Bates Family papers

.75 linear feet; 1 half-manuscript box, 1 quarter manuscript box
1873-1989, bulk 1893-1928

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Related Materials: Covington Family papers, 2009.112
Wroten Maryland genealogical collection, 2006.272

Separated Materials: Oversize materials have been housed in the Nabb Research Center’s Flat File system.

Rare books have been cataloged and housed in the Nabb Research Center’s rare book room; in accordance with the Nabb Research Center’s policy on family Bibles, the Holy Bible has been housed in Box 25 of the Bible collection, 2006.200
Biographical History: Rev. Laurence Webster Bates D.D. (1819-1901) born in New Jersey, outside of Philadelphia, to Quaker parents who raised him with a deep faith. Rev. Bates at a young age was introduced to the Methodist faith and by the age of eleven he had converted. By the time he was twelve, Rev. Bates had begun to host meetings and lead singing at the request of the church pastors. In 1840, Rev. Bates was received into the itinerancy in the Maryland Annual Conference and was first appointed as the assistant to Rev. Avra Melvin on the Snow Hill and Princess Anne circuit. He continued on to many charges across Maryland and Virginia until he was superannuated in 1900 after serving the Methodist Protestant church for 61 years. The title of Doctor of Divinity was conferred upon him in 1868 by the Gettysburg College of the Lutheran Church. Rev. Bates was married to Eliza M. Bates (1818-1893) and they had one child, Edward Bayley Bates (1846-1889).

Edward Bayley Bates was born in Virginia and completed a degree in Classical Course from the Peabody Institute and graduated with distinction. He married Emma Philippa Starr (1849-1880) and they had one child, Edward Bayley Bates, Jr. (b. 1879)

Edward Bayley Bates, Jr. attended McDaniel College graduating in 1898; he married Mary Elsie Norris (b. 1880) and had two children, Edward Norris Bates (1903-1993) and Laurence Murray Bates (1909-1997).

Rev. Benjamin Alfred Dumm (b. 1867) born in Salisbury, Maryland, he was the nephew of the Rev. Laurence Webster Bates D.D. who became a minister, scholar and author. He received his Ph.D. in Philosophy from George Washington University in 1900, and preached in the Congregational Church in Plymouth, New Hampshire. Dr. Dumm was married to Nell Jamieson Dumm.

Scope and Content Note: The Bates Family papers document the family’s extensive history in Worcester County and Baltimore, Maryland through vital records of the Bates, Starr, Norris, and Murray families. The Bates family is also documented via court records, financial histories and photographs. Correspondingly, records also document the Methodist Protestant church in which the Bates family has been involved for decades; these include the correspondence and articles of Rev. Benjamin Alfred Dumm nephew of Rev. Laurence Webster Bates D.D. The materials date from 1873-1989 with the bulk of the material dating from 1893-1928.

Arrangement Statement: Folders are listed by their location in each box; any given subject may be dispersed throughout the entirety of the collection.
Subject Terms:

General Terms

Bates Family
Methodism
Methodist Protestant Church
Murray Family
Norris Family
Starr Family

Corporate Names

North Avenue United Methodist Church, Baltimore, Md.
Pennewell Cemetery

Personal Names

Bates, Edward Bayley
Bates, Edward Norris
Bates, Laurence Murray
Bates, Rev. Laurence Webster
Dumm, Rev. Benjamin Alfred
Murray, Joshua Thomas
Box 1
2. History, Murray Family, circa 1900-1905
3. History, Norris Family, 1902-1903
4. History, Starr Family, 1952
5. Guardianship, For Edward Bayley Bates, Jr., 1890-1900
6. Calling Card, Edward Bayley Bates, circa 1875-1885
8. Income Tax Records, Laurence and Julia S. Bates, 1937-1942
10. Admission Certificate, Methodist Protestant Church, Edward Norris Bates, 1923 April 11
11. Paper, Resolved: That Christianity is Imperative in India, Laurence M. Bates, 1927 March 2
12. Sermon, “This is Your Church,” E. Norris Bates, North Avenue United Methodist Church, Baltimore, Md., 1973 May 20
13. Certificates, Church Membership, 1923, 1956
15. Programs, Methodist Protestant Church Centennial Celebrations, 1928, 1950, 1963
17. Yearbook, North Baltimore Methodist Church, 1938-1939
20. Correspondence, From Rev. Benjamin Alfred Dumm to Various Dignitaries, 1952
22. Correspondence, From Kyung Mu Dai to Rev. Benjamin Alfred Dumm, 1954 February 26

Box 2
1. Photograph, Joshua Thomas Murray, 1870s
2. Photographs, Bates Family, 1880s-1910s
3. Photograph Album, Bates Family, circa 1907-1910
5. Photographs, Gravestones, Lawrence W. Bates and Family, undated
Oversize
1. Photograph, Rev. Joshua Thomas Murray, circa

Rare Books
1. Holy Bible, 1873
2. Herringshaw’s Encyclopedia of American Biography of the Nineteenth Century, 1898

Artifacts
1. Quilt, 2009.395.004
2. Lamp, 2009.395.015a
3. Lamp, 2009.395.015b
5. Globe, 2009.395.016b
6. Plate, Dinner, 2014.078.001
8. Snuff Box, 2014.078.003