Dr. Charles E. Vaughan Collection

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Collection Description: This collection contains correspondence, deeds, maps, leases, and other documents related to a property on 8 Garden Street and its sale by Dr. Charles E. Vaughan to Radcliffe College in 1896. Documents relate to previous owners of the property including Charles C. Foster of Cambridge and Louisa Higginson of Brattleboro, VT.

Historical Context and Biographical Note: Born on August 24, 1835 in Maine, Charles Everett Vaughan moved to Cambridge with his family and graduated from Harvard Medical School in 1863. Dr. Vaughan was the Officer of the Cambridge Dispensary for Old Cambridge and in 1881 he started the organization The Associated Charities of Cambridge. Dr. Vaughan lived in Cambridge for most of his life, and kept a practice at 8 Garden Street. In 1895, Dr. Vaughan retired to Santa Barbara, CA, and the following year he sold his property on Garden to Radcliffe College. Dr. Vaughan died on June 24, 1904 and is buried in Mount Auburn Cemetery.

Folder list:

CHC research regarding 8 Garden Street and its sale
Mortgage deed – Charles E. Vaughan to Cambridge Savings Bank, 1886
Mortgage deed – Charles E. Vaughan to Cambridge Savings Bank, 1888
Lease – Charles E. Vaughan to Edgar H. Nichols, 1891
Deed [conveyancer’s draft and carbon copy] – Charles E. Vaughan to Radcliffe College, 1896
Agreement to convey land – Louisa Higginson to C. C. Foster, 1852
Deed – C. C. Foster to C. F. Foster, 1853
Plan of land in rear of 8 Garden St (W. A. Mason), 1894
Plan of land at 8 and 10 Garden St, pre-1853
Deed – Louisa Higginson to C. C. Foster, 1853
5 letters and two plans re: sale of property to Radcliffe, 1896
House plans – 1st and 2nd floors, [likely for alterations made between 1886 and 1894]