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## Summary Information

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<b>Repository</b>	Arkansas State Archives
<b>Title</b>	John Hamilton Bradford papers
<b>Date [inclusive]</b>	1879-1890
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<b>Language of Materials</b>	Materials entirely in English.

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## Biographical/Historical Note

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John Hamilton Bradford was born in Jackson County, Georgia, on July 31, 1818. He was the oldest of six children in the family of James S. and Mary A. Cook Bradford. John married Anna Butler in 1841. They moved to Arkansas in 1853 and settled close to Cabot Station, Prairie County, which later became Lonoke County. He and Anna had five children: Joseph, James, Henry, Alice J., and Francis [Frank]. After Anna died in early 1854, John H. married Milley A. Allen on September 21, 1854. Milley and John H. had two children: Elias and Mary Ann. Milley died March 16, 1859. John H. married Milley's sister Arena on July 19, 1862. They had five children, Elizabeth, Silvia, George, Margret, and Matthew Elzie.

John H. was a member of the Agricultural Wheel. During the Civil War, John H., and sons, Joseph and James, joined the Confederate Army. John H. and Joseph Bradford enlisted with the Arkansas Second Mounted Rifles in 1862. James enlisted in August 1861 with the 22nd Georgia Infantry. John H. contracted camp fever and returned home. James drowned June 23, 1863, when his unit crossed the Potomac River in Virginia, on the way to Gettysburg, Pennsylvania.

John H. Bradford was a Representative for Lonoke County in the Arkansas General Assembly during 1874 and 1875. Later he served as Justice of the Peace in Lonoke County. He died September 25, 1893, and is buried in Hicks Cemetery, Lonoke County, Arkansas.

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## Scope and Contents

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This collection contains copies and transcriptions of letters from John Hamilton Bradford. Letters were addressed to his oldest son Joseph Bradford, from 1879 to 1890.

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## Administrative Information

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## Collection Inventory

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	<b>Box</b>
1. Biography of John Hamilton Bradford, "The Goodspeed Biographical and Historical Memoirs of Central Arkansas," 1889	1
2. Family group record of John Hamilton Bradford, undated	
3. 1872 February 16: H. [Henry] T. Bradford, to Dear Brother and Sister [Joseph H. and Letty Bradford]	
4. 1882 January 26: John H. Bradford, Lonoke County, Arkansas, to Dear Son Joseph	
5. 1882 March 11: John H. Bradford, Cabot Station, Arkansas, to Dear Son [Joseph]	
6. 1882 March 19: John H. Bradford, Cabot Station, Lonoke County, Arkansas, to Dear Son [Joseph]	
7. 1882 June 8: John H. Bradford, [Cabot Station, Lonoke County, Arkansas], to Dear Son [Joseph]	
8. 1887 April 24: John H. Bradford, Lonoke County, Arkansas, to Dear son and family, [Joseph]	
9. 1889 June 18: H.E. Emerson, Scotland, Arkansas, to J. H. Bradford	
10. 1890 February 10: John H. Bradford, Lonoke County, Arkansas, to Dear Son Joseph and family	