

## **Title – P610: Judgment in the Case of Alexander Bain vs Samuel Morse, District Court of Columbia, 1849**

### **RECORDS' IDENTITY STATEMENT**

Reference number: P610

Alternative reference number:

Title: Judgment in the Case of Alexander Bain vs Samuel Morse, District Court of Columbia

Dates of creation: Mar 1849

Level of description: Fonds

Extent: 1 bundle

Format: Paper

### **RECORDS' CONTEXT**

Name of creators:

Administrative history: Alexander Bain invented a “chemical telegraph” which combined Morse code and telegraph technologies. This was sold to an American group but Samuel Morse felt it infringed on his inventions so he filed for a patent in America, whereupon Bain filed to establish the priority of his English patent. The case was heard in 1849 before the chief justice of the District of Columbia Court who ruled that each inventor could claim a patent for those parts of the process they'd invented. In effect, this prevented the widespread adoption of Bain's machine.

Custodial history:

### **RECORDS' CONTENT**

Description:

Appraisal:

Accruals:

### **RECORDS' CONDITION OF ACCESS AND USE**

Access: Open

Closed until: -

Access conditions: Available within the Archive searchroom

Copying: Copying permitted within standard Copyright Act parameters

Finding aids: Available in Archive searchroom

### **ALLIED MATERIALS**

Related material:

Publication:

Notes:

Date of catalogue: 20 May 2015

<b>Ref.</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Dates</b>
P610	Judgment in the Case of Alexander Bain vs Samuel Morse, District Court of Columbia : Case No.754, Bain v. Morse, Patents for Inventions – Appeal – Interference” [2 copies]	Mar 1849