



**George Randolph Barse, Jr. Papers
(K0419)**

Collection Number: K0419

Collection Title: George Randolph Barse, Jr. Papers

Dates: 1980

Creator: Field, Delbert Haff, Jr.

Abstract: The George Randolph Barse, Jr. Papers were written in 1889 to 1891 by George Randolph Barse, Jr. to his family who resided in Kansas City, Missouri. This photocopy collection also includes drawings, photos, and a summarized listing of the letters.

Collection Size: 0.07 cubic foot
(1 folder)

Language: Collection materials are in English.

Repository: The State Historical Society of Missouri

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Historical Note:

George Randolph Barse, Jr. was born on July 31, 1861, in Detroit, Michigan. The son of George R. and Susan Peironnet Barse, he attended public school in Kansas City, Missouri, before he moved to Paris in 1879 to continue his professional training as an artist and illustrator. In Paris, Barse studied for six years at the École Nationale Supérieure Des Beaux-Arts and the Académie Julien. After returning to the United States for a few years, Barse travelled to Italy in 1889 in order to pursue his artistic career. In 1891, he married a well-known Italian model named Rosina Ferrara in Rome, Italy. After his marriage, Barse and his wife moved to New York City in 1891 and then to Katonah, New York, in 1904. After Rosina's death in 1934, Barse continued his career as an artist and illustrator until he committed suicide in February 1938 in Katonah. Among his most notable works are the eight panels he created for the Thomas Jefferson Building of the Library of Congress in 1896.

Arrangement:

The collection has been arranged in a single folder.

Scope and Content Note:

This collection consists of photocopied letters written by George Randolph Barse, Jr. to his family living in Kansas City, Missouri. These letters were written during his first fifteen months in Italy ranging from October 1889 through December 1890 with the exception of a single letter written to his sister Grace in September 1891. Of particular relevance are the frequent letters to his father, his sister Grace, and his friend Delbert James Haff who is also referred to as "DJH". In 1890, Grace married Delbert James Haff and would later collect and preserve Barse's letters for this collection. After Grace died, her great grandson Delbert Haff Field, Jr. complied and transcribed the letters and is denoted throughout the collection as "DHF". The collection was copyrighted in 1980.

In his letters, Barse speaks about his life in Italy as well as the people who have come to visit him. Additionally, he writes in detail about the numerous trips he took to Pompeii, Naples, and the island of Capri from where he resided in Sorrento, Italy. The last third of this photocopied collection includes a summarized listing of the preceding letters as well as drawings, paintings, and photos. These photocopies are diverse in medium, date, and subject and include, in the last section, photographs from the collection of Delbert Haff Field, Jr.

Container List:

Box 001 f. 1 Letters of George Randolph Barse, Jr., 1980

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Index Term	Folder
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