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Description

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Keywords

Frederick Augustus Muhlenberg Keller, graduate, theology, notebooks, scripture, Samuel. S. Schmucker

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Guide to the

**Frederick Augustus Muhlenberg Keller,
Class of 1838**

MS – 231

1 box, 0.25 cu.ft.

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Biography:

Frederick Augustus Muhlenberg Keller was born April 28, 1819 at Carlisle, Pa., entered the Preparatory Department at Gettysburg in 1833, graduated from the college in 1838, attended the Theological Seminary at Gettysburg, and was licensed as a Lutheran minister in 1840. Keller founded St. James Lutheran Church in Reading, Pa. in 1850 and served there until his death on March 18, 1864.

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Note: Formerly VFMs -82 and -486

Subjects:

Keller, Frederick Augustus Muhlenberg, 1819-1864

Schmucker, S. S. (Samuel Simon), 1799-1873

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