

**Collection #**  
**SC 0980**

**JAMES H. HACKETT**  
**PAPERS, CA. 1890–1919**

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**COLLECTION INFORMATION**

VOLUME OF COLLECTION: 6 folders

COLLECTION DATES: ca. 1890-1919

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## **BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH**

James H. Hackett (1841-1919), born in Orange County, Vermont, was the son of James and Hannah (Richardson) Hackett. James was educated in public schools and the Canaan New Hampshire Union Academy. He taught school in his home state and in New Hampshire before taking a position at the New Hampshire State Penitentiary at Concord. After that, he was an official at the state hospital for the insane.

The superintendent of the Jacksonville (Illinois) State Hospital, Dr. Andrew McFarland, invited Hackett to take a clerk's position there, which he did in 1863. He remained a few years before opening a clothing store; the business lasted for eighteen years. He also operated a mill with Judge Edward Scott under the firm name of Scott and Hackett. It later became known as Scott, Hackett, and Chambers when L.W. Chambers joined the firm.

Hackett was the editor of *The Farm*, an agricultural paper published in Jacksonville, from 1900 to about 1918.

He married Mary Bailey on September 11, 1865. They had four sons, James D., George A., Charles H., and John S., and one daughter, Mrs. W. A. Patterson. Hackett's interests were farming and politics. He ran for state congressman in 1892, but was defeated. He was a member of various fraternal organizations.

Source: Obituary in the collection (folder 6).

## **SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE**

This collection consists of the business papers and correspondence of James H. Hackett of Jacksonville, Illinois. They are arranged chronologically.

The early material concerns real estate and financial dealings in Frankfort (Clinton Co.) and Monticello (White Co.), Indiana. Letters and financial statements from Frankfort include items from D. P. Barner of the First National Bank (see also: M 0689, Barner-Jones Family Papers). Overall, the material is of a general financial nature. However, discussions of politics are found throughout the correspondence. A letter of November 25, 1892 mentions "the gas fields of Indiana." A broadside for a natural gas field located in Redkey, Indiana is present.

A photocopied obituary and portrait of Hackett are also included.

## **FOLDER LISTING**

1 1890

2 1891

- 3 1892
- 4 1893-1894
- 5 1912-1913
- 6 Obituary (1919); Portrait (n.d.)

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