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OFFICE OF GOVERNOR

ALBERT PICKETT MOREHOUSE, 1887-1889

Abstract: Records (1887-1888) of Governor Albert Pickett Morehouse (1835-1891) include appointments, correspondence, pardons, petitions, and reports.

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HISTORICAL AND BIOGRAPHICAL NOTES

Albert Pickett Morehouse was born on July 11, 1835 in Delaware County, Ohio. The son of Stephen and Harriett Wood Morehouse, he was raised on the family farm. In 1856, the family relocated to Nodaway County, Missouri, where Morehouse taught school and studied law. He was admitted to the Missouri bar in 1860 and opened a practice in Montgomery County, Iowa.

Morehouse returned to Missouri at the outbreak of the Civil War in 1861. Lieutenant Morehouse served six months with the 36th Regiment, Enrolled Missouri Militia. It was during this time that he met Martha "Mattie" McFadden, the daughter of John McFadden of Lafayette County. The couple corresponded

throughout the war and in 1865 they were married in Lexington. Mattie and Albert Morehouse had seven children, three of whom survived to adulthood, Nannie, Anna, and Edwin.

Morehouse joined the law practice of Amos Graham in Maryville, Nodaway County. By 1871, he established a thriving real estate business and founded the *Nodaway Democrat* newspaper. He was a delegate to the Democratic National Convention in Baltimore, Maryland in 1872 and to the 1876 Democratic National Convention in St. Louis. Morehouse defeated incumbent Representative H. H. Jackson during the 1876 general election and was re-elected to the Missouri General Assembly in 1882. Albert Pickett Morehouse was elected lieutenant governor on the same ticket with former Confederate General John Sappington Marmaduke in 1884. He also served as presiding officer of the Missouri Senate from 1885 until 1887.

When Governor Marmaduke died while in office on December 28, 1887, Lieutenant Governor Albert Pickett Morehouse became the twenty-sixth governor of Missouri. Governor Morehouse was sworn in on January 3, 1888.

The Morehouse administration was marked by labor troubles with the coal miners in Macon County. In December 1888, the governor called out the Missouri National Guard to quell the violence and restore order. The Hatch Act was passed by the U.S. Congress in 1887 and in March 1888, with appropriations accepted by the governor, the agricultural experiment station of the University of Missouri college of agriculture was established. Morehouse advocated adoption of the Australian voting system which employed secret ballots. He also supported appropriations for the Missouri Board of Health. When smallpox broke out in Adair and Schuyler counties in 1888, the governor included quarantine regulations promulgated by the board in a proclamation issued by his office. Governor Morehouse called for the appointment of independent bank examiners and urged the state insurance department to relocate the head office from St. Louis to Jefferson City.

When the Democratic Party chose David Rowan Francis as their nominee for the 1888 gubernatorial election, Governor and Mrs. Morehouse returned to their farm in Nodaway County. While herding cattle in September 1891, Morehouse apparently suffered a heat stroke, rupturing a blood vessel in his brain. Delirious and fearing mental incapacity, Albert Pickett Morehouse committed suicide on September 23, 1891. He is interred alongside his wife in Oak Hill Cemetery, Maryville, Nodaway County.

Timeline

July 11, 1835	Born in Delaware County, Ohio, to Stephen and Harriett Wood Morehouse
1856	Moved with his family to Nodaway County, Missouri
1861	Commissioned as first lieutenant in Col. Kimball's Regiment, Enrolled Missouri Militia
1865	Married Mattie McFadden
1869	Founded <i>Nodaway Democrat</i> newspaper in Maryville

1876	Elected to General Assembly
1884	Elected Lieutenant Governor
1887	Became twenty-sixth governor of the state of Missouri after the death of Governor John Sappington Marmaduke
September 23, 1891	Committed suicide after rupturing a blood vessel in the brain from heatstroke

ADDITIONAL DESCRIPTIVE INFORMATION

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RECORDS OF GOVERNOR ALBERT PICKETT MOREHOUSE, 1887-1888

Scope and Content

Correspondence pertaining to recommendations for political appointments and resignations comprise the records. Folders also include pardons, reports, and supporting petitions. The records are arranged chronologically and thereunder alphabetically.

All references to places are within the state of Missouri unless indicated, and county is specified when known. The spelling of proper names varies greatly. When correct spelling could not be determined the original spelling was retained. Officeholders are Missouri officials unless noted (U.S. Senator, U.S. Secretary of State, U.S. Attorney General, U.S. Supreme Court, etc). State Representatives are referred to as Representative. U.S. Representatives are noted with the title Congressman.

When the collection was microfilmed, it was determined that some of the collection required rehousing. As a result, folder numbers have changed. Original folder numbers are noted within parentheses. Under the folder heading, 1(8) indicates that the item originally in folder 8 is now located in folder 1.

Container List

Location	Box	Folder	Date	Contents
1B/1/4	1	1 (9)	August 18, 1887	Correspondence: Senator William G. Downing, Kansas City, Jackson County; personal resignation as from 12 th District
1B/1/4	1	1 (9)	December 30, 1887	Correspondence: W. Pope Yeaman, Columbia, Boone County; request for executive action on the resolutions regarding Congressional act to establish agricultural experiment stations; previous request sent to former Governor Marmaduke, board of curators (note: letterhead shows administration building, which was destroyed by fire)
1B/1/4	1	2 (9)	January 9, 1888	Correspondence: Senator J. B. Proctor, Sturgeon, Boone County; personal resignation from the 9 th senatorial district
1B/1/4	1	2 (9)	January 24, 1888	Correspondence: Harry Jackson, Chicago, Illinois; personal resignation as Jackson County notary public; recommends C. G. Herrick as replacement

1B/1/4	1	2 (9)	February 2, 1888	Correspondence: Charles Hoehn, Franklin County; personal resignation as Franklin County notary public, Union
1B/1/4	1	2 (8)	February 18, 1888	Correspondence: petition, citizens of Livingston County, Chillicothe; requesting a pardon for Missouri State Penitentiary inmate, Charles Ziegler
1B/1/4	1	2 (8)	February 20, 1888	Correspondence: Joseph Claybough, Chillicothe, Livingston County; requesting a pardon for Missouri State Penitentiary inmate, Charles Ziegler; Claybough was the victim of Ziegler's crime
1B/1/4	1	2 (9)	February 22, 1888	Correspondence: J. B. Walker, Ironton, Iron County; personal resignation as Iron County notary public; Ironton; National Reporter, St. Paul, Minnesota
1B/1/4	1	2 (8)	March 10, 1888	Correspondence: H. O. Meek, Chillicothe, Livingston County; honesty of Missouri State Penitentiary inmate, Charles Ziegler, arrested by Meek; return of property
1B/1/4	1	2 (8)	March 13, 1888	Correspondence: petition, citizens of Livingston County, Chillicothe; requesting a pardon for Missouri State Penitentiary inmate, Charles Ziegler; grand larceny
1B/1/4	1	2 (9)	April 11, 1888	Correspondence: J. Robinson, Easton, Buchanan County; recommends Thomas P. Maupin as St. Joseph police commissioner,
1B/1/4	1	2 (9)	April 16, 1888	Correspondence: John Donovan, Jr., St. Joseph, Buchanan County; recommends Thomas P. Maupin as St. Joseph police commissioner; Donovan served on the police board
1B/1/4	1	2 (8)	April 21, 1888	Correspondence: Judge James M. Davis, 17 th Judicial Circuit Court, Chillicothe, Livingston County; requesting a pardon for Missouri State Penitentiary inmate, Charles Ziegler
1B/1/4	1	2 (8)	April 24, 1888	Correspondence: James L. Davis Chillicothe, Livingston County; transmittal of documents requesting a pardon for Missouri State Penitentiary inmate, Charles Ziegler

1B/1/4	1	2 (9)	June 4, 1888	Correspondence: J. H. Hinton, Washington, D.C; personal resignation as representative from Bates County
1B/1/4	1	2 (9)	June 12, 1888	Correspondence: Leigh H. Irvine, Kansas City, Jackson County; personal resignation as Jackson County notary public; recommends Charles B. Revis as replacement
1B/1/4	1	2 (9)	July 16, 1888	Correspondence: George M. Sebree, Springfield, Greene County; personal resignation as Lafayette County notary public; Governor John Sappington Marmaduke
1B/1/4	1	3 (9)	August 7, 1888	Correspondence: petition, citizens of St. Charles, St. Charles County; recommends William L. Vick as oil inspector
1B/1/4	1	3 (9)	August 22, 1888	Correspondence: Representative T. R. R. Ely, Dunklin County; personal resignation from General Assembly
1B/1/4	1	3 (9)	August 27, 1888	Correspondence: J. F. Rauch, St. Charles, St. Charles County; personal request for appointment as oil inspector
1B/1/4	1	3 (9)	August 28, 1888	Correspondence: Representative W. H. Haynes, St. Joseph, Buchanan County; personal resignation from the 1 st District
1B/1/4	1	4 (9)	September 5, 1888	Correspondence: Senator S. H. Claycomb, Joplin, Jasper County; personal resignation from the 28 th Senatorial District; Democratic Convention nomination as lieutenant governor
1B/1/4	1	4 (8)	September 20, 1888	Correspondence: Smith Ely, Rich Hill, Bates County; recommends C. C. Woodson as state mine inspector
1B/1/4	1	4 (9)	September 20, 1888	Correspondence: Judge Turner A. Gill, 24 th Judicial Circuit, Kansas City, Jackson County; personal resignation from office
1B/1/4	1	4 (8)	September 20, 1888	Correspondence: Samuel Hackett, Rich Hill, Bates County; recommends C. C. Woodson as state mine inspector

1B/1/4	1	4 (8)	September 20, 1888	Correspondence: L. Lampkin, Rich Hill, Bates County; recommends C. C. Woodson as state mine inspector
1B/1/4	1	4 (8)	September 20, 1888	Correspondence: William F. Lygard, Rich Hill, Bates County; recommends C. C. Woodson as state mine inspector
1B/1/4	1	4 (8)	September 20, 1888	Correspondence: W. T. March, Rich Hill, Bates County; recommends C. C. Woodson as state mine inspector; resignation of M. L. Wolfe
1B/1/4	1	4 (9)	September 20, 1888	Correspondence: G. Pitman Smith, Montgomery City, Montgomery County; personal resignation as notary public; candidacy for 7 th Congressional District
1B/1/4	1	4 (8)	September 21, 1888	Correspondence: W. A. Bunker, The Western Newspaper Union, Kansas City, Jackson County; recommends C. C. Woodson as state mine inspector
1B/1/4	1	4 (8)	September 21, 1888	Correspondence: Henry Carter, Kansas City, Jackson County; recommends C. C. Woodson as state mine inspector
1B/1/4	1	5 (8)	October 8, 1888	Correspondence: Henry P White, Kansas City, Jackson County; recommends C. C. Woodson as state mine inspector; includes support from Blake L. Woodson; Hugh H. McGowan, marshal
1B/1/4	1	5 (9)	October 13, 1888	Correspondence: George W. Burden, Springfield, Greene County; personal resignation as notary public
1B/1/4	1	5 (9)	October 13, 1888	Correspondence: James L. Rush, Marshfield, Webster County; personal resignation as notary public; candidacy for the 13 th Congressional District
1B/1/4	1	5 (8)	October 16, 1888	Correspondence: B. L. Marsteller, Kansas City, Jackson County; recommends C. C. Woodson as state mine inspector

1B/1/4	1	6 (9)	November 8, 1888	Correspondence: report, Executive Committee in charge of the Centennial Celebration of Washington's Inauguration; lists all appointments and committees
1B/1/4	1	6 (9)	November 24, 1888	Correspondence: James Synnamon, Platte City, Platte County; personal resignation as Platte County assessor; elected as sheriff
1B/1/4	1	6 (9)	November 30, 1888	Correspondence: H. L. Cross, Cameron, Clinton-Dekalb counties; personal request for appointment to delegation attending the Interstate Immigration Convention in Montgomery, Alabama, December 12, 1888; Judge William A. Wood, Kingston, Caldwell County
1B/1/4	1	7 (8)	December 4, 1888	Correspondence: Dr. J. R. Leman, St. Louis; requests the General Assembly appoint a standing committee on sanitary affairs
1B/1/4	1	7 (8)	December 6, 1888	Correspondence: George Snowden, State Board of Health, St. Louis; resolutions by the health authorities of St. Louis; sanitary conditions, small pox
1B/1/4	1	7 (9)	December 21, 1888	Correspondence: John R. Gibbons, Knox County assessor, Edina, Knox County; resignation as county school commissioner
1B/1/4	1	7 (8)	December 28, 1888	Correspondence: W. H. Allen, Bates County; recommends C. C. Woodson as state mine inspector; professional qualifications and of good character
1B/1/4	1	7 (8)	December 28, 1888	Correspondence: W. T. Kirkman, Kansas City, Jackson County; recommends C. C. Woodson as state mine inspector
1B/1/4	1	7 (8)	December 28, 1888	Correspondence: James E. Payne, Independence, Jackson County; recommends C. C. Woodson as state mine inspector