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## Summary Information

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<b>Repository</b>	Arkansas State Archives
<b>Title</b>	Flanagin papers
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<b>Language of Materials</b>	Materials entirely in English.

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## Biographical/Historical Note

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Harris Flanagin was born in Roadstown, New Jersey, on November 3, 1817. After attaining his law degree in Illinois, he moved to Greenville, Clark County, Arkansas, and began practicing law. He served as deputy sheriff of Clark County in 1841, and was elected state representative the following year. He was again elected to public office in 1848, serving in the state senate for two years. In 1851, Flanagin married Martha E. Nash of Washington, Arkansas. They had three children: Duncan, Nash, and Laura.

Following Arkansas's secession from the Union in 1861, Flanagin served as representative from Clark County to the Constitutional Convention in Little Rock. Flanagin fought in the Second Arkansas Mounted Rifles during the Civil War. In camp near Knoxville, Tennessee, the news of Flanagin's nomination did not reach him until after the election. By the time he was able to arrange for a leave of absence, a telegram arrived announcing that he had been elected governor. Therefore in 1862, Flanagin left active duty to take office. His administration dealt primarily with war-related measures, maintaining order, and continuing government while enduring an invasion. The capitol at Little Rock fell to Union troops on September 10, 1863, at which time Flanagin moved the state government to Washington, Arkansas.

At the end of the war, he received a presidential pardon, but remained disfranchised until 1873. In 1874, Flanagin became a member of the Constitutional Convention and was selected to be chairman of the Judicial Committee. While in Little Rock working to form the new constitution, he fell ill, returned to Arkadelphia, and died October 23, 1874.

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## Scope and Contents

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This collection contains the personal letters and memorabilia of the Harris Flanagin family, as well as correspondence and documents related to Harris and Duncan Flanagin's law practice and Harris Flanagin's involvement in politics.

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## Administrative Information

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### **Immediate Source of Acquisition**

Duncan Flanagin (great-grandson of Harris Flanagin), Arkadelphia, Arkansas, 1986.

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## **Related Materials**

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### **Separated Materials**

Photographs transferred to general photograph file #5030.

## Collection Inventory

<b>Personal</b>	
	<b>Box</b>
1. 1861-1862: Diary, Harris Flanagin	1
<b>Correspondence</b>	
2. 1861 August 4: Harris Flanagin, Stone County, Missouri, to M.E. Flanagin	
3. 1861 August 6: Harris Flanagin, near Springfield, Missouri, to M.E. Flanagin	
4. 1861 August 17: Harris Flanagin, near Springfield, Missouri, to M.E. Flanagin	
5. 1861 August 24: Harris Flanagin, Marionville, Missouri, to M.E. Flanagin	
6. 1861 August 29: Harris Flanagin, Springfield, Missouri, to M.E. Flanagin	
7. 1861 September 2: Harris Flanagin, near Springfield, Missouri, to M.E. Flanagin	
8. 1861 September 4: Ben T. Embry, Marionville, Missouri, to Harris Flanagin	
9. 1861 September 6: Harris Flanagin, Springfield, Missouri, to M.E. Flanagin	

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10. 1861 September 8: Harris Flanagin, Marionville, Missouri, to M.E. Flanagin

11. 1861 September 15: Harris Flanagin, camp near Neosho, Missouri, to M.E. Flanagin

12. 1861 September 19: Harris Flanagin, near Granby, Missouri, to Duncan Flanagin

13. 1861 September 29: Harris Flanagin, near Granby, Missouri, to M.E. Flanagin

14. 1861 October 18: Harris Flanagin, near Carthage, Missouri, to M.E. Flanagin

15. 1861 November 3: Harris Flanagin, near Flat Creek, Missouri, to M.E. Flanagin

16. 1861: Harris Flanagin to M.E. Flanagin

17. 1862 February 26: Harris Flanagin, "12 miles south of Fayetteville," Arkansas, to M.E. Flanagin

18. 1862 March 27: Harris Flanagin, Ozark, Arkansas, to M.E. Flanagin

19. 1862 April 16: Harris Flanagin, De Valls Bluff, Arkansas, to M.E. Flanagin

20. 1862 April 18: Harris Flanagin, near Memphis, Tennessee, to M.E. Flanagin

21. 1862 April 29: Harris Flanagin, near Corinth, Mississippi, to M.E. Flanagin

22. 1862 May 3: Harris Flanagin, near Corinth, Mississippi, to M.E. Flanagin

23. 1862 May 12: Harris Flanagin, near Corinth, Mississippi, to M.E. Flanagin



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24. 1862 May 21: Harris Flanagin, near Corinth, Mississippi, to M.E. Flanagin

25. 1862 May 24: Harris Flanagin, near Corinth, Mississippi, to M.E. Flanagin

26. 1862 June 2: Harris Flanagin, Army of the West, to Duncan Flanagin

27. 1862 June 16: Harris Flanagin, near Baldwin, Mississippi, to M.E. Flanagin

28. 1862 July 15: Harris Flanagin, near Chattanooga, Tennessee, to M.E. Flanagin

29. 1862 July 29: Harris Flanagin, near Chattanooga, Tennessee, to M.E. Flanagin

30. 1862 October 28: Orders granting Harris Flanagin leave of absence, Headquarters, Cumberland Gap, Tennessee

31. 1864 October 3: from Margaret Duncan, Hampton, [?]

32. 1864 October 17: Sam Callaway, Johnson's Island, Ohio, to Benjamin S. Duncan

33. 1864 November 10: James A. Fortson, Johnson's Island, Ohio, to Benjamin S. Duncan

34. 1864 December 21: N.W. Stewart, Johnson's Island, Ohio, to E.A. Scovill

35. 1864: Civil War, miscellaneous notes (photocopies)

36. 1865 January 1: N.W. Stewart, Johnson's Island, Ohio, to "Uncle"

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37. 1865 February 19: N.W. Stewart, Johnson's Island, Ohio, to Benjamin S. Duncan

38. 1865 February 26: Jesse A. Ross, Johnson's Island, Ohio, to Benjamin S. Duncan

39. 1865 March 3: James Hardin, Johnson's Island, Ohio, to Benjamin S. Duncan

40. 1865 March 23: Jesse A. Ross, Johnson's Island, Ohio, to "friend"

41. 1865 June 30: Harris Flanagin, Little Rock, Arkansas, to Benjamin S. Duncan

42. 1870 October 9: Duncan Flanagin, University of Virginia, to "My Dear Ma"

43. 1870 October 23: Duncan Flanagin, University of Virginia, to parents

44. 1871 July 10: Duncan Flanagin, Norwood, Virginia, to "Ma"

45. 1871 October 22: Harris Flanagin, Arkadelphia, Arkansas, to Duncan Flanagin

46. 1871 October 23: Duncan Flanagin, University of Virginia, to parents

47. 1872 March 16: Harris Flanagin, Arkadelphia, Arkansas, to Duncan Flanagin

48. 1872 September 26: Harris Flanagin, Arkadelphia, Arkansas, to Priscilla and Benjamin Duncan

49. 187[?] October 25: Duncan Flanagin, University of Virginia, to parents

50. 187[?] August 19: Duncan Flanagin, University of Virginia, to "Ma"

**Other**

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51. 1882 November 18: "Katie H." Little Rock, Arkansas, to [?] Flanagin

52. 1903 February 9: Duncan Flanagin, Jr., to "Papa," [Duncan Flanagin, Sr.]

53. 1917 September 12: Neill Sloan, Arkadelphia, Arkansas, to Ordnance Department of the United States, recommendation of Duncan Flanagin

**Other**

54. 1846 May 30: List, volunteers for Mexican War

55. 1865 December 9: Presidential Pardon, Harris Flanagin

56. Undated: Biographical information

57. 1981 November: Dedication of marker at Harris Flanagin's grave

**Legal**

58. 1849: Deed

59. 1851-1860: Deeds

60. 1861-1870: Deeds

61. 1871-1880: Deeds

**Political**

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62. 1881-1890: Deeds

63. 1891-1990: Deeds

64. 1901-1927: Deeds

**Box**

65. 1856-1860: Land patents

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66. Undated: Abstract, Duncan Flanagin

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67. 1860: Land claim, Harris Flanagin

68. 1874 July 28: Contract for sale of land, Cairo and Fulton Railroad to Harris Flanagin

69. 1858 March 26: Lease of Land, Flanagin and Duncan to Willis Beard

70. 1870: Will, Benjamin Stiles Duncan

71. 1905 April 27: Statement, Nash Flanagin, Harris Flanagin Estate

72. Undated: Stock certificates

73. Miscellaneous

**Political**

## Correspondence

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## Box

74. 1862 October 25: Telegram, to Knoxville, Tennessee, announcing Harris Flanagin's election as Arkansas governor

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75. 1872 March 25: B.F. Askew, Magnolia, Arkansas, to Harris Flanagin, Arkadelphia

76. 1872 May 7: Gordon N. Peay, Little Rock, Arkansas, to Harris Flanagin, Arkadelphia

77. 1872 May 13: George Watkins, Little Rock, Arkansas, to Harris Flanagin, Arkadelphia

78. 1872 May 14: G.D. Royston, Washington, Arkansas, to Harris Flanagin, Arkadelphia

79. 1872 May 31: U.M. Rose, Little Rock, Arkansas, to Harris Flanagin, Arkadelphia

80. 1872 June 6: Augustus H. Garland, Little Rock, to Harris Flanagin, Arkadelphia

81. 1872 June 15: Augustus H. Garland, Little Rock, to Harris Flanagin, Arkadelphia

82. 1872 July 3: Augustus H. Garland, Little Rock, to Harris Flanagin, Arkadelphia

83. 1872 July 13: William Woodruff, Jr., Little Rock, to Harris Flanagin, Arkadelphia

84. 1872 July 25: D. Walker, Fayetteville, Arkansas, to Harris Flanagin, Arkadelphia

85. 1872 August: Augustus H. Garland, Washington, Arkansas, to Harris Flanagin, Arkadelphia

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86. 1872 September 4: Augustus H. Garland, Little Rock, to Harris Flanagin, Arkadelphia

87. 1872 September 4: Albert Pike, Washington, Arkansas, to Harris Flanagin, Arkadelphia

88. 1872 September 7: B.F. Rice, Campaign Executive Committee, Little Rock, Arkansas, to Harris Flanagin, Arkadelphia

89. 1872 September 14: B.F. Rice, Campaign Executive Committee, Little Rock, Arkansas, to Harris Flanagin, Arkadelphia

90. 1872 October 4: C.B. Moore, Little Rock, Arkansas, to Harris Flanagin, Arkadelphia

91. 1872 October 7: B.F. Rice, Campaign Executive Committee, Little Rock, Arkansas, to Harris Flanagin, Arkadelphia

92. 1872 October 8: B.F. Rice, Little Rock, to Flanagin and McMillan, Arkadelphia

93. 1872 October 11: Gordon Peay, Little Rock, Arkansas, to Harris Flanagin, Arkadelphia

94. 1873 January 16: Joseph Brooks, Little Rock, Arkansas, to Harris Flanagin, Arkadelphia

95. 1873 January 16: U.M. Rose, Little Rock, to Harris Flanagin, Arkadelphia

96. 1873 March 31: U.M. Rose, Little Rock, to Harris Flanagin, Arkadelphia

97. 1873 April 21: James L. Witherspoon, Little Rock, Arkansas, to Harris Flanagin, Arkadelphia

98. 1873 April 17: Augustus H. Garland, Little Rock, to Harris Flanagin, Arkadelphia

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99. 1873 April 22 and 26: Harris Flanagin, Arkadelphia, to James Witherspoon, Little Rock, and James Witherspoon to Harris Flanagin

100. 1873 May 16: R.C. Newton, Washington, Arkansas, to Harris Flanagin, Arkadelphia

101. 1873 May 18: Gordon Peay, Little Rock, Arkansas, to Harris Flanagin, Arkadelphia

102. 1873 May 19: George A. Gallagher, Little Rock, to Harris Flanagin

103. 1873 July 1: U.M. Rose, Little Rock, to Harris Flanagin

104. 1873 July 29: E.W. Gault, Little Rock, to Harris Flanagin, Arkadelphia

105. 1873 September 15: Sam. W. Williams, Little Rock, to Harris Flanagin, Arkadelphia

106. 1873 September 30: W.E. Woodruff, Jr., Little Rock, to Harris Flanagin, Arkadelphia

107: 1873 October 5: G.N. Peay, Little Rock, to Harris Flanagin, Arkadelphia

108. 1873 November 14: F.W. Compton, Little Rock, to Harris Flanagin, Arkadelphia

109. 1874 January 23: D.C. Casey, Mayor of Arkadelphia, to Harris Flanagin, Arkadelphia

110. 1874 April 9: G.D. Royston, Washington, Arkansas, to Harris Flanagin, Arkadelphia

111. 1874 April 17: James L. Witherspoon, Little Rock, to Harris Flanagin

**Other**

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112. 1874 April 26: [Augustus H.] Garland, Little Rock, to "Gov," Arkadelphia

113. 1874 April 20: [Augustus H.] Garland, Little Rock, to "Gov"

114. 1874 May 2: T.M. Gunter, House of Representatives, Washington, District of Columbia, to Harris Flanagin, Arkadelphia

115. 1874 May 4: W.P. Grace, Pine Bluff, Arkansas, to Harris Flanagin, Arkadelphia

116. 1874 May 17: B.F. Askew, Little Rock, to Harris Flanagin, Arkadelphia

117. 1874 July 4: Met L. Jones, Pine Bluff, to Harris Flanagin, Arkadelphia

118. 1874 July 14: J. Frank Wilson et al., Yellville, to R.J. Pierce, Little Rock

119. 1874 July 23: A.H. Garland, Little Rock, to Harris Flanagin

120. 1874 August 1: W.J. Slemons, Monticello, Arkansas, to Harris Flanagin, Arkadelphia

121. 1874 August 1: Jesse Turner, Van Buren, Arkansas, to Harris Flanagin, Arkadelphia

122. 1874 August 7: D.H. Reynolds, Lake Village, Arkansas, to Harris Flanagin, Little Rock

123. 1874 September 3: Pine Bluff group to Harris Flanagin, et al., Little Rock

**Other**



**Business**

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124. 1863 January 14: Governor's proclamation

125. 1864 August 9: Governor's proclamation

126. 1873 December 27: Oath of Office

127. Miscellaneous, Constitutional Convention

**Business****Correspondence****Box**

128. 1837 July 13: Harris Flanagin to Benjamin S. Duncan

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129. 1852 December 15: Harris Flanagin to Benjamin S. Duncan

130. 1857 July 22: Harris Flanagin to Benjamin S. Duncan

131. 1858 July 16: Harris Flanagin to "Stiles," Benjamin S. Duncan

132. 1859 May 4: Harris Flanagin to Benjamin S. Duncan

133. 1859 May 12: Harris Flanagin to Benjamin S. Duncan

134. 1859 August 5: Harris Flanagin to Benjamin S. Duncan

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135. 1859 August 30: Harris Flanagin to Benjamin S. Duncan

136. 1859 December 1: Harris Flanagin to Benjamin S. Duncan

137. 1860 April 27: Harris Flanagin to "Sir"

138. 1860 July 23: Harris Flanagin to Benjamin S. Duncan

139. 1860 August 28: Harris Flanagin to Benjamin S. Duncan

140. 1860 September 28: Harris Flanagin to Benjamin S. Duncan

141. 1865 September 27: Unknown, Arkadelphia, to Ben [Duncan]

142. 1865 December 8: Harris Flanagin to Benjamin S. Duncan

143. 1869 March 23: Harris Flanagin to Benjamin S. Duncan

144. 1869 May 6: Harris Flanagin to Benjamin S. Duncan

145. 1869 May 7: Harris Flanagin to Benjamin S. Duncan

146. 1869 May 18: Harris Flanagin to Benjamin S. Duncan

147. 1869 June 7: Harris Flanagin to Benjamin S. Duncan

148. 1869 June 11: Harris Flanagin to Benjamin S. Duncan

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149. 1869 June 22: Harris Flanagin to Benjamin S. Duncan

150. 1869 October 28: Harris Flanagin to Benjamin S. Duncan

151. 1869 December 11: Harris Flanagin to Benjamin S. Duncan

152. 1872 October 23: Williams and Battle to Harris Flanagin

153. 1874 February 20: J.R. Eakin to Harris Flanigan

154. 1883-1908: Miscellaneous postcards to Duncan Flanagin

**Other**

155. 1904 September 5: Report, to Judge Duncan Flanigan, by M.P. Jackson

156. 1905 August: Walsh, et al., versus Walsh et al., Circuit Court case

157. Undated: File, Graham Brown

158. Undated: File, Stroope

159. Undated: File, J. Wilson, Graham Brown, and Jack Nickels

160. 1905 May 1: Titles examined by Duncan Flanagin for Sam Pharr

161. 1906 February 13: R. McDonald of Hot Springs, abstract

**Miscellaneous**

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162. Undated: Saunders [?] Company, client abstract

163. Undated: Client abstract

164. Undated: Client abstract

165. Undated: Client abstract

166. Undated: Client abstract

167. Undated: Client abstract

168. Undated: Miscellaneous legal notes

**Miscellaneous****Box**

169. 1838-1887: Scrapbook

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170. 1917-1958: Scrapbook

171. Undated: Scrapbook, "Modern Architecture" by Katheryne Flanagin

172. Miscellaneous

173. Envelopes and stamps