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**Dates:** 1850-2001  
**Creator:** Benecke family  
**Collection Size:** 44.9 cubic feet, 2 oversize volumes, oversize material

**Introduction**  
Addition of Benecke family materials. Includes professional and personal correspondence, photographs, glass plate negatives, cartes-de-visite, stereograph cards, diaries, clippings, volumes, periodicals, scrapbooks, Grand Army of the Republic materials, Missouri Constitutional Convention materials, genealogical data, ephemera, and miscellaneous material. Includes Magruder, Sasse, Zillman, and other related families.

**Donor Information**  
The papers were donated to the University of Missouri by Joanna Benecke Townsend on 11 September 2001. Additional material was donated by Joanna Benecke Townsend from 2002-2005 and Carol Cochran from 2008-2016.

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   The Adams Family by James Truslow Adams, 1930
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Descent From Glory: Four Generation of the John Adams Family by Paul C. Nagel, 1983
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