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## Summary Information

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<b>Repository</b>	Arkansas State Archives
<b>Title</b>	John S. Little letter
<b>Date</b>	1903
<b>Extent</b>	0.02 Cubic feet 1 folder
<b>Language</b>	English
<b>Language of Materials</b>	Materials entirely in English.

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## **Biographical/Historical Note**

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John Sebastian Little was active in Arkansas Democratic Party politics for thirty years, holding the positions of prosecuting attorney, judge, congressman, and finally being elected governor in 1906. Persistent health problems ended his gubernatorial term very early, prompting accelerated efforts to provide the state with an elected lieutenant governor. Born in Jenny Lind (Sebastian County), on March 15, 1851, Little was reputedly the first male child born in the newly created Sebastian County. Admitted to the bar in 1874, he briefly practiced law in nearby Greenwood (Sebastian County), before transferring his practice to Paris (Logan County) in about 1875. On January 4, 1877, he married Elizabeth Jane Irwin of Paris. The couple had five children.

Horace Bulle Van Valkenburg served as Bradley County clerk from 1882-1890. Born in 1843 in New York, he married Sally Catherine Smith on June 20, 1879. The couple had five children. He died in New Orleans, Louisiana on February 3, 1909.

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## **Scope and Contents**

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Collection contains one letter regarding complaints against the postmistress.

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## **Administrative Information**

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### **Publication Information**

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## Collection Inventory

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