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Thomas Brockway Bullene (1828-1894) Papers

[Native Sons Archives]

1874-1894

3 folder, 3 volumes

*Diaries of a prominent business and civic leader and mayor of Kansas City, MO. Contain personal notes and writings, poetry, family history, some clippings, a few photographs, and financial records.*

### BIOGRAPHY:

Thomas Brockway (T.B.) Bullene was born on a farm in Oswego County, New York on August 10, 1828. His education was limited to private schooling, but he was an avid reader. He married Amarett Hickok of Bridgeport, New York, in 1855, with whom he had three sons and one daughter. In 1871, he married Sally McGraw Reid, a widow.

Bullene learned merchandising in Lyons, Wisconsin. In 1863, he came from Iowa to Kansas City, going into business with Kersey Coates. In 1867, Bullene, his brother Lathrop, and partner W.E. Emery began Bullene Brothers and Emery, later becoming Bullene, Moore and Emery with the addition of L.R. Moore as a partner in 1870.

Bullene was active in Kansas City's civic life. He was a charter member of the Provident Association and Commercial Club, president of the Kansas City Railway Company, and a volunteer fireman. In 1883 and 1888, he was a delegate to the Western Waterways Convention in Washington, DC. Bullene was a councilman from the fifth ward from 1879 to 1880, and in 1882 he was elected mayor for one term. Bullene was an elder and trustee for the Second Presbyterian Church, and he died on December 4, 1894.

Further information on T.B. Bullene may be found in "The Diary of a Kansas City Merchant, 1874-1880," in *Bulletin of the Missouri Historical Society*, XIX, 1963.

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## DESCRIPTION OF THE PAPERS:

This collection consists of three diary volumes dating from 1874 through 1894. They contain personal notes and writings, poetry, family history, some clippings, a few photographs, and greatly detailed financial records. Loose items have been removed and placed in one folder.

## INVENTORY:

- Volume 1. Diary - personal writings, financial records, poetry, family history, January 1874-April 1875
- Folder 1. Transcript of Volume 1: January 1, 1874-April 24, 1875
- Volume 2. Diary - personal writings, financial records, clippings, photographs, April 1875-May 1882
- Folder 2. Transcript of Volume 2: April 19, 1875-February 4, 1881
- Volume 3. Diary - Financial records (including real estate), notes, 1883-1894
- Folder 3. Items removed from diaries