

Guide to the Alphonso B. Brown Papers

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TITLE: Alphonso Bickford Brown papers

DATES: 1893-1994

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LANGUAGE: English

SUMMARY: The papers consist of a journal, clippings, a printed article and other items of A. B. Brown, a physician. The journal and clippings record Brown's experiences as a member of the Frederick A. Cook expedition to the Arctic in 1894, while the article and a letter are concerned with the work of the Yale Mission in New Haven.

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f. folder

Administrative Information

Conditions Governing Access

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Preferred Citation

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Existence and Location of Copies

Papers on the 1894 Cook expedition to the Arctic are available on microfilm (1 reel, 35mm.) from Manuscripts and Archives, Yale University Library, at cost. Order no. HM76. The entire collection is available on microfilm.

Biographical / Historical

Alphonso Bickford Brown was the eldest son of Elisha R. and Frances (Bickford) Brown, and was born in Dover, N.H., January 23, 1872. He was named for his grandfather, Dr. Alphonso Bickford, who was for many years one of Dover's most distinguished physicians. He was graduated from Phillips-Andover and in college secured a Dissertation appointment both in Junior Year and at Commencement. He was graduated from the Harvard Medical School in June, 1898, with the degree of M.D. and served on the surgical staff of the Boston City Hospital from January, 1898, to July, 1899. He then took up the practice of his profession in Newburyport, Mass., and on October 3, 1899, he married Miss Edith Lawrence Huse, daughter of Hon. William H. Huse, at Dover, N.H. One child, a daughter, Elizabeth Lawrence, was born to them July 6, 1902.

About two weeks before his death Dr. Brown was operated upon for appendicitis and seemed to be making rapid progress toward complete recovery, when from some cause not clearly understood his condition took a sudden turn for the worse and he died quite suddenly and unexpectedly on October 17, 1906. A local paper said editorially of him: "Dr. Brown was one of the best young men Dover has produced: he was a gentleman, in the true sense of the word, everywhere and on all occasions. Everybody liked him who made his acquaintance. His scholarly attainments and his skill and success as a young physician gave assured promise that had it been granted him to live, in good health, to old age, he would have held very high rank in his profession."

(Take from the Yale College, Class of 1894 Quindennial Record)

Scope and Contents

Although Alphonso B. Brown was a physician who spent most of his life in Newburyport, Mass, the papers largely reflect his experiences as a member of the Frederick A. Cook expedition to the Arctic in 1894. Included are a journal kept on board the S.S. Miranda (1894 Jul 7, Sep 8), photographs, clippings and memorabilia. Also, in the papers, are a letter and report on the work of the Yale Mission in New Haven (1893).

The photographs of the expedition have been filmed and are available on Microfilm HM 76.

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b. 1, f. 1reel 1U	Alexander F. Irvine to Alphonso Bickford Brown and enclosure on a proposed New Haven, CT mission This material has been microfilmed. Patrons must use HM 76 instead of the originals.	1893 May 20
b. 1, f. 2reel 1U	<i>The Association Record</i> , Yale University, Vol. iv This material has been microfilmed. Patrons must use HM 76 instead of the originals.	1894 June
b. 1, f. 3reel 1U	Journal of the Frederick A. Cook arctic expedition, kept by A.B. Brown on the S.S. Miranda This material has been microfilmed. Patrons must use HM 76 instead of the originals.	1894 July 7- September 8
b. 1, f. 4reel 1U	Xerox copies of clippings and memorabilia from A.B. Brown's scrapbook of the 1894 Cook expedition This material has been microfilmed. Patrons must use HM 76 instead of the originals.	1894
b. 1, f. 5reel 1U	Photograph album of the 1894 Cook expedition and photogravures from the Arctic Club This material has been microfilmed. Patrons must use HM 76 instead of the originals.	1894

Selected Search Terms

The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the Library's online catalog. They are grouped by name of person or organization, by subject or location, and by occupation and listed alphabetically therein.

Geographic Names

Arctic regions
Canada

Genres / Formats

Diaries

Names

Brown, Alphonso Bickford, 1872-1906
Cook, Frederick Albert, 1865-1940

Corporate Bodies

Yale College (1887-). Class of 1894
Yale University. Yale College Missionary Society