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Summary Information

Repository	Arkansas State Archives
Title	George W. Donaghey collection
Date [inclusive]	1907-1944
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Biographical/Historical Note

George Washington Donaghey was born July 1, 1856, in Oakland, Louisiana, to C.C. Donaghey and Elizabeth Ingram. The family moved to Union County, Arkansas, in 1858. After spending some time in Texas, Donaghey settled in Conway, Faulkner County, in 1880, where he remained for thirty years. On September 20, 1883, he married Louvenia Wallace, a native of Darlington, South Carolina.

Donaghey spent one year at the University of Arkansas, before becoming a contractor. He was active in local politics and a strong supporter of higher education, responsible for three such institutions moving to Conway. He supported the banning of saloons, making Conway a dry city. He was elected town marshal in 1884 because of his anti-saloon stand but was defeated when he ran for mayor on the same ticket the next year.

From 1899 to 1903, he gained considerable wealth while working as a railroad contractor in Indian Territory. He moved to Little Rock in 1908 and won the Democratic nomination for Governor, defeating Jeff Davis-backed William F. Kirby, and going on to win by a landslide. He was re-elected in 1910. His terms as governor were highlighted by his strong support of higher education, an emphasis on fiscal reform, and the completion of the State Capitol.

After leaving the governorship, he transferred ownership of the Donaghey Building and the Federal Bank and Trust Building to Little Rock Junior College, now the University of Arkansas at Little Rock. The endowment was estimated at \$1.5 to \$2 million, making it one of the largest endowments given within the state. He died December 15, 1937, after suffering a massive heart attack two days earlier and never regaining consciousness.

Scope and Contents

This collection contains printed materials concerning George W. Donaghey, Governor of Arkansas.

Administrative Information

Publication Information

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Unknown, 1975.

Collection Inventory

	Reel
1907 October 7: "Opening Speech of George W. Donaghey, Candidate for Governor"	MG00202
1908 February 27: "Shall We Have a Political Trust?" by George Rule, Jr.	
1910 February 8: "Governor Donaghey's Speech Delivered at Batesville, February 8th, 1910, With a Few Other Observations"	
[1910]: "A Message to the People from George W. Donaghey, Governor of Arkansas"	
1911 May 22: "Message of George W. Donaghey, Governor of Arkansas, to the Extraordinary Session of the Thirty-Eighth General Assembly"	
1912 January 1: "The Black Hand of the 'Whiskey Machine' in the Arkansas Legislature. Straight Talk from Governor George W. Donaghey"	
1913 January: "Message of George W. Donaghey, Governor, to the Thirty-Ninth General Assembly"	
1924 May 24: "Bridge Memorial Issue," Little Rock Board of Trade Bulletin	
1929 January-February: "Bankers' Number," Bulletin of the Stable Money Association	
1930 September: The American Messenger	

1929 March 29: Bulletin: Remmel Memorial Number, First Methodist Church, South, Little Rock, Arkansas

1933 July 2: "Synopsis of Address of Former Governor Charles Hillman Brough Accepting the Donaghey State Park from Hon. Frank W. Scott, Vice-President and General Manager of the Union Sawmill Company"

1934 December 11: "State College News, Education for Democracy"

1937: "Cost of Discovering America," Dr. Miles Almanac

1937: "Bathtubs in the United States," Dr. Miles Almanac

1944 October 8: "Servants of the People," by the Gazette Staff

Undated: "Donaghey Reiterates Charges Against Capitol Contractors"

Undated: "Shall Political Pirates Scuttle the Ship of State? Shall the Ring at Little Rock Elect a Ward Heeler? Is the State Awake to the Danger of Such Control? Governor Donaghey Sounds the Alarm!"