

Title: Durward, Bernard Isaac and Family Papers

Reference Code: Mss-0310

Inclusive Dates: 1855 – 1888

Quantity: 000.03 cu. ft.

Location: Sm Mss

Abstract: Bernard Durward (1817-1902) was an early and influential painter and poet in Wisconsin. He was born in Scotland and gained a measure of fame as a portrait painter in England. In 1845, he and his family immigrated to Milwaukee where his uncle, Martin Durward, lived. He painted portraits of Solomon Juneau, Byron Kilbourn and Bishop John Martin Henni, and a collection of his poems won fame at the 1893 World's Fair in Chicago as the "best original and extended epic yet written in this land." He and his family purchased a plot of land in the Baraboo hills west of Madison that still bears the name "Durward's Glen." In addition to the family home, the acreage included nature trails and a grotto. The glen was added to the National Register of Historic Places in 1978. Two of Bernard's sons became priests and engaged in various artistic endeavors. Another son was a religious painter.

Scope and Content: The collection includes correspondence, poems, a biographical sketch of Bernard, and a booklet *The Durward Madonnas*.

Access and Use: No restrictions

Language: English