

S0797 Bates Family Papers, 1827-1928

7 Folders, 2 Books, 87 Photographs

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The members of the Bates family were active in society of Victorian St. Louis. Martin L. Bates, Jr. and his wife had six children, three boys and three girls. Margaret Bates married Peter Wallace Keith on February 14, 1900 in St. Louis. Peter Keith was the son of Scottish immigrants, John Keith and Mary Morrison. Margaret and Peter Keith had one son, John Martin Keith. John's descendants donated the collection of papers, books, and photographs.

SCOPE AND CONTENT

The Bates Family Papers is comprised of documents, books and photographs relating to the Bates and Keith families. The documents include wedding announcements, newspaper clippings, and letters written to Martin Bates, Jr. The Books contained in the collection are the wedding book of Henry Clay and Ruby Bixler and *The Language of Flowers*, a book of poetry that belonged to Mary Bates. The Photographs consist of portraits of family members and friends in the form of prints, tintypes, and ambrotypes.

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