



## Samuel Breitenbaugh Family Papers (C0078)

**Collection Number:** C0078

**Collection Title:** Samuel Breitenbaugh Family Papers

**Dates:** 1851-1919

**Creator:** Samuel Breitenbaugh Family

**Abstract:** Correspondence and business papers. Bills at general store in Lee's Summit; expenses of a house built in 1898; family news from sister in St. Louis and lawsuit by wife for regaining title to estate after his death; receipts for taxes, merchant's licenses, life insurance, steamboat freight bill, and notes due Breitenbaugh or payable by him.

**Collection Size:** 0.3 cubic feet  
(27 folders)

**Language:** Collection materials are in English.

**Repository:** The State Historical Society of Missouri

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**Historical Note:**

Samuel Breitenbaugh was born in 1811 in Virginia. He came to Missouri and became a prosperous merchant. He married Mary Kirkpatrick on December 12, 1865, in Lexington, Missouri. He died on May 6, 1876.

**Arrangement:**

The collection has been arranged into the following four series:

Bills  
Correspondence  
Legal Papers  
Receipts and Notes

**Scope and Content Note:**

Papers are arranged chronologically within each series.

**Container List:**

- f. 1-5 Bills, 1877-1898. Material includes bills from the general store in Lee's Summit, Missouri, where Mary Breitenbaugh traded. Mentions groceries, dry goods, sewing materials, shoes, and various sundries. The 1898 material lists time, labor, and building materials used in constructing Mrs. T. O. Davis' house, formerly Mrs. Mary Breitenbaugh. There is an 1866 steam boat freight bill, and bills of Samuel Breitenbaugh.
- f. 6-8 Correspondence, 1866-1919. Letter, 1866, stating that goods had been shipped on the steamer, Mary McDonald. Letters to Breitenbaugh from his sister, Mary Whitmore, who lived in St. Louis. Letters to Mary Breitenbaugh from relatives in St. Louis telling of illnesses, deaths, friend and family news, recipes for wine making, and Shaw's Garden in St. Louis. Also a receipt to drill holes through glass, how to make hair flowers, and treatments for cholera in poultry and humans.
- f. 9-15 Estate, Samuel Breitenbaugh, 1871-1885. These papers relate to the Samuel Breitenbaugh Estate on Carondelet Avenue in St. Louis, and the lawsuit over it after his death. The material includes: copy of notes

due his estate; list of sale price of household furnishings; funeral expenses; court summons of Rosa and Robin Breitenbaugh to St. Louis and Kansas City Circuit Courts; lawyer and court fees; lawsuit papers for restatement of title of property to his wife, Mary; letters from lawyers to Mary Breitenbaugh stating the progress of her case; citation for settlement of account; assignment of Mary Breitenbaugh as guardian of her children; rent from the real estate; and annual settlements of the estate.

- f. 16-21 Legal Papers, 1851-1894. These papers contain indentures, warranty deeds, and quit claim deeds of real estate in Lafayette County, Missouri, most of which were brought by Samuel Breitenbaugh. Included are an inventory of estate, settlement of John Kirkpatrick estate, deceased, and the will of John Kirkpatrick.
- f. 22-27 Receipts and Notes, 1854-1895. This material contains personal and real estate tax receipts for the 1850s, fire insurance receipts, yearly license receipt of Samuel Breitenbaugh as a dealer in "Goods, Wares, and Merchandise." Notes payable to and by Mr. Breitenbaugh, checks from the Breitenbaugh estate, and other miscellaneous receipts.

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