Biography

of

HENRY BRIGHAM

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BRIGHAM, HENRY: Savannah merchant and banker. Mr. Brigham was born on October 4, 1811 in Southborough, Massachusetts. He took up residence in Savannah in 1835 at the age of twenty-five.

Mr. Brigham embarked upon his business career in the partnership of Brigham, Baldwin & Company, shipping and commission merchants, for forty years. He was on the Board of Directors at the Bank of Savannah from 1853 to 1863. He presided as President of Southern Insurance & Trust Company from 1863 to 1874. In 1866, Mr. Brigham became the first President of the Merchants' National Bank. He established the insurance firm of Brigham & Olmstead in 1875. Three years later, Henry was affiliated with W. W. Gordon & Company, cotton factors.

Several pieces of property were owned by Mr. Brigham: Lot #60 Brown Ward, Lot #39 Brown Ward, Lots #3 & 4 Eastern Wharves on the Savannah River, Eastern half of Lot #33 Liberty Ward, Lot of land in Marlborough, Massachusetts, and Lot of land near Ashepoo River in South Carolina.

Early in his life, Henry became a member of the Georgia Hussars. He was an alderman for the City of Savannah from 1860 to 1876. He served as vestryman for St. John's Episcopal Church for seventeen years.

Mr. Brigham was married to Mary Hodgins, who died in 1849. A daughter, Sarah W., was born in 1845. On September 22, 1851, Henry married Mary C. O'Brien of Staten Island, New York. Their children were: Henry H., Mary H., Nancy G., James H., William S., Clayton H., Kate O'Brien, and Harcourt. Henry Brigham died on January 8, 1883.
At the turn of the nineteenth century, Massachusetts embarked upon 1
the new era with the prosperity she had always received from the sea.

Yet inland, the small town of Southborough was dependent upon an agrar-
ian livelihood. It was here on October 4, 1811, that a son, Henry,
was born to Daniel, Jr. and Nancy Gates Brigham. He was to become a
well-known merchant and banker in the City of Savannah.

Many prosperous decades followed the lean times of the 1820's
and Savannah grew into a notable southeastern port. Two hundred miles
of railroad were laid through the Georgia forests between 1833 and 1843,
vitally linking the port of Savannah with the rich cotton fields of the
Georgia piedmont. In 1835, at the age of twenty-five, Henry Brigham
came to Savannah for the benefit of his health. He found his first
employment as a clerk in the then distinguished house of Samuel Phil-
brick. Whether for business or pleasure, Henry many times traveled
the waterways between Savannah and Baltimore, Boston, New York, and
Charleston. His trips north sometimes met with misfortune. In
September of 1852, Henry had his pocket picked in Boston of a con-
siderable amount of money. Fortunately, he was able to recover much
of it.

Mr. Brigham subsequently became a clerk for L. Baldwin with whom
he was associated for forty years. Along with John J. Kelly, Henry
was admitted as a partner under the firm name of L. Baldwin & Com-
pany. The firm continued on after the death of Mr. Baldwin under
the name of Brigham & Kelly, subsequently changed to Brigham, Kelly & Company, Brigham, Baldwin & Company, and Brigham, Holst & Company.

The early firm of Brigham & Kelly was commission merchants and packet agents on Bay Street. They provided an "old established" line between Savannah and New York.

The Savannah port was a bustling and cheerful prospect of well-lined quays, with deeply laden ships. Upon its banks were a tranquil fleet of little merchantmen taking in cargo, and tranquil warehouses barricaded with packs of cotton. The aforementioned firms of Mr. Brigham carried on a large commission and shipping business. Being agents of several lines of sailing vessels, they were involved in a large foreign shipping business. In addition, they carried on the first line of propellers, the "Cromwell Line," running between Savannah and New York. The prospect of a line of steamers running from the port of Savannah to the Altamaha and Ocmulgee Rivers was under consideration in later years. In June of 1873, Brigham, Holst & Company was dissolved by mutual consent.

Savannah was an important center for banking in the nineteenth century. Selected as a place for both federal and state banks, the city was influential in the young Republic and during the Civil War years. Mr. Brigham became involved with the Bank of Savannah in 1853 as a member of the Board of Directors. He became a stockholder in the bank and continued on the Board from 1853 to 1855, and 1857 to 1863. On March 21, 1866, the Merchants' National
Bank opened under Federal supervision with Henry Brigham as its first President. He was well-versed on the various phases of the financial situation in both New York and foreign cities, as well as Savannah. Henry remained at the bank as President and a member of the Board of Directors until his death in 1883.

Mr. Brigham was actively involved with insurance brokerage throughout his business career. As insurance offices in Savannah, Brigham & Kelly and Brigham, Baldwin & Company provided marine and fire protection. In 1863, Henry became the President and a member of the Board of Directors of the Southern Insurance & Trust Company. He held this position until his resignation in 1874, a necessary action due to his increasing duties as President of Merchants' National Bank. For several years, Mr. Brigham was a partner in the insurance firm of Brigham & Olmstead; this partnership with Colonel Charles H. Olmstead was dissolved in 1878.

After the Civil War, another generation of shippers and merchants saw no apparent end to Savannah's cotton cornucopia. Cotton remained the most important single commodity shipped across Savannah's wharves. In 1878, Mr. Brigham became a member of W. W. Gordon & Company. As President of the Savannah Cotton Exchange, William W. Gordon operated a firm of cotton factors and commission merchants located on Bay Street. Henry was a member of the Board of Directors of the Cotton Exchange in his later years. Yet his acquaintance with cotton was not always cordial.
In 1865, Mr. Brigham became entangled with state affairs involving his purchase of cotton. In an "interesting correspondence," Georgia Governor James Johnson replied as follows:

... the large amount of State cotton in Savannah, captured at the time of the city's surrender to General Sherman, had been previously sold by the agent of the state, without authority, to Mr. Henry Brigham and others, on terms unsatisfactory to ex-Governor Brown, who, on receiving notice from the agent, refused to ratify the sale, but this was not communicated to the agent until after it was captured.

On August 16, 1865,

... Provisional Governor Johnson notified the Treasury Department that the bales were to be claimed by the State as belonging to her. Mr. Brigham contested the State claims, and based the validity of his right to the cotton on the bona fide transaction between the State agent and himself. It was fortified, as he conceived, by certain equitable propositions made by him to Governor Brown as to the character of the payments to be made in discharge of his promissory obligations, amounting to nearly a million dollars in Confederate money. It appeared that this transaction had a decidedly "funky" odor and needed ventilation.

At the onslaught of Sherman's troops, the leading citizens of Savannah decided to surrender instead of attempting vain resistance. Thanks to the realism of the city's influential cotton traders, who counseled surrender and accommodation instead of sure destruction,

Savannah was not burned like other cities on Sherman's march. As an honorary member of the Georgia Hussars, Henry Brigham volunteered his services and took personal charge of the distribution of supplies to the Confederate soldiers' families. He became chairman of the Relief Committee for the sick and the wounded. On several occasions, Henry was at the front during the campaign in Upper Georgia, attending
to the wants of the soldiers. He represented those citizens who were willing and anxious to restore the state to its former union under the Federal Government.

Mr. Brigham was very active in the administration of civic and religious affairs. He served as vestryman at St. John's Episcopal Church from 1865 until his death in 1883. He was elected alderman of the City of Savannah for fifteen years between 1860 and 1876. As a member of the Union Society Board, Henry was chosen as a delegate to visit Washington to convey to the President the sentiments of the loyal citizens of Chatham County. He was chosen as a Grand Jury member several times. In 1871, Mayor Screven appointed Mr. Brigham a delegate to the Southern Commercial Convention which met in Baltimore. Henry also traveled to Washington in 1872 to represent Savannah in interest of the proposed Atlantic and Great Western Canal. He was also a member of the Savannah Chamber of Commerce for many years.

Several pieces of property were owned by Henry Brigham throughout his lifetime. The primary purchase was Lot sixty (60) of Brown Ward on June 25, 1859 from Henry D. Weed for ten thousand dollars ($10,000.00). In 1857, Mr. Brigham purchased some land in Goodson, Virginia from D. T. Scrauton; this property included one hundred and twenty-five acres and eleven town lots. Henry bought Lots three (3) and four (4) of the Eastern Wharves in 1860 from George Hall and Charles Wilson for twenty-two thousand, five hundred dollars ($22,500.00). These lots provided a three hundred and twenty-eight foot frontage on the Savannah River.
At an auction in 1875, Mr. Brigham purchased one-half of Lot thirty-three (33) of Liberty Ward for one thousand and seventy dollars ($1,070.00). He also bought the eastern half of Lot thirty-nine (39) of Brown Ward for twelve thousand dollars ($12,000.00) in 1863. Two years later, Henry sold this property to George Ann Wyly for six thousand dollars ($6,000.00). In 1881, due to the default of the Savannah, Skidaway & Seaboard Railroad Company to pay their debt of one hundred thousand dollars ($100,000.00), George W. Wyly and Henry Brigham foreclosed on the company for seventy-five thousand dollars ($75,000.00). Henry also purchased two Negro slaves among his numerous household servants.

During the first decade as a resident of Savannah, Henry Brigham was married to Mary Hodgins. A daughter, Sarah W., was born on September 2, 1845. Mary Hodgins died in September of 1849 at the age of thirty-five, leaving a husband and young child unattended.

On September 22, 1851, Henry Brigham married Mary C. O'Brien in Staten Island, New York. Their first child, Henry H., was born in 1855. He was to become an exceptional student at William S. Bogart's Classical School in the Chatham Academy. Two of Henry and Mary C.'s oldest children, Mary H., born in 1858, and James H., born four years later, died in 1866. Nancy Gates Brigham was born in 1860 and became the only child to remain in Savannah until her death in 1948. The youngest children, William Sinclair, Clayton Harcourt, Kate O'Brien, and Harcourt, were born between 1864 and 1873. The Brigham household
also consisted of many servants.

The family residence of the Brighams, designed by Francis Grimball, was located on the northwest corner of Bull and Liberty Streets, Lot sixty (60) of Brown Ward. In 1878, the large wooden residence which was forty-one years old, was removed. It was replaced by an elegant residence, four stories high, with a mansard roof and all the modern improvements. Some of the accommodations included a billiard room, library, thirteen sleeping rooms, and two baths. At a cost of sixteen thousand dollars ($16,000.00), Mr. Brigham's residence was one of the most commodious and comfortable in Savannah.

Henry Brigham met with illness throughout his life. In March of 1871, he was reported seriously ill in New York. Yet by the end of the year, he was again active in business and civic affairs. In the winter of 1882, Henry contracted a severe cold which contained him to his house. Upon partial recovery, he left for Europe with his family. In Paris, he suffered an acute attack due to the growing severity of his ailment. With some improvement, Henry visited Liverpool before he returned to Savannah in October of 1882. His old friends and associates enlightened his spirits, but he gradually succumbed to the clutches of the disease. On January 8, 1883, at the age of seventy-one, Mr. Brigham died at his home, having suffered from Bright's Disease of the kidneys.

The death of Henry Brigham was a severe, yet expected shock to the community. His estate was divided equally among his wife and seven
children in March of 1883. A few of his diversified investments were stocks in Merchants' National Bank, Central Railroad, United Hydraulic Cotton Press, and Esmeralda Mining Company. Henry also had real estate holdings in Marlborough, Massachusetts, and Ashepoo River, South Carolina, in addition to Lot sixty (60) of Brown Ward in Savannah. His estate was appraised at approximately three hundred thousand dollars ($300,000.00).

Nancy Gates was the only descendant of Henry Brigham to reside in Savannah until her death in 1948. She became the wife of William Nephew Pratt of Roswell, Georgia. Known affectionately as "Miss Nannie," Mrs. Pratt supported the cultural, educational, and spiritual advancement of the community. She died at the age of eighty-eight at Isle of Hope. Surviving at that time were her sister, Mrs. A. V. Williams Jackson of New York, her brother, Harcourt Brigham, also of New York, and three nieces, Mrs. Walter L. Faust, New York, New York, Mrs. Paul Gadbusch, Summit, New Jersey, and Miss Mary Brigham, East Orange, New Jersey. In 1953, Harcourt Brigham died in New York. Upon request of cremation, his ashes were returned to the Brigham family lot in Laurel Grove Cemetery.

Even though a large part of the Brigham family did not remain in Savannah, the name of Henry Brigham will not disappear from the annals of Savannah's history. "His name was to be found upon the list of members of all her public enterprises and private charities. Henry Brigham loved Savannah and was ever ready to sacrifice self to her interests."
Endnotes


2 Ibid., p.520.

3 The inscription on the Obelisk of Henry Brigham, Lot #160, Laurel Grove Cemetery, and his obituary in the Savannah Morning News, January 9, 1883, p.4, col.3, confirm his birth as October 4, 1811. Yet in the Marlborough Vital Records, p.40, his birth is October 4, 1810. Since the month and day are the same as the first cited sources, this is more than likely a mistake.

4 The Marlborough Vital Records, p.229, cites the marriage between Henry's parents, Daniel Jr. and Nancy Gates, on May 27, 1810. According to Charles Hudson's History of the Town of Marlborough, p.367, Nancy Gates was the daughter of William Gates, a leading man in town who filled important town offices. The two above cited sources are from the City Clerk's Office, City Hall, Marlborough, Mass. There are two Daniel Brighams, one from Marlborough and the other from Northborough, in Heads of Families...1790, Vol.4 (Washington: Government Printing Office, 1908), pp.148 & 229, either of which could be Daniel Jr.'s father, Henry's paternal grandfather.

5 Margaret Wayt DeBolt, Savannah (Virginia Beach: The Donning Company/Publishers, Inc., 1976), p.27.


7 Savannah Morning News, January 9, 1883, p.4, col.3.

8 Daily Georgian, July 27, 1837, p.3, col.2; April 12, 1838, p.2, col.6; January 3, 1839, p.2, col.7; October 3, 1840, p.3, col.3.

10 Savannah Morning News, January 9, 1883, p.4, col.3.


13 Lane, Savannah Revisited, p.101.

14 Savannah Morning News, January 9, 1883, p.4, col.3.

15 Ibid., June 2, 1873, p.2, col.6.

16 Lane, Savannah Revisited, p.72.


18 Ibid., December 10, 1857, p.1, col.2.

19 Ibid., August 16, 1854, p.2, cols.6 & 7; March 6, 1855, p.2, col.1; July 2, 1857, p.4, col.7; March 10, 1858, p.2, col.1; March 10, 1859, p.1, col.1; March 6, 1861, p.2, col.1; March 5, 1862, p.2, col.1; July 16, 1863, p.2, cols.4 & 5; City Directory of 1860 (Savannah: John M. Cooper & Co., 1860), p.192.

20 Savannah Daily Herald, March 19, 1866, p.2, col.3.

21 Savannah Morning News, October 7, 1873, p.3, col.2.


23 Bancroft, Business Census of 1848, p.29; Purse's Directory of 1866
(Savannah: Purse & Son, 1866), p.98.

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  Rogers' City Directory of 1877 (Savannah: George H. Rogers, 1877), p.246.

27  
  Ibid., p.164.

28  
  Savannah Morning News, May 1, 1878, p.2, col.4.

29  
  Lane, Savannah Revisited, p.169.

30  
  Ibid., p.173.

31  
  Savannah Morning News, July 1, 1878, p.3, col.2.

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  Savannah Morning News, November 13, 1877, p.3, col.2.

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  Savannah Daily Herald, November 8, 1865, p.1, cols.2 & 3.

35  
  Ibid.

36  
  Lane, Savannah Revisited, pp.165 & 166.

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  Information from Col. Lindsey P. Henderson, Jr., historical re-
searcher and member of the Georgia Hussars; Bancroft, Business Census of 1849, p. 49; Galloway, City Directory of 1849, p.54; Savannah Morning News, June 14, 1881, p.4, col.2.

38 Savannah Morning News, January 9, 1883, p.4, col.3.


40 Savannah Morning News, January 9, 1883, p.4, col.3.

41 Savannah Daily Herald, May 10, 1865, p.2, cols.2 & 3; April 2, 1867, p.3, cols.2 & 3.

42 St. John's Episcopal Church Records, Box M-2, Georgia Historical Society.


46 Savannah Morning News, October 3, 1871, p.1, cols.3 & 4; May 13, 1872, p.3, col.2.

47 Ibid., March 8, 1870, p.3, col.2; March 1, 1872, p.3, col.1; February 27, 1873, p.3, col.1; March 5, 1874, p.3, col.4; March 2, 1876, p.3, col.2.

49  
Ibid., Vol.3Q, Folio #305; Vol.3S, Folio #546; Vol.4R, Folio #189. There is no record of Mr. Brigham selling these pieces of property in the Deed Books. It appears that he sold them before his death, since they are not conveyed to his heirs in his estate in File #B-562, Chatham County Probate Court, Chatham County Courthouse, Savannah, Georgia.

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51  
Ibid., Vol.5D, Folio #4.

52  
Ibid., Vol.3E, Folio #460; Vol.3T, Folio #188.

53  
Vault of Mary Hodgins, Lot #138, Laurel Grove Cemetery, Savannah, Georgia. There is no record of a marriage license between Henry Brigham and Mary Hodgins. However, in 1844, a marriage application, No. 2073, Index to Marriages, 1806-1851, p.57, was filed between Henry and Mary H. Bemis, yet no marriage license was issued. Since this Mary's middle initial is "H," this could possibly be Mary Hodgins.

54  
Obelisk of Henry Brigham, Lot #160, Laurel Grove Cemetery, Savannah, Georgia. There is no record that verifies Sarah W. as Mary Hodgins' daughter. Yet this is a strong possibility.

55  
Vault of Mary Hodgins, Lot #138, Laurel Grove Cemetery. Yet according to the Laurel Grove Cemetery: Keepers' Records Books, Vol.1, Mary H. Brigham of Lot #138 died on February 26, 1854. This appears to be contradictory to the vault inscription, the Census Population Schedules of 1850, Chatham County, Roll #53, p.225, Georgia Historical Society, Savannah, Georgia, which records only Henry Brigham and five-year-old Sarah, and the remarriage of Mr. Brigham in 1851, Daily Morning News, October 2, 1851, p.2, col.3.

56  
Daily Morning News, October 2, 1851, p.2, col.3.

57  
United States Census of 1860 - Georgia, Chatham County, Roll #115, p.243, Georgia Historical Society, Savannah, Georgia.

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59 Daily News & Herald, August 11, 1866, p.2, col.4; Savannah Daily Herald, January 31, 1866, p.2, col.4; Death certificates of James H. and Mary H. Brigham, Chatham County Health Center, Savannah, Georgia.


61 Guardianship of Wm. S. Brigham, et al, File #568, Chatham County Probate Court, Chatham County Courthouse, Savannah, Georgia.

62 United States Census of 1860 - Georgia, Roll #115, p.243, Mary H. O'Brien, age fifty-eight, of Staten Island, New York is listed as a household member, and could possibly be Mary C.'s mother or aunt; Census Population of 1870, Roll #141, p.143; Census Population of 1880, Roll #138, p.23, Georgia Historical Society, Savannah, Georgia.

63 City Directory of 1860, p.44; Brown Ward Book, 1969, Georgia Historical Society, Savannah, Georgia.

64 Savannah Morning News, December 24, 1878, p.3, col.4.

65 Ibid., March 6, 1879, p.3, col.3; Lane, Savannah Revisited, p.179.


67 Ibid., September 4, 1882, p.4, col.1; September 13, 1882, p.4, col.1; January 9, 1883, p.4, col.3; Death certificate of Henry Brigham, Chatham County Health Center; Obelisk of Henry Brigham, Lot #160, Laurel Grove Cemetery. Mr. Brigham's name also appears on a Colonial Cemetery vault in conjunction with the Baldwin family with whom he was associated, Georgia Society of the Colonial Dames of America, Some Early Epitaphs in Georgia, p.162.

68 Savannah Morning News, January 9, 1883, p.4, col.3.
Deed Book, Vol.3M, Folio #6; Estate of Henry Brigham, File #B-562, Chatham County Probate Court.

Estate of Henry Brigham, File #B-562, Chatham County Probate Court. The additional property in Marlborough, Massachusetts and Ashpopo River, South Carolina were not recorded in Chatham County Deed Books.

Death certificate of Mary C. Brigham, Chatham County Health Center.


Deed Book, Vol.6Y, Folio #74; Vol.6X, Folio #250; Vol.6O, Folio #397.

Death certificate of Clayton Harcourt Brigham, Chatham County Health Center; Deed Book, Vol.7U, Folio #78; Vol.7W, Folio #1 & 38.

Death certificate of Sarah W. Brigham, No. 15385, Chatham County Health Center.

Record of Marriages, Vol.W, #157, Chatham County Probate Court, Chatham County Courthouse, Savannah, Georgia.

Death certificate of Nancy G. Pratt, Vol.18, p.78, Chatham County Health Center.

Tombstone of Wm. N. Pratt and Nancy Gates Brigham, Lot #160, Laurel Grove Cemetery, Savannah, Georgia. There is no marriage certificate for them in Chatham County.


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Workers of the W. P. A., comp. Alphabetical List of Persons Buried in
Colonial Park. Savannah, 1937.


HENRY BRIGHAM GENEALOGY

Daniel Brigham, Jr. m. Nancy Gates

Mary Hodgins m. HENRY BRIGHAM m. Mary C. O'Brien

Sarah V

Henry Hartseas m. Minnie Louise Day

Nancy Gates m. William Nephew Pratt

Mary H.

Jesse H.

William S.

Kate O'Brien m. Abraham V. Jackson

Harcourt

Mrs. Walter L. Faust

Miss Mary Brigham

Mrs. Paul Godeschus

Mrs. Walter L. Faust

Miss Mary Brigham

Mrs. Paul Godeschus

Nieces of Mrs. Nannie G. Pratt as of 1948.
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House of Henry Brigham, 4 West Liberty Street,
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SOURCE:

House of Henry Bricham, 2 West Liberty Street, designed by Francis Grimball, 1879. This rare, damaged photograph is our only record of the building's original appearance, now changed.
APPENDIX B

Merchants' National Bank, 1913.

SOURCE:

The William Jay-designed Merchants National Bank, formerly the Branch Bank of the United States, was demolished in 1924. Photo circa 1913, when the classic lines of Jay had been spoiled by the pseudo-Romanesque second-story additions.

*Courtesy Jack Crisfield*
APPENDIX C

Advertisements.

SOURCES:


THE SOUTHERN INSURANCE AND TRUST COMPANY,
Savannah, Ga.

CAPITAL. $500,000.
OFFICE, 1111 BAY ST.

Insurance against Loss or Damage by Fire on the most favorable terms
HENRY BRIGHAM, President. THOS. E. PALMER, Secretary.

DIRECTORS.
HENRY BRIGHAM. J. B. MILES. JOHN CUNNINGHAM.
H. W. RICE. THOS. M. FORWOOD. W. HENRY WOODS.

NOTICE.—This, the ONLY LOCAL Insurance Company in Savannah, begs to
attract the attention of the business public to the fact that money paid to this Company for
Insurance premiums remains here, and becomes a part of the Banking Capital of the City.

Merchants' National Bank
St. Julian, N. E. Cor. Drayton St., SAVANNAH, GA.

CAPITAL $500,000

New York Correspondent, National Bank of the Republic.

HENRY BRIGHAM, President. THOS. GADSDEN, Cashier.

DIRECTORS.
HENRY BRIGHAM. G. L. COTK. S. GUCKENHEIMER.
J. L. VILLALONGA. B. F. HAMILTON. J. E. GAUDRY.
S. D. BARROCK, of New York.

Merchants' National Bank
ST. JULIAN, N. E. CORNER DRAYTON STREET,
SAVANNAH, GEORGIA.

Capital $500,000

NEW YORK CORRESPONDENT, NATIONAL BANK OF THE REPUBLIC.
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- 50% shares in the American Mining Co.
- 50% shares in the Youngstown Mining Co.
- 1/10th of land in Bangor, Mass.
- 1/10th of land in Goshen, Mich.

**Policy of Insurance**

- $5,000 in the Illinois Mutual Fire Insurance Co. for 1st and 2nd policy.

**Value of Insured**

- $5,000

**Additional Property**

- 25% of interest in the American Mining Co.

**Policy of Insurance**

- $5,000 in the Illinois Mutual Fire Insurance Co. for 1st and 2nd policy.

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*Note: The handwritten note at the bottom of the page reads: "# 733. 1/2 of interest in American Mining Co. for 1st and 2nd policy."*