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**Bauer, Michael G., 1842?-1919
Papers, 1878-1926**

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1 Cubic Foot

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Scope and Content Note

The collection contains business and personal correspondence as well as other business-related documents. Also included are diaries kept for business purposes that record Bauer's movements, interactions, accounts and expenditures, mail sent and received, as well as his personal opinions of people he has met while traveling. The bulk of these documents and diaries pertain to Bauer's time served as a member of the U.S. Secret Service, however later documents involve Bauer's work after he established his own investigative agency in Louisville, Kentucky.

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Biographical Note

Born in 1842 in Germany, Michael Bauer immigrated to the United States. Living in Kentucky, Bauer worked for the Pinkerton Investigative Agency and then joined the United States Secret Service. In 1894, Bauer became proprietor and operator of the Bauer Detective Agency in Louisville, Kentucky. Most of his detective work involved cases in counterfeiting and gambling. Michael Bauer died in October 1919.

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Subject Headings

Bauer Detective Agency (Louisville, Ky.)
Bauer, Michel G.
Counterfeits and counterfeiting – United States
Criminals
Criminology – United States
Detectives – United States
Pinkertons National Detective Agency
Presidents – Inauguration
Private investigators – United States
Railroads – United States
United States. Secret Service