

# Cyrus Bradley Papers, 1882-1915

## Overview of the Collection

<b>Creator</b>	Bradley, Cyrus
<b>Title</b>	Cyrus Bradley Papers
<b>Dates</b>	1882-1915 (inclusive) 1882 1915
<b>Quantity</b>	9 containers., (4.5 linear feet of shelf space.), (4100 items.)
<b>Collection Number</b>	Cage 243
<b>Summary</b>	Correspondence, business records, legal documents and other materials re: Bradley's investments in urban real estate, irrigation projects and mining properties in the Spokane area; especially business correspondence during the years Bradley was attempting to recover from financial reverses incurred in real estate operations during Spokane's formative years. In addition, the papers reflect Bradley's personal affairs, primarily his involvement in philanthropic and social work organizations.
<b>Repository</b>	<a href="#">Washington State University Libraries, Manuscripts, Archives, and Special Collections.</a> Manuscripts, Archives, and Special Collections Terrell Library Suite 12 Pullman WA 99164-5610 Telephone: 509-335-6691 <a href="mailto:mascref@wsu.edu">mascref@wsu.edu</a>
<b>Access Restrictions</b>	This collection is open for research use.
<b>Languages</b>	English
<b>Sponsor</b>	Funding for encoding this finding aid was provided through a grant awarded by the National Endowment for the Humanities.

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## Biographical Note

The son of a riverboat operator of moderate wealth from Dayton, Ohio, Cyrus Bradley spent his young adulthood moving about the American West in various capacities until he located in Spokane Falls in 1883. There he founded a newspaper, the Spokane Miner, with his brother-in-law, Graham B. Dennis. Shortly, however, they abandoned the paper to concentrate on a venture in urban real estate development which largely centered on "Dennis and Bradley's Addition." A highly successful venture in the late 1880's and early 1890's, the addition became involved in financial difficulties in the mid-1890's, as did Bradley's investments in Spokane's Second Railroad Addition and in the Ross Park Street Railroad and the Washington Water Power Company. Narrowly escaping failure, Bradley emerged from the depression of the 1890's as a modest trader and investor in real estate, mining properties and irrigation projects. His investments were no longer concentrated in Spokane, but scattered throughout the West, and even included some as far away as Florida. One of Spokane's leading figures in his days as town boomer, Bradley spent his later years simply trying to earn a modest income. He remained active in philanthropic and social work organizations, but he never again became one of the powerful leaders of the city. Instead his main concern seems to have been the welfare of the family of his

brother-in-law and ex-partner, Graham B. Dennis, who did not manage even a modest recovery from the financial turmoils of the 1890's.

## Content Description

The Cyrus Bradley papers consist of correspondence, business records, legal documents and a few personal items. The correspondence from Bradley's later years predominates and is mainly concerned with financing and trading real estate and mining properties.

## Use of the Collection

### Preferred Citation

[Item Description]. Cage 243, Cyrus Bradley Papers . Manuscripts, Archives, and Special Collections, Washington State University Libraries, Pullman, WA.

## Administrative Information

### Arrangement

The papers are arranged in three series which separate the various types of papers: (1) correspondence, (2) business records, and (3) personal items. Within each series, items are organized chronologically.

### Acquisition Information

The papers of Cyrus Bradley (b. 1852), a Spokane, Washington, real estate developer and investor of the city's formative period, were acquired by Washington State University Library prior to a 1955 inventory of manuscript collections.

### Separated Materials

The papers of Cyrus Bradley's father, Captain John Bradley, have been removed and are now maintained as a separate collection, [Cage 153](#).

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## Detailed Description of the Collection

The following section contains a detailed listing of the materials in the collection.

### Series 1: Correspondence

Container(s)	Description	Dates
	<b>Letterbooks</b>	

Container(s)	Description	Dates
<b>Box/Folder</b>		
1 / 1	1 volume.	1886-1895
1 / 2	1 volume.	1892-1897
1 / 3	1 volume.	1897-1900
2 / 4	1 volume.	1897-1898
2 / 5	1 volume.	1898-1906

### Outgoing Correspondence

<b>Box/Folder</b>		
2 / 6	190 items.	1892-1903
2 / 7	220 items.	1904-1905
3 / 8	120 items.	1906-1909
3 / 9	120 items.	1910-1911
3 / 10	190 items.	1911
3 / 11	150 items.	1912-1913
4 / 12	30 items.	Undated
4 / 13	Fragments 40 items.	

### Incoming Correspondence

<b>Box/Folder</b>		
4 / 14	125 items.	1882-1892
4 / 15	140 items.	1893-1895
4 / 16	95 items.	1896-1901

Container(s)	Description	Dates
5 / 17	230 items.	1902
5 / 18	235 items.	1903-1904
5 / 19	125 items.	1904
5 / 20	150 items.	1904
6 / 21	300 items.	1905
6 / 22	200 items.	1906-1909
6 / 23	165 items.	1910
7 / 24	275 items.	1911
7 / 25	190 items.	1912-1915
7 / 26	70 items.	Undated
7 / 27	Fragments 60 items.	
7 / 28	Personal, 97 items.	1894-1912.
7 / 29	Personal, 70 items.	undated.

### Correspondence of persons other than Bradley

#### Box/Folder

8 / 30	Miscellaneous, 97 items.	1883-1912.
8 / 31	William Dennis, 11 items.	1896-1906.
8 / 32	Graham B. Dennis, 12 items.	1885-1891.

## Series 2: Business Records and Legal Documents

Container(s)	Description	Dates
Box/Folder		
8 / 33	Agreements, permits and notices, 13 items.	1883-1912.
8 / 34	Assays and price lists. 14 items.	
8 / 35	Bills and notes, 89 items.	1883-1912.
8 / 36	Bills of lading and invoices, 14 items.	1893-1909.
8 / 37	Checks, 15 items.	1882-1911.
8 / 38	Deeds and mortgages, 6 items.	1884-1895.
8 / 39	Maps 3 items.	
8 / 40	Mining agreements, claims and reports, 60 items.	1897-1911
9 / 41	Receipt book, 1 item.	1890.
9 / 42	Receipts and payment notices, 39 items.	1885-1912.
9 / 43	Statements and accounts, 31 items.	1884-1912.
9 / 44	Newspaper clippings, 20 items.	1896-1911.
9 / 45	Miscellaneous. 9 items.	
9 / 46	Miscellaneous notes.	

Container(s)	Description	Dates
	24 items.	

### Series 3: Personal

Container(s)	Description	Dates
Box/Folder		
9 / 47	Portraits 4 items.	
9 / 48	Autobiographical sketch, 2 items.	1893.
9 / 49	Diary, 1 item.	1894-1897.
9 / 50	Preliminary register and notes. 7 items.	1956

## Names and Subjects

### Subject Terms :

Charities -- Washington (State)--Spokane  
 Irrigation -- Washington (State)--Finance  
 Mining industry and finance--Washington (State)  
 Real estate business--Washington (State)--Spokane

### Personal Names :

Bradley, Cyrus, b. 1852. --Archives  
 (creator)  
 Dennis, Graham Barclay, 1855-1926

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