

**Title:** MacReading, Betsy Collection

**Reference Code:** Mss-0876

**Inclusive Dates:** 1876 – 1892

**Quantity:** 000.03 cu. ft.

**Location:** Sm Mss

**Abstract:** Charles MacReading was born in New Hampshire in February 1811. He was licensed to preach in the New England Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church in 1831 and served at several posts before he relocated to Milwaukee in 1856. He served the Spring Street Methodist Episcopal Church for two and one-half years when he moved to Illinois. He was chaplain for the 39<sup>th</sup> Illinois Infantry during the Civil War. He passed away in April 1866. His wife, Betsy, helped considerably with Charles' work and became a much-loved and respected figure in the community. She passed away in October 1879.

**Scope and Content:** The collection consists of a resolution adopted at Spring Street Methodist Episcopal Church regarding Betsy MacReading's death, 1879 (two hand-written and two type-written copies); a short biographical sketch of Betsy's husband, Rev. Charles MacReading; list of vouchers following death of Ann Davey; warranty deed and receipts regarding property purchased by Betsy MacReading.

**Access and Use:** No restrictions

**Language:** English