

# Guide to the Francis Gordon Brown Papers

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**CALL NUMBER:** MS 1321

**CREATOR:** Brown, Francis Gordon, 1879-1911

**TITLE:** Francis Gordon Brown papers

**DATES:** 1897-1901

**PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION:** 1.25 linear feet (2 boxes)

**LANGUAGE:** English

**SUMMARY:** The Francis Gordon Brown Papers are made up of correspondence, newspaper clippings, and photographs which relate chiefly to the 1899 and 1900 seasons of the Yale College football team, of which Brown was captain. Included are letters to Walter Camp from Yale men commenting on the games of November and December, 1900, and a letter from Camp to Brown (December 18, 1900) on football strategy. Of particular interest is a letter from Theodore Roosevelt (June 22, 1901) inviting Brown to a gathering at Oyster Bay along with other Yale and Harvard athletes where Roosevelt hoped to encourage a "more vivid interest of a practical kind in politics." There is also a scrapbook containing tickets, badges, programs, menus, newspaper clippings and other Yale memorabilia, in addition to letters and photographs of the team.

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b.        box  
f.        folder

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## Administrative Information

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The collection is open for research.

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Francis Gordon Brown Papers. Manuscripts and Archives, Yale University Library.

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## Biographical / Historical

Francis Gordon Brown, son of Francis Gordon Brown, a graduate of the Columbia School of Mines in 1867, and of Julia Noyes (Tracy) Brown, was born in New York City, September 6, 1879. He was fitted for college at the Groton (Mass.) School.

Throughout his college course he maintained the rank of a philosophical oration stand, and in athletics he made a most distinguished record. He was a member of the University Football Team four years, famous as guard, and in Senior year was captain. He was captain of the Freshman Crew, and rowed in the University race against Harvard in Sophomore year. He was also a member of the Track Team in his Senior year. He won many social honors, and was esteemed by all for his character as a man.

Since graduation he had been in the banking business with the firm of J. P. Morgan & Co., in New York City, where he had applied himself closely to his work, and had shown an aptitude which promised eminence in the financial world.

Mr. Brown died of diabetes at his home in Glen Head, L. I., N. Y., May 10, 1911, in the 32d year of his age.

He married, April 27, 1905, Caroline Lawrence Bogert, daughter of Henry Lawrence and Carrie (Osgood) Bogert, who survives him with a son. A brother, Charles Tracy Brown, who was a member of the class of 1903 in the College, died in 1900.

(Taken from *Yale College Obituary Record*).

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## Scope and Contents

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b. 1, f. 1	<a href="#">Correspondence</a>	1900 October 16-1901 June 22, undated
b. 1, f. 2	Letters to Walter Camp A copy of this material is available in digital form from Manuscripts and Archives. Contact Manuscripts and Archives at <a href="mailto:beinecke.library@yale.edu">beinecke.library@yale.edu</a> to request access to the digital copy.	1900 November 25-December 6
b. 1, f. 3	Memorabilia	1899 December 21, [1900?]
b. 2	Scrapbook (Volume 1)	
b. 1, f. 4	<a href="#">Scrapbook (Volume 2)</a>	1899-1900

## **Selected Search Terms**

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### **Subjects**

Football

### **Genres / Formats**

Scrapbooks

### **Names**

Brown, Francis Gordon, 1879-1911

Camp, Walter, 1859-1925

Roosevelt, Theodore, 1858-1919

### **Corporate Bodies**

Yale College (1887- ). Class of 1901

Yale University -- Sports -- Football

Yale University -- Students