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**CATES, JOSEPH MARION DIXON**  
**(1815-1887)**  
**FAMILY PAPERS**  
**1846-1942**

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## INTRODUCTION

The Joseph Marion Dixon Cates Papers, 1846-1942, are centered around the life of Joseph Marion Dixon Cates (1815-1887), Baptist preacher and publisher of *The Baptist Messenger*, of the Cateston Community, Cannon County, Tennessee. The Joseph Marion Dixon Cates Papers were a gift of Mr. Steve Cates, Murfreesboro, Tennessee.

The materials in this finding aid measure .20 linear feet. There are no restrictions on the materials. Single photocopies of unpublished writings in the Joseph Marion Dixon Cates Papers may be made for purposes of scholarly research.

## SCOPE AND CONTENT

The Joseph Marion Dixon Cates Papers, containing 100 items, spans the period 1846-1942. The collection is composed of articles, cards, a certificate, correspondence, a diary and a will.

The bulk of the collection consists of correspondence by Joseph Marion Dixon Cates (1815-1877), Cateston Community, Cannon, Tennessee, to various family members. This correspondence concerns Mr. Cates' preaching, publishing *The Baptist Messenger*, and various travels. Also included are a diary and a will written by Mr. Cates.

The remainder of the collection contains articles, cards, and a teaching certificate for J. V. Cates.

## CONTAINER LIST

### Folder:

1. Articles – various newspapers, n.d.
2. Cards – Christmas cards; one post card, 1909-1942
3. Certificate – J. V. Cates, Teaching, 1893
4. Correspondence – various members, 1885-1934
5. Diary – J. M. D. Cates, 1846-1864
6. Will – J. M. D. Cates, n.d.