

Finding Aid

Title: Keating Family correspondence
Dates: 1862-1888
Creator: Keating Family
Extent: 5 letters
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Historical note: John McLeod Keating came to the United States in 1848. He apprenticed in the printer's trade in Scotland and worked for New York newspapers before moving to Memphis, Tennessee in 1858. In 1868, he became managing editor of the *Memphis Appeal*. He wrote a history of the yellow fever epidemic in 1879, *History of the Yellow Fever*, and issued a report on sanitation. He held memberships in historical and fraternal organizations and maintained a large book collection. He died in 1906 in Massachusetts.

Scope and content: Collection consists of letters written to John McLeod Keating of Memphis, Tennessee, and one to B. B. Euston.

Arrangement: Letters arranged chronologically.

Provenance: Gift of Keating Griffiss, May 25, 2016. The family of John McLeod Keating maintained these letters. Keating's son, Neil M. Keating, lived in Chattanooga and had a daughter, Virginia, who married a Griffiss, whose daughter Keating Griffiss donated these letters to Chattanooga Public Library.

Access information: Collection is open for access.

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Alternative form available: The letter from William T. Sherman (1862) was published in the "Order of the Rebellion."

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Processing note: Letters have been sleeved in mylar; any scanning or copying to be done by library staff. Typed transcripts of each are foldered with the original letters.

Subject headings: Keating, John McLeod, 1830-1906
 Davis, Varina, 1826-1906
 Davis, Jefferson, 1808-1889
 Sherman, William T. (William Techumseh), 1820-1891
 Lee, Robert E. (Robert Edward), 1807-1870
 United States -- History

Container #	Title/description	Date
Folder 1	Letter from W. T. [William Tecumseh] Sherman to the Mayor and Council, City of Memphis, Tennessee, warning against using "shin plaster" currency.	1862-11-25
Folder 1	Letter from R. [Robert] E. Lee to B. [Bellamy] B. Euston of Macon, Georgia, thanking Euston for sending him a handwritten and framed copy of the last order issued to the Army of Northern Virginia at Appomattox Courthouse.	1869-12-07
Folder 1	Letter from Jefferson Davis to J. M. [John McCloud] Keating of Memphis, Tennessee, attesting to the character of General [Dabney Herndon] Maury in response to a piece recently published about Maury in the "Memphis Appeal."	1872-02-05
Folder 1	Letter from Varina Howell Davis to Col. [John McCloud] Keating, thanking him for the recent publication of an unnamed obituary and commenting on the recent election of Benjamin Harrison. Enclosed is an illustrated portrait of Jefferson Davis at age 32.	1888-11-17
Folder 1	Letter from Jefferson Davis to Mr. [John McCloud] Keating of Memphis, Tennessee, regarding a letter allegedly written by Davis that was published in the "New Orleans Picayune," which Davis claims is a forgery. The letter was allegedly sent to Fanie Ada Scott of Memphis, leading Davis to contact McCloud requesting him to look into the matter.	1888-08-17