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JOLLEY, JOHN LAWLOR, 1840-1926

PAPERS, 1865-1932
(bulk dates, 1885-1891)
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History

John Lawlor Jolley was born to James and Frances Jolley in Montreal, Canada on July 14, 1840. In 1857, he moved Portage, Wisconsin to study law and he was later admitted into the Wisconsin State Bar in October of 1861.

In 1862, Jolley enlisted with Company C, Twenty-third Wisconsin Volunteer Infantry. Jolley would eventually rise to the rank of second lieutenant. He was honorably discharged from service on July 4, 1865.

In 1866, he moved to Vermillion, Dakota Territory and set up his law practice. He became the first mayor of Vermillion in 1877 and he served as mayor again in 1885. Jolley was elected to the Territorial House of Representatives 1867 and 1868, and after South Dakota declared statehood in 1889, he served in the State Senate from 1889-1890. In 1891, he was elected to the U.S. Congress to fill the seat left vacant by the death of John Rankin Gamble. Jolley served in Congress until 1893, when he returned home to resume his law practice. John L. Jolley died on Dec. 14, 1926 and was buried at Bluff View Cemetery in Vermillion.

Jolley was married to Harriet J. Grange on April 20, 1874 and together they had three children: Frances, Charles, and Mary.

Scope and Content Note

The John Lawlor Jolley Collection contains six series: **Correspondence, Financial Materials, Legal Materials, Photographs, Printed Materials** and **Ephemera**.

The **Correspondence** series is divided into two sub-series: Incoming and Miscellaneous. The Incoming sub-series contains letters from Jolley's business contacts concerning various lawsuits and financial concerns. The Miscellaneous sub-series contains letters to Jolley's law partner D.C. Shull and other individuals.

The **Financial Materials** series contain three collection cards: two from the Clay County Superintendent of Schools and one from The Champ Collection Agency. Also included in this series are receipts for legal work. The receipts are organized chronologically.

The **Legal Materials** series contains legal documents such as Deeds, Mortgages, Quit Claims, and Warrant Deeds. It also includes the Articles of Incorporation of the Vermillion Artesian Well, Electric Light, Mining, Industrial and Improvement Company of Vermillion, SD.

The **Photograph** series contains two photographs: John Jolley in his Civil War uniform taken in 1865 and a postcard of the first schoolhouse in Vermillion.

The **Printed Materials** contains two copies of *Grange's Anniversary News*. Also included are advertisements from the Law Booksellers, T.H. Flood & Company and the Lansing Lumber Company.

The **Ephemera** series contains a wallet that may have belonged to Jolley.

Additional Resources

John L. Jolley Papers, 1871-1925, Center for Western Studies, Augustana College
<http://inst.augie.edu/CWS/findingaids2.html>

Robinson, Doane

History of South Dakota. [Logansport? IN]: B. F. Bowen, 1904.

Subjects:

Vermillion (S.D.) - - History

Box No. Description

Box 1

CORRESPONDENCE

Incoming (3 folders)

Albertson, A.R. (4 items)
1890-1891

Carver, L.
1890, July 16

Cost, J.A.
1890, July 15

Douthit, T.J.
1891, Apr. 14

Elliott, Gilbert
1890, July 17

Ellis, G. (?)
1889, Dec. 12

Emerson, Talcott & Company (3 items)
1890

Fifield, J.C.
1891, June 3

Finn, Charles W.
1891, May 25

Fleet, W.H.
n.d.

Gill, Watson
1890, July 25

Grigsby, Melvin
1890, July 28

Hammond, Martha M.
1889, Dec. 11

Haymie and Company
1880, May 24

Healy, G.B.
1890, Mar. 27 and Apr. 23

Hutchinson & Reiniger
1890, June 16

Judson, D.L.
1891, Jan. 12

Keefer, M.B.
1889, Jan. 9

Kingsbury, A.G.
1889, July 24 and Nov. 26

Law, J.R.
1891

Maurer, Charles F. (3 items)
1890-1891

Miller, F.A. (3 items)
1890-1891

Moulton Agency
1891, Feb. 17

National Security Company
1889, May 8

National Shoe & Leather Exchange
1890, Apr. 5

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CORRESPONDENCE, cont.

Incoming, cont.

Newton, J.L.

1890, Aug. 4

Norwegian Plow Company

1891, Mar. 21

Prentice, V.E.

1891, Apr. 27 and May 2

Randall, Edward

1889, Aug. 23

1890, Apr. 2

Rickman (?), G. A.

1890, Jan. 30

Robinson, J. C.

1889, Dec. 4

Ruby, M.E.

1891, Feb. 24

Sampson, George T.

1890, June 16

Sandwich Manufacturing Company

1891, Feb. 20 and Sept. 29

Seifert, Charles G.

1891, July 8

Sheldon, C.W.

1889, Oct. 1

Shull, D.C.

1891, Apr. 30

Snow, Church and Company (3 items)

1890-1891

Stevens, A.T.

1890, Feb. 6

Ten Broek, G. H.

1891, Aug. 21

Tolerton and Stetson Company (3 items)

1891

Thompson & Sons Ltd.

1889, Sept. 21

Tyler, D.

1891, July 22

Vinton, H.H. (3 items)

1891

Watts, W.

1889, Aug. 8

1890, Jan. 18

White, Dana

1890, June 21

Wilarth, Howard and Company

1890, July 7

Wright, R. H.

1890, May 20

1891, June 19

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	CORRESPONDENCE, cont. Miscellaneous (1 folder) 1885-1891, n.d.
	FINANCIAL MATERIALS (1 folder) Collection Cards (3 items) Receipts, 1880-1928
	LEGAL MATERIALS (1 folder)
	PHOTOGRAPHS (1 folder) John L. Jolley, 1865 Vermillion Post Card
	PRINTED MATERIALS (1 folder) Flood and Company Bargains in Second-Hand Law Books, Text- Books, Reports, Digests, etc. Pamphlet, 1890, July 15 Flood and Company Hawley's Law of Arrest on Criminal Charges pamphlet, n.d. <i>Grange's Anniversary News</i> , 1932, June 20 (2 copies) Lansing Lumber Company Price List for the Wholesale Trade, 1891, Oct. 26
	EPHEMERA (1 folder) Wallet