

Governor Morehead

NEBRASKA. GOVERNOR

Morehead, John Henry, 1861-1942

Papers, etc.: 1913-1916

State Governor; Lincoln, Nebraska , 1913-1915

Cubic Feet: 1

Approx. No. of Items: 600

BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE

John H. Morehead was born in Columbia, Iowa, December 3, 1861 the son of Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Morehead. He attended the public schools, a private school in Knoxville, Iowa, and business college in Shenandoah. As a young man of 23, he came to Nebraska. Originally, he intended to emigrate to western Nebraska, but a visit to Nemaha County enroute convinced him that he should remain in the southeastern section of the state. Settling in Barada, John began a mercantile business. Almost immediately the business showed a profit, and the young man began inventing in land and branched out into the livestock business. Later he became one of the founders of the Barada State Bank. Mr. Morehead's first venture into politics occurred in 1895 when he ran successfully for the post of Richardson County Treasurer. He was re-elected in 1897. Following the expiration of his second term, he became cashier in the First National Bank in Falls City. He later became president of the bank and also head of the Nebraska State Bank. Morehead served a term as mayor in Falls City; then went to the state senate for a -term, 1909-1911. He was a delegate to Democratic nomination for governor in 1912, and then defeated Chester H. Aldrich, who was seeking re-election. He was re-elected in 1914, but refused to run for a third term in 1916. In 1922 Morehead was elected to the first of six successive terms in Congress as representative of the first district. He died at the age of 80 on May 30, 1942.

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

This subgroup consists of two boxes of papers of Governor John H. Morehead, arranged in three series : (1) General Correspondence, 1913-1916; (2) Applications and Statements, 1913-1916; and (3) Miscellany, 1913-1916.

This material relates to the affairs of the Governor's office during the administration of John H. Morehead, 1912-1916. The bulk of the collection consists of general correspondence, incoming and outgoing, concerning such matters as resignations, applications, appointments; commutation of sentences and paroles; letters and extradition warrants dealing with the Harry Lewis Case; report of the Code Commission; copy of an act to provide an employers' liability and workmen's compensation system; data and letters concerning Nebraska's participation in the Panama-Pacific International Exposition; special reports from state institutions ; reports, claims for purchases, and other data relating to the Tornado Relief Commission ; petitions for the organization of Arthur County; requests for continued consideration of the homesteader and range cattle problem; and reports and expense statements for the Nebraska Gettysburg Commission.

DESCRIPTION

SERIES ONE GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE, 1913-1916

Box 1 General Correspondence

- Folder 1 January 2, 1913-January 8, 1913
- Folder 2 January 9, 1913-January 27, 1913
- Folder 3 February 12, 1913-March 26, 1913
- Folder 4 April 3, 1913-April 17, 1913
- Folder 5 May 5, 1913-May 31, 1913
- Folder 6 June 1, 1913-June 12, 1913
- Folder 7 July 16, 1913-July 31, 1913
- Folder 8 August 1, 1913-August 27, 1913
- Folder 9 September 5, 1913-September 30, 1913
- Folder 10 October 1, 1913-October 16, 1913
- Folder 11 October 17, 1913-October 20, 1913
- Folder 12 November 4, 1913-December 30, 1913
- Folder 13 January 9, 1914-February 13, 1914

Box 2

- Folder 14 March 5, 1914-March 27, 1914
- Folder 15 April 13, 1914-December 18, 1914
- Folder 16 January 10, 1915-December 24, 1915
- Folder 17 January 6, 1916-December 26, 1916
- Folder 18 Undated

SERIES TWO APPLICATIONS AND STATEMENTS

Box 2

- Folder 1 Application for Commissioner of Deeds, 1913-1916
- Folder 2 Statement of Tornado Relief Commission, 1913
- Folder 3 Statement of Tornado Relief Commission, 1913

SERIES THREE MISCELLANY

Box 2

- Folder 1 Petitions, Undated
- Folder 2 Petitions & Proclamations, 1913-1916
- Folder 3 Reports 1913-1916

ADDITIONAL ENTRIES

ARTHUR COUNTY, NEBRASKA. HISTORY
CRIME AND CRIMINALS. NEBRASKA
NEBRASKA GETTYSBURG COMMISSION
NEBRASKA. SPECIAL TORNADO RELIEF COMMISSION
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