Material (1835-1934)

FF	Description	Date
1	Memorandum book	1835
2	Accounts ledger	1852
3	Notebook	1863
4	Ledger book	1871
5	Accounts ledger	1874-1875
6	Letterpress book	1875
7	Notebook	1917-1921
8	Correspondence and biographical material	1934
9	Correspondence	3/6/?