“The Columbus Association of Congregational Churches met at Oakdale, in May, 1881, and offered to maintain a college in the town that would subscribe most toward its establishment. The largest bids were made by Neligh and Oakdale, the former offering $7,000 the offer including forty acres of land near Neligh, to the northwest. This being the largest offer, secured the college. A board of fifteen Trustees was appointed, which organized by electing M. L. Holt, President; J. J. Roberts, Secretary, and William B. Lambert, Treasurer. The college was named in honor of H. N. Gates, Superintendent of the Congregational Churches of the State. A two-story brick building has been erected on a hill northeast of the town, affording a fine view of the Elkhorn Valley and surrounding country. This building cost $6,000, and is designed for the use of the preparatory school; a larger more costly one is to be erected for the purposes of the college proper.”

**Inventory:**

**Box 1** Fld 1 1882-1911 - Gates College registers and Catalogues. General information on classes and names of students.

Fld 2 1886-1887 - Gates College Record. Published monthly and distributed through the Post Office. Talks about the college’s missionary work and other messages they want the public to know.

Fld 4 1894 - 1911 - Gates College Index. Editorials and other articles written by students.

Fld 5 Date Unknown - The Gates Souvenir Calendar. List every day of the year and gives an inspirational quote every day. Starts in January and end in December.

Fld 6 1864-1914 - Small postcard sized note mapping out the colleges in the area. Gates College commencement exercises. Also includes an article on Doane College, “Has Doane College Been A Dog in the Manger?” Talks about the criticism Doane has received. Gates College song

Fld 7 1920s-1930s - News papers donated to Doane Archives. The Crete News. Some talk about inviting Gates College Alumni to be part of Doane’s Alumni after Gates College closed.

Fld 8 1925 - Multiple copies of the Souvenir from Gates College Reunion. Mentions all of the graduates in the class and what they did after graduation. Small brass square of Gates College.

Fld 9 1929 - Multiple letters and conversations from administration at Gates College about the next reunion coming up in 1930 at Doane College.

Fld 10 Date Unknown - Eight page document on the closing of Gates College.

Fld 11 Date Unknown - Includes a personal Christmas card. Poetry, newspaper clippings, and handwritten letters (hard to read). Some newspaper clippings talk about the former Dean of Women at Doane that died in a fire. Includes Doane College Hymn.

Fld 12 Around 1936 - Includes the book “Behold, the Bridegroom! A New Life of Christ” and a newspaper clipping from the Sioux City Journal. Also includes other newspaper clippings and religious poems.

Fld 13 1925 - Books published in 1925 about the trip to the Hawaiian Islands in 1825 and the trip to the Navaho National Monument in Arizona. Also includes a students notes from class. Do not know the connection to Doane/Gates College besides the handwritten notes.

Fld 14 1922 & 1931 - Reports on Bernice Pauahi Bishop and the Museum of Natural History in Hawaii
Fld 15 Nothing included in this folder

Fld 16 1989 - Pictures Gates College, Gates Academy, and a map of Doane’s campus. Letters to Doane College.