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Summary Information

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Biographical/Historical Note

James Kimbrough Jones (1839-1908) was born on September 29, 1839, in Marshall County, Mississippi, to Nat Jones and Caroline Jane Jones. Jones' mother died when he was six and his father remarried after moving to Dallas County, Arkansas. Jones was assisting his father in a mercantile business in Arkadelphia, Arkansas when the Civil War began. Jones enlisted in Company A of the Third Arkansas Cavalry, Confederate States Army, before falling ill from pneumonia. After recovering, he rejoined his unit and saw further action in Mississippi and Tennessee before becoming ill a second time. After the war he studied law and was admitted to the bar in 1874 and set up practice in Washington County, Arkansas. Jones ran for the Arkansas state Senate from Hempstead County and won in 1874 and was reelected twice. He served as the president of the Arkansas Senate in 1877. In 1880 he ran successfully for United States Congress and won, serving Arkansas's second Congressional District, a position he held until 1885. He tendered his resignation and won an election to serve as United States Senator from Arkansas, a position he held from 1885 until 1903. In 1896 and 1900 he was elected chairman of the Democratic National Committee. Jones died in Washington DC on June 1, 1908, and is buried in Rock Creek Cemetery in the District of Columbia Jones married Sue Rust Eaton on January 16, 1863. Two daughters were born to them before she died in 1866. In June 1866 he married Sue Sommervell.

Scope and Contents

This collection contains a pamphlet entitled "An Open Letter" written by James K. Jones of Hope, Arkansas dated December 24, 1901, in which he responds to charges by Arkansas Governor Jeff Davis.

Administrative Information

Publication Information

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