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Summary Information

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Biographical/Historical Note

David Bridenthal was born in Johnstown, Pennsylvania, on July 7, 1823, to John and Elizabeth Hoewel Bridenthal. David and his family moved to Ohio, where he attended what is now Denison University in Granville. He also graduated with honors from Harvard University. In 1847, he helped to found Union University in Murfreesboro, Tennessee. It was later moved to Jackson, Tennessee, in 1873. He met and married Catherine Lucella Ashford, the younger sister of two of his pupils at Union University, on August 3, 1849. They moved to North Alabama, where he established the Mountain Home Female Academy. They moved to Texas, where he was admitted to the bar in 1856. During the Civil War, he served as a corporal in Cook's Regiment, Heavy Artillery for the Confederate Army. In 1866, he and his family moved to Washington County, Arkansas. He established the Clear Creek Academy, but it was disbanded in the 1870s. He represented Washington County in the Arkansas Legislature in 1873-1874. He and Lucella raised five children: Ada, Thomas J., Elizabeth H., David A., and Maud. He died March 14, 1903.

Scope and Contents

This collection contains correspondence between David Bridenthal and his wife-to-be Catherine Lucella Ashford.

Administrative Information

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D. Bridenthal, Murfreesboro, Tennessee, to Lucilla Ashford. 4 pp 1848 May 6

D. Bridenthal, Murfreesboro, Tennessee, to Lucilla Ashford. 4 pp 1848 June 29

Lucilla Ashford, Oakland, Lawrence County, Tennessee, to D. Bridenthal. 4 pp 1849 July 9