

Bancroft family papers

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Summary Information

Repository	University of Pennsylvania: Kislak Center for Special Collections, Rare Books and Manuscripts
Creator	Bancroft, Addison
Creator	Bancroft, Bessie, 1878-
Creator	Bancroft, Henry
Creator	Bancroft, Marie A.
Title	Bancroft family papers
Call number	Ms. Coll. 627
Date [inclusive]	1850-1953
Extent	0.2 linear feet (1 box)
Language	English
Abstract	<p>The Bancroft family lived in the Frankford neighborhood of Philadelphia. This collection includes personal papers from sisters Bessie and Marie, as well as Bessie's diary for the year 1904. Business papers from their uncles Addison and Henry, who were in the real estate and insurance businesses respectively, are also included. Addison Bancroft's lease papers reflect a professional relationship with George W. Childs.</p>

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Biography/History

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Scope and Contents

This collection consists of material created by Addison, Bessie, Henry, and Marie A. Bancroft. Researchers will find leases witnessed by and a letter of attorney granted to Addison Bancroft, dated 1850-1889; one business letter addressed to Henry Bancroft, dated 1889; two letters to Marie Bancroft from autograph and book dealers, dated 1952-1953; a photograph (probably of Addison Bancroft's house in the Frankford neighborhood of Philadelphia) and two photographs of Bessie Bancroft; Bessie Bancroft's diary for the year 1904, focusing mostly on social events in Frankford; and a note for the construction of a burial monument for Kendall Bancroft and his immediate family (circa 1870s).

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Source of Acquisition

Purchased from Mrs. Hudson's Fine Books and Paper (Chelsea, N.Y.), 2006.

Related Materials

Related Archival Materials note

Drexel University: George W. Childs collection, George W. Childs collection
George W. Childs Scrapbooks, George W. Childs scrapbooks
George W. Childs obituary notices scrapbooks, George W. Childs obituary notices scrapbooks

Controlled Access Headings

FORM/GENRE(S)

- Correspondence
- Diaries
- Family papers
- Leases
- Manuscripts, American--19th century
- Manuscripts, American--20th century
- Photographs

GEOGRAPHIC NAME(S)

- Philadelphia (Pa.)--History

PERSONAL NAME(S)

- Childs, George William, 1829-1894

SUBJECT(S)

- Power of attorney

Collection Inventory

	Box	Folder
Addison Bancroft, business records, 1850-1889.	1	1
Addison Bancroft, photograph possibly depicting Addison Bancroft's house at 4901 Frankford Avenue, undated.	1	2
Bessie Bancroft, diary, 1904.	1	3
Bessie Bancroft, photographs, circa 1904, undated.	1	4
Henry Bancroft, business correspondence, 1889.	1	5
Marie A. Bancroft, correspondence, 1952-1953.	1	6

Note to "Brother John" regarding memorial monument for Kendall Bancroft,
Mehitable Chase, and Elizabeth Greenwood, circa 1870s.

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