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Summary Information

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Biographical/Historical Note

Augustus Hill Garland was born June 11, 1832, in Covington, Tennessee, to Rufus and Barbara Hill Garland. When he was an infant, his family moved to Miller County, Arkansas. He attended St. Mary's College in Lebanon, Kentucky and in 1849, graduated from St. Joseph's College in Bardstown, Kentucky. He studied law under Simon Sanders, and in 1853, he formed a law practice with his stepfather Thomas Hubbard in Washington, Arkansas. He married Sarah Virginia Sanders on June 14, 1853; they had nine children, four of which survived to adulthood.

In 1856, he moved to Little Rock and practiced law with Ebenezer Cummins. In 1861, he was elected as a representative of Pulaski County to attend the Secession Convention. During the Civil War, he was a member of the Confederate Congress in Richmond, Virginia. After the war, Garland was governor of Arkansas, 1874-1877. He represented Arkansas as United States Senator, 1877-1885, when he resigned to become United States Attorney General under President Grover Cleveland. He served in that capacity until Cleveland's term ended in 1888, after which he returned to Little Rock. On January 26, 1899, he suffered a stroke during a trial. He died hours later and was buried at Mount Holly Cemetery, Little Rock, Arkansas.

Scope and Contents

This letter was written by Augustus Garland in 1896 about his friend, Amos V. Walker, at the time of Walker's death.

Administrative Information

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