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Summary Information

Repository	Arkansas State Archives
Title	James P. Eagle letters
Date [inclusive]	1889-1891
Extent	0.75 Cubic feet 4 boxes
Language	English
Language of Materials	Materials entirely in English.

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Biographical/Historical note

James Phillip Eagle (1837-1904) served as Governor of Arkansas from 1889-1893. Eagle was born in Maury County, Tennessee, on August 10, 1837. His family moved to Arkansas where James was educated in the county schools. He served as sheriff of Prairie County before the Civil War. During the Civil War, Eagle enlisted as a private, and rose later to the rank of colonel. He served as a member of the Arkansas Legislature, serving from 1873 to 1878, and in 1885, he served as speaker of the house. Eagle was nominated by the Democratic State Convention for governor in 1888, and was elected in September. He was reelected to a second term in 1890. During his tenure, he advocated reform in the state penitentiary system, supported a progressive policy on immigration, and endorsed liberal support for education. In 1902, he was elected president of the Southern Baptist Convention, and twice was reelected. Governor James P. Eagle died of heart failure on December 19, 1904, in Little Rock and is buried at Little Rock's Mount Holly Cemetery.

Scope and Contents

This collection contains four letterbooks of outgoing correspondence by Governor James P. Eagle between 1889-1891.

Administrative Information

Publication Information

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Immediate Source of Acquisition

Unknown.

Collection Inventory

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