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Content Note

The William H. Carpenter Papers contain correspondence concerning legal, financial and political matters mainly relating to Marion, Kansas and its vicinity during the early part of the 20th century.

Biography

William H. Carpenter was an attorney in Marion, Kansas, and a Kansas Democratic Party leader. He was also the father of Kansas Congressman Randolph Carpenter whose papers also are held by Special Collections and University Archives, Wichita State University Libraries.

Detailed Description: Series Listing

Series 1	Box 1-Box 5	Legal correspondence and documents, 1901-1919. Consists mainly of letters relating to divorces, injury cases, debt collections, and cases of unspecified nature.
Series 1.1	Box 1-Box 3	Correspondence addressed to William H. Carpenter, 1901-1914. This series is arranged alphabetically by the letter writer's last name and chronologically.
Series 1.2	Box 4	Correspondence written by William H. Carpenter, 1901-1914. This series is arranged chronologically.
Series 1.3	Box 5 FF 1-5	Other legal correspondence, 1901-1919. Letters in this series are not addressed to or written by William H. Carpenter, but found among his papers. This series is arranged chronologically.
Series 1.4	Box 5 FF 6-13	Miscellaneous documents. Contains documents related to William H. Carpenter's profession, as well as bills and receipts.
Series 2	Box 6 FF 1-10	Financial correspondence, 1912-1914. Mainly concerning overdue loans and lumber business in which William H. Carpenter was involved, arranged by month, November 1912-September 1914.
Series 3	Box 6 FF 11-17	Political correspondence, 1914. Consists mainly of letters to and from Kansas Democrats, all miscellaneous, arranged by month from March 1914-September 1914.
Series 4	Box 6 FF 18-24	Miscellaneous, 1910 and 1913. Arranged by month.

Detailed Description: Box and Folder Listing

Series 1 – Legal Correspondence and Documents, 1901-1919

Series 1.1 – Correspondence Addressed to William H. Carpenter, 1901-1914

Box 1	FF 1	Contains A correspondence, 1902-1905. Contains a letter from J. A. Allen, Lost Springs, Kansas, (1 October 1903) regarding some rental land, and a letter from John H. Atwood, Leavenworth, Kansas (18 January 1904) wanting Carpenter's opinion about running for the National Committee.
Box 1	FF 2	Contains A correspondence, 1906-1909. Contains a letter from George W. Allison, McPherson, Kansas (December 1908) regarding a case against Gibbs and Taggart, and a letter from J. E. Addington, Topeka, Kansas (9 January 1909) encloses a brief in the case against Chicago, Rock Island and Pacific Railway Company.
Box 1	FF 3	Contains A correspondence, 1911-1912. Contains a letter from Napoleon Argles (16 December 1912) concerning an estate in England, and a letter from Stephen H. Allen, Topeka, Kansas (12 February 1912) regarding Allen's appearance at the primary for the nomination Democratic candidate for United States senator.

Box 1	FF 4	Contains A correspondence, 1914. Contains letters concerning legal and financial matters.
Box 1	FF 5	Contains B correspondence, 1903-1904. Contains a letter from R. H. Burton, Lansing, Kansas (10 August 1903) arguing his case; a letter from George Beeker, Lehigh, Kansas (20 November 1903) informing Carpenter of the Needles case, and correspondence from J. T. Butler, Cottonwood Falls, Kansas about a meeting of the Democrat Central Congressional Committee.
Box 1	FF 6	Contains B correspondence, 1905: a letter from Bowman & Bowman Law, Newton, Kansas, (21 September 1905) concerning an officer who took the deposition in a case; a letter from C. E. Bryant, Independence, Kansas (22 November 1905) requesting a brief of the case against Rock Island, 80 Pac. 956.
Box 1	FF 7	Contains B correspondence, 1906-1909: correspondence letters from Blood & McCormick, Wichita, Kansas (December 1909) concerning two cases: Smith vs. Becker and Manker, et al. vs. Tough.
Box 1	FF 8	Contains B correspondence, 1912: letters from various attorneys and clients regarding cases; a letter from Frank L. Britton, Osage City, informing Carpenter that he is a candidate for the Democratic Nomination for Lieutenant Governor.
Box 1	FF 9	Contains B correspondence, 1914: correspondence from Houston and Brooks regarding legal matters.
Box 1	FF 10	Contains C correspondence, 1903-1905: correspondence from J. P. Campbell, Abilene, regarding legal matters.
Box 1	FF 11	Contains C correspondence, 1906-1908: a letter from S. E. Cobb, Burns, (29 January 1906) requesting legal documents related to the bond; a letter from Dan Carpenter, Gashland, Missouri (23 September 1908) about Carpenter's letter to Governor Hoch printed in the <i>Kansas City Post</i> .
Box 1	FF 12	Contains C correspondence, 1909: correspondence from N. Cole, Abilene, (4 January 1909) regarding payment for the Nuss case; several letters from Carskaddan Pepper, Muscatine, Iowa, (1909) regarding the David Wright case; correspondence from F. P. Cochran, Cottonwood Falls, regarding his return to practice and his defeat for the senate.
Box 1	FF 13	Contains C correspondence, 1912-1914: a letter from J. H. Cook, Hope, Kansas (7 March 1912) who has been discharged from his position as principal of schools, letter relates the circumstances of his dismissal; a letter from Early Carder, Quenemo, Kansas (15 March 1912) regarding Carpenter's alternate for the 4th district to the Democratic National Convention; a letter concerning the delegate to the Democratic National Convention.
Box 1	FF 14	Contains D correspondence, 1903-1909: a letter from Fred Doeller, Reeves and Co., Columbus, IN (October 1903) regarding the Williams case; correspondence from Claude Duval, Hutchinson, (November-December 1903) regarding candidates for the National Committee; a letter from Frank Doster, Topeka, (13 December 1905) expressing his opinion of the Supreme Court.

Box 1	FF 15	Contains D correspondence, 1912-1914: correspondence from Dudley Doolittle, Cottonwood Falls, regarding his financial situation.
Box 1	FF 16	Contains E correspondence, 1903-1914: letters from T. D. Evans, Marshalltown, Iowa (15 September 1903) regarding his claim in a case; a letter from Phil Easlman, Topeka (23 May 1912) regarding publishing the pictures of the members of the Kansas delegation to the Democratic National Convention.
Box 1	FF 17	Contains F correspondence, 1903-1909: correspondence related to legal matters and payments on claims; a letter from Hugh P. Farrelly, Chairman of the Democratic State Central Committee, Chanute (15 June 1904) requesting information from Carpenter about his organization.
Box 1	FF 18	Contains F correspondence, 1911-1914; contains correspondence from Farrelly regarding the race for the senate.
Box 2	FF 1	Contains G correspondence, 1903-1908: a letter from C. M. Gilliland, Florence (27 October 1903) regarding cattle; a letter from Mrs. A. D. Gillman, Florence (2 October 1908) regarding a fall she had; correspondence from H. H. Germain, Topeka regarding a legal case.
Box 2	FF 2	Contains G correspondence, 1909-1912: a letter from Ellis Geffmit, Florence regarding a legal case; correspondence with Thomas H. Grisham regarding running for Congress.
Box 2	FF 3	Contains G correspondence, 1914; contains correspondence from Williams, Hunter and Griffin regarding legal cases.
Box 2	FF 4	Contains H correspondence, 1903: a letter from M. S. Hackler, Tampa, requesting information about a trial; correspondence with Ed. T. Hackney regarding Mr. Duval and the national committeeman.
Box 2	FF 5	Contains H correspondence, 1904-1912: correspondence related to the National Convention at St. Louis; correspondence requesting legal advice from Elizabeth Hall, Peabody, and James V. Humphrey, Junction City.
Box 2	FF 6	Contains H correspondence, 1914, related to various legal cases.
Box 2	FF 7	Contains I and J correspondence, 1903-1914: correspondence related to various legal cases; correspondence with Mr. Jacobilix, Kansas City, Missouri regarding legal matters; correspondence from W. A. Johnston, Topeka, regarding legal matters.
Box 2	FF 8	Contains K correspondence, 1903-1908: correspondence from Isaac H. Kinley, Kansas City, Missouri (9 November 1903) regarding the case Hamlin vs. Hockaday.
Box 2	FF 9	Contains K correspondence 1912-1914; contains correspondence from Jacob Kusch regarding his case against the railroad.
Box 2	FF 10	Contains L correspondence, 1903-1914: a letter from Fred Lanning, Salina, (6 October 1903) regarding evidence in a case; a letter from Julius J. Lawrence, Lincolnville (7 January 1909) regarding a contract.

Box 2	FF 11	Contains M correspondence, 1903-1909: correspondence from John Moore, Canton, (24 November 1903) regarding his rights concerning a hedge that his neighbor wants to cut down; a letter from Al Mastin, Reedley, California (8 January 1909) regarding the shipment of goods and payment.
Box 2	FF 12	Contains M correspondence, 1912-1914: a letter from Stone & McDermott, Topeka, regarding a fire which was set by the railroad company.
Box 2	FF 13	Contains N correspondence, 1903-1914: a letter from Nichols & Shepard Co. concerning the case vs. S. A. and John Mohn; correspondence from M. B. Nicholson related to choosing a candidate for state senator and Supreme Court.
Box 2	FF 14	Contains O correspondence, 1903-1914: contains correspondence from Henry O'Neil, Kansas City Stockyards related to legal issues and business; correspondence related to various court cases from Owen & Owen; letter from C. T. O'Kelley, Sayre, Oklahoma, concerning the case of the State Bank of Commerce vs. H. A. Russell.
Box 2	FF 15	Contains P correspondence, 1903-1914: contains correspondence from various people concerning legal matters; contains a letter from J. O. Patterson, Kansas City, Missouri regarding the sale of some land; contains a letter from H. M. Pankratz, Hillsboro, regarding a check.
Box 3	FF 1	Contains R correspondence, 1903-1912; contains a letter from Humbert Riddle, Topeka (23 February 1903) concerning the case of Baker vs. Union Stockyards National Bank; contains correspondence related to legal issues.
Box 3	FF 2	Contains R correspondence, 1914; contains correspondence related to legal matters.
Box 3	FF 3	Contains S correspondence, 1903-1904; contains a letter from Gottlieb Spinder, Lehigh, regarding payment; contains a letter from William F. Seelye, Geneva, New York (8 April 1904) regarding the C. P. King claim.
Box 3	FF 4	Contains S correspondence, 1905-1909; contains a letter from Josie Strotkamp, Burns (7 July 1905) notifying Carpenter that she will come; contains correspondence related to legal matters.
Box 3	FF 5	Contains S correspondence, 1910-1912; contains a letter from E. A. Spady, principal, Lincolnville (9 July 1912) requesting an extension on a note.
Box 3	FF 6	Contains S correspondence, 1914; contains correspondence with Oscar Schmitz, Alma, concerning Kansas vs. Mullins; contains correspondence with Abe Schmidt, Durham, concerning settlement of a claim.
Box 3	FF 7	Contains T correspondence, 1903-1914; contains a letter from John Templeton, Lost Springs (30 September 1903) regarding a legal case; contains a letter from T. A. Toews, McPherson (2 March 1912) regarding papers sent to the Supreme Court related to the S. B. Hanson case.
Box 3	FF 8	Contains U correspondence, 1903-1914; contains various letters regarding financial arrangements and requesting information.
Box 3	FF 9	Contains V correspondence, 1903-1914; contains a letter from Van Arsdale & Osborne, Wichita (5 August 1905) regarding the Thomas Seed Hall claim;

		contains correspondence from D. A. Valentine, Topeka, regarding the case of Powers vs. the Badger Lumber Co.
Box 3	FF 10	Contains W correspondence, 1903-1907; contains correspondence from Paul E. Walker regarding the Assman case and Penner case.
Box 3	FF 11	Contains W correspondence, 1908-1909; contains a letter from G. Weyand, Hillsboro, (29 September 1908) regarding an open position.
Box 3	FF 12	Contains W correspondence, 1910-1912; contains correspondence related to various legal cases.
Box 3	FF 13	Contains W correspondence, 1914; contains correspondence from J. F. Wymer concerning his case, Mollihan vs. Wymer.
Box 3	FF 14	Contains X, Y, and Z correspondence, 1903-1914; contains correspondence related to various legal and financial matters.
Box 3	FF 15	Contains undated correspondence.

Series 1.2 – Correspondence Written by William H. Carpenter, 1901-1914

Box 4	FF 1	Contains correspondence dated 1903-1906 from Carpenter to various receivers. Contains a letter to E. I. Fike, (5 October 1903) with a subpoena; contains a letter to Honorable W. A. Johnston, (28 December 1905) regarding a petition for rehearing the case of the Chicago, Rock Island and Pacific Railway Company.
Box 4	FF 2	Contains correspondence dated January - October 1908 from William H. Carpenter to various receivers. Contains a letter to Mrs. Elizabeth Hall (2 January 1908) explaining that he is unable to pay her at this time; contains correspondence related to legal cases.
Box 4	FF 3	Contains correspondence dated November - December 1908 from William H. Carpenter to various receivers. Contains a letter to J. W. Sampson, (18 November 1908) offering him a chance to rent some ground; contains a letter to Blood & McCormick, (5 December 1908) requesting a change of date for a case; contains a letter to W. T. Davis, concerning the case of State vs. Gray.
Box 4	FF 4	Contains correspondence dated 1909 from William H. Carpenter to various receivers. Contains a letter to P. W. Mendenhall, (1 January 1909) regarding the briefs in the case of Chicago, Rock Island and Pacific Railway Company vs. A. C. James; contains several letters to H. H. Germain, Mrs. Elizabeth Hall and Mrs. Grace Wayame.
Box 4	FF 5	Contains correspondence dated January - June 1912 from William H. Carpenter to various receivers. Contains a letter to Hugh P. Farrelly and Mr. R. T. Stearns regarding their cases; contains a letter to J. A. D. Livonl (10 May 1912) with money, and informing them that he does not care to have anything further to do with it.
Box 4	FF 6	Contains correspondence dated July - December 1912 from William H. Carpenter to various receivers. Contains a letter to the O. K. Grain Co. (9 July 1912) regarding their case; contains a letter to James V. Humphrey (23

December 1912) concerning the Orberg and Pickering cases.

Box 4	FF 7	Contains correspondence dated January - May 1914 from William H. Carpenter to various receivers. Contains a letter to Henry Rohloff, Lincolnville (2 May 1914) concerning appeal case to Kansas Supreme Court; contains a letter to Houston & Brooks, Wichita (2 May 1914) concerning judgement and costs of Strecher vs. Missouri Valley Iron & Bridge Co.; contains correspondence with Florence Hutchinson, concerning the Strecher case; contains correspondence with Oscar Schmitz, Alma, concerning the Kansas vs. Mullins case; contains correspondence with Paul E. Walker, Topeka, concerning the Molihan vs. Wymer case.
Box 4	FF 8	Contains correspondence dated June - July 1914 from William H. Carpenter to various receivers. Continued correspondence with people mentioned in FF 7; contains letters to E. L. Mendenhall, Kansas City, regarding the Marsee case; contains a letter to George Searight, Council Grove (27 June 1914) concerning a land case; contains a letter to Williams, Hunter & Griffin, Kansas City, Missouri, (29 June 1914) concerning the Davis estate case; contains correspondence with H. A. Cooper, Eskridge, concerning damage suit; contains letters to F. E. Blaine, Petersburg, Illinois concerning an estate.
Box 4	FF 9	Contains correspondence dated August 1914 from William H. Carpenter to various receivers. Continued correspondence with people mentioned in Box 4 FF 7; contains correspondence with McClintock & Quaint, Topeka, concerning the case Carmen vs. Schultz; contains correspondence with W. L. Rude, Council Grove, concerning the Bruckner divorce case and child custody.
Box 4	FF 10	Contains correspondence dated September 1914 from William H. Carpenter to various receivers. Contains correspondence related to legal and financial matters.

Series 1.3 – Other Legal Correspondence and Documents, 1901-1919

Box 5	FF 1	Contains correspondence dated 1901-1904.
Box 5	FF 2	Contains correspondence dated 1905.
Box 5	FF 3	Contains correspondence dated 1906-1909.
Box 5	FF 4	Contains correspondence dated 1911-1919.
Box 5	FF 5	Contains undated correspondence.

Series 1.4 – Miscellaneous Documents

Box 5	FF 6	Contains miscellaneous postcards and notices, 1903-1912.
Box 5	FF 7	Contains miscellaneous documents related to the Santa Fe Railroad, 1904.
Box 5	FF 8	Contains various documents dealing with legal cases, like contracts and agreements.

Box 5	FF 9	Contains telegrams, 1903-1906.
Box 5	FF 10	Contains receipts from Dr. C. R. Woodson Sanitarium Co., 1912.
Box 5	FF 11	Contains newspaper clippings, no date.
Box 5	FF 12	Contains bills and receipts, 1903-1912.
Box 5	FF 13	Contains a sketch of a house plan.

Series 2 – Financial Correspondence, 1912-1914

Box 6	FF 1	November 15, 1912 -- Metropolitan Street Railway Co. bill
Box 6	FF 2	March 22, 1914 -- Hilgard Lumber Co., Chicago, financial report
Box 6	FF 3	March 22, 1914 -- Various bills
Box 6	FF 4	April 1914 -- Bills due
Box 6	FF 5	April 26, 1914 -- Loan due
Box 6	FF 6	May 1914 -- Lumber and miscellaneous business
Box 6	FF 7	June 1914 -- Lumber and miscellaneous business
Box 6	FF 8	July 1914 -- Lumber and miscellaneous business
Box 6	FF 9	August 1914 -- Lumber and miscellaneous business
Box 6	FF 10	September 1914 -- Lumber and miscellaneous business

Series 3 – Political Correspondence, 1914

Box 6	FF 11	March 1914
Box 6	FF 12	April 1914
Box 6	FF 13	May 1914
Box 6	FF 14	June 1914
Box 6	FF 15	July 1914
Box 6	FF 16	August 1914
Box 6	FF 17	September 1914

Series 4 – Miscellaneous, 1910 and 1913

Box 6	FF 18	July 1910
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Box 6	FF 19	August 1910
Box 6	FF 20	September 1910
Box 6	FF 21	October 1910
Box 6	FF 22	March 1913
Box 6	FF 23	November 1913
Box 6	FF 24	Undated

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