Descriptive Summary

Creator: James Oliver Tate.
Title: James Oliver Tate letters, 1980-1988
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Sally Fitzgerald papers

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**Biographical Note**
Professor James Oliver Tate of High Shoals, Georgia, was the husband of Mary Barbara Tate (1924-2015), of Sandersville, Georgia. They met at North Georgia College (Dahlonega). Tate was in the Army Air Corps, causing the couple to move regularly to sites in Europe and the United States. By the mid-1960s, the family moved permanently to Milledgeville, Georgia, where Tate worked as an administrator at Central State Hospital.

In the late 1950s, the Tates became members of a reading group that met at Flannery O'Connor's home, Andalusia; this is likely where they met Sally Fitzgerald, a close friend of O'Connor's.

**Biographical Source:** [Obituary of Mary Barbara Tate](#)

**Scope and Content Note**
The collection primarily contains personal letters from Sally Fitzgerald to Professor James Oliver Tate from 1980-1988 to his address in Brookhaven, New York. There is also one letter from Tate to Fitzgerald and one manuscript of Tates titled, "The Force of Example: Flannery O'Connor and Stephen Crane."

**Arrangement Note**
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