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## Summary Information

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<b>Repository</b>	Arkansas State Archives
<b>Title</b>	W.A. Oldfield papers
<b>Date [inclusive]</b>	1909-1984
<b>Extent</b>	0.01 Cubic feet 1 folder
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<b>Language of Materials</b>	Materials entirely in English.
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<b>Text [Box]</b>	94
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Peter Culp family Bible, Arkansas State Archives, Little Rock, Arkansas.

## Historical Note

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William Alan Oldfield (1874-1928) was born in Franklin, Izard County, Arkansas, to Milton and Mary Ann (Matheny) Oldfield. He was a school teacher, principal, and attorney. He also served in Company M, 2nd Arkansas Infantry Regiment, during the Spanish-American War. He married Fannie Pearl Peden in 1901. Oldfield served as the United States Representative from Arkansas from 1909 until his death in 1928. Oldfield was reelected to his tenth consecutive term, but died before he could take office. His wife, Pearl Oldfield, was elected to serve out his term, becoming the first woman from Arkansas elected to the House of Representatives.

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## Scope and Contents

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This collection contains miscellaneous material related to William Oldfield, including articles, photocopies of photographs, and a memorial book.

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## Administrative Information

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### Immediate Source of Acquisition

Gus Campbell, Melbourne, Arkansas, 1995.

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## **Related Materials**

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### **Separated Materials**

Photographs were transferred to the General photograph collection.

## Collection Inventory

Letter, from Sam Rayburn, Bonham, Texas, to Gus Campbell, Director, Dept. of Public Welfare, Melbourne, Arkansas. 1954 November 22

"Biographical Sketch of William Allan Oldfield," by Vertie Hall, Arkansas College, Batesville, Arkansas. circa 1955

Newspaper article, The Melbourne Times, "Reminiscing about the Life of William A. Oldfield," by Gus Campbell. 1977 September 8

Article, "William Allan Oldfield: 1874-1928," by Gus H. Campbell, IZARD County Historian, Vol. 14, No. 3. 1983 July

Article, "Samuel Billingsley Hill: 1875-1958" by Gus H. Campbell, IZARD County Historian, Vol. 15, No. 2. 1984 April

Photocopy of Ann Mathery Oldfield, mother of W.A. Oldfield. undated

Photocopy of W.A. Oldfield, on day he was sworn into office as U.S. Congressman. 1909 March 4

Photocopy of W.A. Oldfield just prior to his death in November 1928. circa 1928

Memorial for William A. Oldfield held in U.S. House of Representatives. 1929 February 20