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## Summary Information

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<b>Repository</b>	Arkansas State Archives
<b>Title</b>	Rector-Alcorn scrapbook
<b>Date [inclusive]</b>	1828-1914
<b>Extent</b>	0.45 Cubic feet 1 box
<b>Language</b>	English
<b>Language of Materials</b>	Materials entirely in English.
<b>Microform [Reel]</b>	MG.01232

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## Biographical/Historical Note

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Colonel Elias W. Rector came from a famous political family in Arkansas. His father, Henry Massey Rector, was elected governor of Arkansas in 1860. Born in Little Rock in 1849, Elias went to the University of Virginia and became a member of the Arkansas Bar in 1874. In 1875, he married Rosebud Alcorn, daughter of James Lusk Alcorn. Elias and Rosebud had six children who lived to adulthood. Elias Rector served in the state legislature for several years before running for governor in 1903 against incumbent Jeff Davis. He died in 1917.

James L. Alcorn was born in Illinois in 1816, raised in Kentucky, and attended Cumberland College. He moved to Mississippi to practice law and settled in Friar's Point, Mississippi, where he built the Eagles Nest plantation. He was elected Governor of Mississippi in 1869. As United States Senator (1871-1877), he supported the development of the Mississippi River levee system. His first wife, Mary C. Stewart Alcorn, died in 1849, leaving three children: Mary Catherine, Milton Stewart, and Henry Lusk. He married Amelia Walton Glover in 1850, and they had five children: Rosebud, Gertrude, Justina, James, Angeline, and Glover. James Alcorn died in 1902.

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## Scope and Contents

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This scrapbook contains materials of the Rector and Alcorn families. Extraneous items include letters and printed materials, some pertaining to the Civil War. One of the letters includes a statement by James Alcorn of the occupation of Helena, Arkansas, by Union troops in 1862. The scrapbook's contents are in random order, and include documents and newspaper articles.

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## Administrative Information

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### **Immediate Source of Acquisition**

Robert E. Reynolds and Bud Goodrum, Hot Springs, Arkansas, 2001.

## Collection Inventory

	<b>Box</b>	<b>Folder</b>
Correspondence	1	1
1855 June 6: A.J. Glover, Rose Mount, to "My Dear Lou"		
1861 October 11: "Indian" to "Dear Wife"		
1862 September 6: James L. Alcorn, Helena, Arkansas, to unknown		
1863 July 24: "Indian," Mound Place, to "Dear Amelia"		
1864 September 14: "Indian," Mound Place, Mississippi, to "My Dear Wife"		
1871 July 16: "Indian," Lake House, Mississippi, to "My Dear Amelia"		
1882 Christmas: E.V. Murphy to unknown		
1903 June 25: E.V. Murphy, Washington, District of Columbia, to Amelia W. Alcorn, Eagles Nest Coahoma Company, Mississippi		
1906 February 1: Lorin McCailey, Memphis, Tennessee, to "Dear Mama" (Amelia W. Alcorn), Eagles Nest, Mississippi		
Undated: Mary Solari to Mrs. Alcorn		

April 17: Mary M. Solari, Studio 259 Poplar Street, Memphis, Tennessee, to Mrs. Alcorn

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Undated: "Of what the Parson Justice Henry Gennerich of Deikbergen has to say of his origen (sic) and the birth and death of his children"

Printed materials

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1866 December 18: Speech or address, J.L. Alcorn, Washington, District of Columbia, to the Honorable, the Senate, and House of Representatives of the United States in Congress Assembled

1872 May 20: Speech, James L. Alcorn, "Extension of the Ku Klux Act"

"The Christian Almanac for Georgia and South Carolina 1830," Robert Grier

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