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## Summary Information

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<b>Repository</b>	Arkansas State Archives
<b>Title</b>	Clerk of United States District Court, Fort Smith papers
<b>Date [inclusive]</b>	1866-1903
<b>Extent</b>	0.2 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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The United States District Court for the Western District of Arkansas was created by an act of Congress approved March 3, 1851, to enforce federal laws in nine counties of Western Arkansas and in Indian Territory (present Oklahoma). Two additional Arkansas counties were added to the district in 1854. One judge presided over both the eastern and western Arkansas judicial districts until 1871 when Congress created a separate judgeship for the Western District and moved its headquarters from Van Buren to Fort Smith, Arkansas.

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## **Scope and Contents**

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This collection contains letters received by the Clerk of the United States District Court in Fort Smith, Arkansas between 1866 and 1903.

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## **Administrative Information**

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### **Publication Information**

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## Collection Inventory

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1880-1889: Letters received by Clerk of United States District Court, Fort Smith, Arkansas

1890-1899: Letters received by Clerk of United States District Court, Fort Smith, Arkansas

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