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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

Michael G. Bauer was born in Germany in 1840. He came to the United States around the age of 14, and worked in New York City. Bauer worked for the Pinkerton Investigative Agency and then joined the United States Secret Service. He lived in Jersey City, New Jersey in the 1880s, but often operated out of Louisville, Ky. during his work. 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 Louisville in May 1898, and is buried in Jersey City, New Jersey.

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