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**The Papers of
Augustus Everett Willson**

The papers of Augustus Everett Willson, Louisville lawyer, and governor of Kentucky, 1907-1911.

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13 cubic feet

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Biographical Note

- 1846 Born in Maysville, Kentucky.
- 1869 Graduated from Harvard University.
- 1877 Married Mary Elizabeth Elkins.
- 1879 Lost a race for the state Senate.
- 1884 Lost a race for the U.S. House of Representatives.
- 1886 Lost a race for the U.S. House of Representatives.
- 1888 Lost a race for the U.S. House of Representatives.
- 1892 Lost a race for the U.S. House of Representatives.
- 1907-
1911 Republican governor of Kentucky.
- 1914 Lost the race to become a U.S. senator to J. C. W. Beckham.

For more information consult the [Kentucky Encyclopedia](#).

Scope and Content Note

Papers consist of correspondence, speeches, other writings, scrapbooks, and newspaper clippings. Included is official correspondence, 1907-1911, containing letters on the tobacco war and the Night Riders, and Ky. and national politics; letters of congratulation on Willson's election as governor; speeches, 1892-1919, on the Republican Party in Ky., the dedication of the Lincoln Memorial Building on the Lincoln Farm, the Progressive Republicans, and other subjects; writings, 1912-1920, on William Goebel, the League of Nations, the initiative, referendum and recall, and other subjects; a scrapbook, 1865-1869, kept by Willson at Harvard as a student; and other scrapbooks containing newspaper clippings, additional letters, commissions, invitations, programs, and materials covering Willson's campaigns and tenure as governor.

Correspondents include William O. Bradley, John Marshall Harlan, Benjamin Harrison, A. Lawrence Lowell, Theodore Roosevelt, William Howard Taft, Woodrow Wilson, Booker T. Washington, and Louis D. Brandeis.

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