

**Title:** Van Vechten Family Collection

**Reference Code:** Mss-2044

**Inclusive Dates:** 1824 – ca. 1913

**Quantity:** 0.3 cu. ft.

**Location:** BV, Sh. 190

**Abstract:** Peter Van Vechten was born in 1827 in Catskill Creek, New York. He and his brother Samuel moved to Milwaukee in 1845, where Peter worked as a bookkeeper in Samuel's store. Samuel returned east in 1846, and Peter secured a succession of jobs as postal agent, collector of customs and with the sheriff's department. He also was an early member of Milwaukee's volunteer fire department. He passed away in December 1913.

**Scope and Content:** The collection contains personal reminiscences, biographical information, correspondence, and other ephemera related to various members of the Van Vechten family but primarily Peter Van Vechten.

**Access and Use:** No restrictions

**Language:** English, German

**Arrangement:**

<b>Folder Heading</b>	<b>Box #</b>	<b>File #</b>
Notebooks <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>– Copybook of Harriet Maria Van Vechten, Albany, 1824</li><li>– Sherwood's Writing Speller, Eva Van Vechten, n.d.</li><li>– E.E. Van Vechten Diary, Jan.-Feb. 1884; 2<sup>nd</sup> part account book, 1896-1901, incomplete</li></ul>	1	Loose
Correspondence, 1888, 1898, 1906 (9 letters)	1	1
Biography <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>– Of Peter Van Vechten, Jr. (8 pages)</li><li>– Peter Van Vechten, Jr. Autobiography (3 pages)</li></ul>	1	1
Poster: "The Soldiers and Sailors who Served in the Army and Navy of the United States During the Late Rebellion." Call for convention, Sept. 17 (Dated Aug. 1866) [Original??]	1	1
Certificate: Membership in Engine Co. No. 1 for Peter Van Vechten, July 4, 1854	1	1
Booklet: Promotion of Speech by Col. Robert Ingersoll at the Academy of Music, 1877	1	1
Depositions re contested election of Peter Salentine to 8 <sup>th</sup> Assembly District, 1876	1	1
Histories <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>– The Gun of John F. Potter, hand &amp; typewritten, March 1913</li></ul>	1	2

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Block 71 in the 7<sup>th</sup> Ward, 3 pages typewritten, 1900</li> <li>- Lot 7 &amp; 8, Block 20, 7<sup>th</sup> Ward, 11 pages handwritten, 1904</li> <li>- Of Chas. E. Jenkins, 1 page handwritten, 1905</li> <li>- Early Days of Milwaukee, 3 pages typewritten (2 copies), n.d.</li> <li>- Early Milwaukee Reminiscences. Paper read by Peter Van Vechten before the Old Settlers Club, Jan. 1894 (2 copies), 22 pages typewritten</li> <li>- Early Milwaukee History, 38 typewritten pages, n.d.</li> </ul>		
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