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**E. J. Bonbrake Papers  
MS 15**

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**Summary Information**

Creator

Bonbrake, E. J. (Emanuel James), 1832-1925

Title

E. J. Bonbrake Papers

Dates

1854-1856

Extent

.25 LF (.5 ms. boxes)

Arrangement

Collection organized into folders corresponding to type of material.

Language of Materials

All materials in English.

Abstract

E. J. Bonbrake was a member of the Franklin and Marshall College Class of 1855. This collection contains letters of recommendation and miscellaneous items which he gathered during his study here. Letters in this collection are signed by Theodore Appel, William Marvel Nevin, Henry Harbaugh, and Emanuel Vogel Gerhart.

Subjects

Bonbrake, E. J. (Emanuel James), 1832-1925--Correspondence.  
Franklin and Marshall College--Alumni and alumnae--Correspondence.

## **Administrative Information**

### Acquisition Information

W.E. Montgomery, Gift, August 1962.

### Custodial History (Provenance)

This collection was given to F & M in 1962 by W. E. Montgomery, a grandson of E. J. Bonbrake.

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### Preferred Citation

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### Processing Information

Processed by [Archives staff], ca. 1986. Description based on DACS.

### Accruals

No further accruals are expected.

## **Additional Information**

### Related Materials

Records of Franklin and Marshall College (RG 1- RG 15), Archives and Special Collections, Franklin and Marshall College, Lancaster, PA

## **Historical/Biographical Information**

Emanuel James Bonbrake was born near Waynesboro, PA on January 3, 1832 the son of John and Susanna Bonbrake. A member of the Franklin and Marshall Class of 1855, Bonbrake began his studies at Marshall College in 1851 after teaching in public schools for a few years to earn money for College. A member of the Diognothian Literary Society, Bonbrake was a noted orator and graduated as class valedictorian. After graduation, he studied law under John Cessna and was admitted to the bar in 1858. After initially practicing law in Bedford, PA, Bonbrake settled in Chambersburg where he practiced law, advocated for college education as a Regent at Mercersburg College and Mercersburg Academy, and became a collector of botanical specimens. In 1861, Bonbrake married E. Belle Oakes and had four children. At the time of his death on September 5, 1925 at the age of 93, Bonbrake was known as the oldest living alumnus of Franklin and Marshall College.

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## **Inventory/Contents**

### **Box 1**

1/1 Letters of Recommendation and Miscellaneous Items, 1854-56.

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