

**Title:** Church, Benjamin Collection

**Reference Code:** Mss-0397

**Inclusive Dates:** 1879

**Quantity:** 2 items

**Locations:** OS SM "C", Sm Mss

**Abstract:** Benjamin Church (1807-1887) was born in New Paltz, New York. He was one of Milwaukee's first settlers in 1835. A pioneer carpenter and builder, he helped construct the Washington House (renamed the Republican House in 1854), one of the city's first two big hotels. In 1844, he built a Greek Revival temple-style house for his family on 4<sup>th</sup> Street between Cherry and Galena streets. Today his home is a public museum in Estabrook Park. It was designated a Milwaukee County Landmark in 1976.

**Scope and Content:** The collection consists of a land transaction between Church and Juliette M. Gilbert for property in Milwaukee's 6<sup>th</sup> Ward, August 12, 1879 and genealogical information on Church's spouse, Pamela Hall Clement.

**Access and Use:** No restrictions

**Language:** English