

NEW HAVEN COLONY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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No. 24

Date processed: Dec. 1975
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- I. Title Blake, Henry Taylor, 1828-1922. Collection, 1852-1934.
- II. The papers of H.T. Blake deposited in the Library on _____, by _____
In _____ converted the deposit to a gift.
- III. Linear feet of shelf space occupied: 1½'
Approximate number of items: 14 vols. & 100 items
- IV. Restrictions: none
- V. Literary rights of the unpublished writings of _____ in these papers, and in other collections of papers in the custody of the New Haven Colony Historical Society Library, have been dedicated to the New Haven Colony Historical Society.
- VI. Press release was issued on _____
- VII. Biographical note:
Henry Taylor Blake was trained at Yale, practiced law in Bridgeport, 1850-1885, his avocation was history, interest in politics and in ballot reform, child study, civic activities, etc.

Blake served on the New Haven Public Parks Board (1889-1911)
on the Bridgeport Committee to welcome Pres. Lincoln in 1860
on the New Haven Chamber of Commerce
on the Defenders' Monument of New Haven Committee
on the Board of directors of the New Haven Colony Historical Society
as Proprietor of the Common and Undivided Land of New Haven
to name a few
- VIII. Analysis:
The collection is arranged in 3 groups:
Box 1: Defenders' Monument of New Haven Committee, records, 1891-1913
including drawings and photographs
Box 2: Park Commission notes, scrapbooks, memoranda and notes, 1852-1934
Box 3: Personal notes, legal papers, correspondence, excerpts from published material, clippings, photographs, etc, 1852-1917
Oversize scrapbook of newspaper clippings, mainly political from Bridgeport and New Haven newspapers, 1850-1909

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Box 1

- Folder A: Constitution of the DMA with amendments; list of delegates; Henry Bonnard Bronze Co. mss; dedication records; the British invasion of New Haven; (map of the sight of the monument.) →
- B: Records of the Battle Monument Committee, July 4, 1891-Nov.8, 1913 (1 v.); list of contributors (1 v.)
- C: Defenders Monument clippings, 1891-1911 (1 v.) and loose clippings
- D: Sketches, illustrations, photographs
- E: Sculpture Commission and State Sculpture Committee records, correspondence with sculptor James Edward Kelly (1855-1933), ALS H.T. Blake, May 5, 1906, to Wilson H. Lee

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to oversized
ITEM
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Box 2

- Folder A: Beaver Ponds Park scrapbook, 1890-1900 (1 v.) and scrapbook of New Haven miscellany, 1893/4-1911 (1 v.) with various notes
BEAVER POND MAP MOVED TO OVERSIZE ITEM #1
- B: mss notes for New Haven Green, 1893-4 (2 v.)
- Ba: typed notes for Chronicles of New Haven Green
- C: "Chronicles of the Great Xploring Xpedition Xtraordinary: being illustrations of a recreation trip taken by a party of young ladies and gentlemen from New Haven to the rural districts of Connecticut and Masschusetts in 1852." (1 v.) illus.
Enclosed with this ALS G.D. Seymour, 1931 to Mrs. Osborn and TL from G.D. Seymour to NHCHS, 1934
- D: Old Almshouse Fund and the public parks: clippings, 1897 (1 v.)
- E: Old New Haven legends, clipped 1903-1915 by Frederick A. Townsend. ALS F.A. Townsend, 1904, to H.T. Blake with photo enclosed
- F: Old State House removal, 1888-9, scrapbook (1 v.)
- G: New Haven Park Commission scrapbook, 1888-1912 (1 v.)
- H: "Statement of the origin and progress of my connection with the Public Parks System of New Haven - H.T. Blake - Aug.1892." Mss notebook with ALS (1 v.)

Box 3

- Folder A: Ballot reform documents
- B: Child study documents
- C: Correspondence (letters to H.T. Blake)
ALS L. Kossuth, London, Nov.11, 1852
ALS Donald G. Mitchell - Edgewood [1892?]
ALS F.A. Townsend [1906-1917?] with 14 p. ms notes by Henry Rogers *
- Oversize scrapbook, 1850-1909, mainly political articles from Bridgeport and New Haven newspapers (1 v.)

* re Gov. Saltonstall

OVERSIZE ITEM #1
- BEAVER POND MAP

OVERSIZED ITEM #2
- DEFENDERS MONUMENT