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**RESTRICTIONS**

Users have permission to write to Burke Drummond, attorney, Metcalf Plaza, Auburn, New York 13201 concerning the legal papers.

## **RELATED MATERIALS**

Cornell University is the most significant repository of Emily Howland papers; there is also a collection of her papers at Friends Historical Library and the Peace Collection, Swarthmore College. The original copy of Howland's will is in Surrogate's Court, Cayuga Co., New York.

## **ABSTRACT**

The collection consists of correspondence between the administrator of **Emily Howland**'s estate, Richard C.S. Drummond, and representatives of 39 mostly southern African American educational institutions, as beneficiaries of her will.

## **BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE**

Emily Howland (1827-1929), activist for Black education, women's rights with Susan B. Anthony and Anna Howard Shaw, temperance and peace, grew up in the Quaker community of Sherwood, NY raised by a strongly abolitionist family. She attended the Margaret Robinson School in Philadelphia, but was barred from continuing her education because of her gender. In 1857, she became a teacher in a school for young black girls run by Myrtilla Miner in Washington, D.C. After the Civil War broke out, Howland worked at Camp Todd, also in Washington, D.C. This was the largest refugee camp in the country, established after President Lincoln's emancipation proclamation of 1862 sent thousands of freedmen in search of shelter. At Camp Todd, Howland was at once nurse, teacher and mother figure to many of the freedmen, finally serving as director of the settlement from 1864 to 1866. This time served to confirm her opinion that education was the road to equality. She also determined that this education needed to be practical rather than Classical, a route she felt would allow freedmen and their children to function independently in society. At age 99, Emily Howland was awarded an honorary Litt.D. from SUNY-Albany.

In her will dated 1926, Emily Howland named almost 50 educational institutions as legatees, some 30 of them Southern, which were providing an industrial education to freedmen and their children. She also left bequests to institutions such as the National Council for the Prevention of War and the Women's Christian Temperance Union. Richard C.S. Drummond, the father of donor Burke Drummond, was the administrator of Emily Howland's estate.

## **SUBJECT HEADINGS**

[Bethune, Mary McLeod, 1875-1955](#)

[Drummond, Richard C. S](#)

[Howland, Emily, 1827-1929](#)

[Howland, Isabel](#)

[Libby, Frederick Joseph, 1874-](#)

[Scattergood, J. Henry \(Joseph Henry\), 1877-1953](#)

[Wood, L. Hollingsworth \(Levi Hollingsworth\), 1874-1956](#)

African Americans – Education

Quaker women

Quakers – Education

## **SCOPE AND CONTENTS OF THE COLLECTION**

Papers include the correspondence of Richard C.S. Drummond with legatees under Howland's will, representatives of African American educational institutions primarily in the South. The administration of the will required verification of incorporated names, since some of the beneficiary institutions had names that were different from those Howland used in her will. Much of the correspondence involves this verification, but, in the process, provides histories of these institutions. Correspondents include Mary McLeod Bethune, Levi Hollingsworth Wood, J. Henry Scattergood, Isabel Howland and Frederick Libby.

Box 1 includes anecdotes, biographical and genealogical information about Emily Howland as well as photos of genealogical relationships. As well, there is correspondence of R.C.S.

Drummond, 1940-56 re various works commemorating Emily Howland; a biographical sketch of Emily Howland by Phebe King, 1975; a historical sketch of Sherwood School (Emily Howland High School) by Phebe King, 1973; and copies of the will of Emily Howland, 1926-30.

Box 2 includes correspondence of R.C.S. Drummond with individual legatees, 1930, including all supporting documentation.

The contents of box 2 is identified in the section below: "Detailed Description of the Collection," and is sorted alphabetically by the current legatee name.

#### **DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE COLLECTION**

**Current Legatee Name** Atlanta University

**Other Legatee Names**

**Legatee State** GA

**Note**

**Current Legatee Name** Bethune-Cookman College

**Other Legatee Names** Daytona Normal and Industrial Institute

**Legatee State** FL

**Note** Letters of Mary McLeod Bethune, president of the college, included in the file

**Current Legatee Name**  
Other Legatee Names  
**Legatee State SC**  
Note

Bettis Academy

**Current Legatee Name**  
Other Legatee Names  
Legatee State

Billings Polytechnic Institute  
MT

**Current Legatee Name**  
Other Legatee Names  
**Legatee State AL**  
Note

Calhoun Colored School

**Current Legatee Name**  
Other Legatee Names  
**Legatee State AL**  
Note

Centreville Industrial Institute

**Current Legatee Name**  
**Other Legatee Names**  
**Legatee State NY**

Emily Howland High School  
Sherwood Select School, Sherwood Central Rural High School

**Current Legatee Name**  
Other Legatee Names  
**Legatee State VA**

Hampton Normal and Agricultural Institute

**Current Legatee Name** High Point Normal and Industrial School  
**Other Legatee Names**  
**Legatee State** NC  
**Note** Operated by New York Yearly Meeting

**Current Legatee Name** Intermountain Institute  
**Other Legatee Names**  
**Legatee State ID**  
**Note**

**Current Legatee Name** Lincoln Institute of Kentucky  
**Other Legatee Names**  
**Legatee State** KY  
**Note**

**Current Legatee Name** Lowry Institute and Industrial School  
**Other Legatee Names**  
**Legatee State** SC

**Current Legatee Name** Montgomery Industrial School  
**Other Legatee Names**  
**Legatee State** AL  
**Note**

**Current Legatee Name** National Armenia and India Relief Association  
**Other Legatee Names**  
**Legatee State**  
**Note** Office in NY

**Current Legatee Name** National Council for Prevention of War  
**Other Legatee Names**  
**Legatee State NY**  
**Note** Frederick J. Libby, Sec'y, includes letters signed by Libby

**Current Legatee Name** National Urban League  
**Other Legatee Names** National League on Urban Conditions Among Negroes  
**Legatee State NY**  
**Note** L. Hollingsworth Wood, lawyer and chair

**Current Legatee Name** Schofield Normal and Industrial School  
**Other Legatee Names**  
**Legatee State SC**  
**Note**

**Current Legatee Name** Snow Hill Normal and Industrial Institute, Inc.  
**Other Legatee Names**  
**Legatee State AL**  
**Note**

**Current Legatee Name** St. Paul Normal and Industrial School  
**Other Legatee Names**  
**Legatee State VA**  
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**Current Legatee Name** Statesboro Normal & Industrial School  
**Other Legatee Names**  
**Legatee State** GA

**Current Legatee Name** Street Manual Training School  
**Other Legatee Names**  
**Legatee State** AL

**Current Legatee Name** Talladega College  
**Other Legatee Names**  
**Legatee State** AL  
**Note**

**Current Legatee Name** The Christiansburg Industrial Institute for the Training of Colored Youth  
**Other Legatee Names**  
**Legatee State** VA  
**Note** Owned by Friends Freedmen's Association of Philadelphia

**Current Legatee Name** The Fort Valley High and Industrial School  
**Other Legatee Names**  
**Legatee State** GA

**Current Legatee Name** The George Junior Republic

Other Legatee Names

Legatee State NY

Note

**Current Legatee Name** The Hungerford Normal-High and Industrial School

**Other Legatee Names** The Robert Hungerford Normal & Industrial School

**Legatee State** FL

Note

**Current Legatee Name** The Laurinburg Normal and Industrial Institute

Other Legatee Names

**Legatee State** NC

Note

**Current Legatee Name** The Manassas Industrial School for Colored Youth

**Other Legatee Names**

**Legatee State** VA

**Current Legatee Name** The Montgomery County Training School **Other Legatee Names** Mt.

Meigs Colored Institute

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**Current Legatee Name**      The People's Village School  
**Other Legatee Names**  
**Legatee State** AL  
**Note**

**Current Legatee Name** The Piney Woods Country Life School  
**Other Legatee Names**  
**Legatee State** MS  
**Note**

**Current Legatee Name**      The Prentiss Normal and Industrial Institute  
**Other Legatee Names**  
**Legatee State**                MS

**Current Legatee Name**      The Southern Industrial Institute  
**Other Legatee Names**      Camp Hill Industrial Institute  
**Legatee State** AL  
**Note**

**Current Legatee Name**      The Tidewater Orphanage Association  
**Other Legatee Names**      Weaver Orphan Home for Colored Children  
**Legatee State** VA  
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**Current Legatee Name** The Utica Normal & Industrial Institute  
**Other Legatee Names**  
**Legatee State MS**  
**Note**

**Current Legatee Name** Tuskegee Normal and Industrial Institute  
**Other Legatee Names**

**Legatee State** AL

**Current Legatee Name** Voorhees Normal & Industrial School  
**Other Legatee Names** Voorhees Industrial School  
**Legatee State SC**  
**Note**

**Current Legatee Name** Wilberforce University  
**Other Legatee Names**  
**Legatee State OH**  
**Note**

**Current Legatee Name** Woman's Christian Temperance Union  
**Other Legatee Names**  
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