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Abstract

Correspondence, business and legal papers, notebooks, speeches, historical essays, genealogical records, clippings, and printed material of a Buckhannon lawyer, state jurist, member of Congress (1927-1929), and West Virginia Secretary of State (1933-1948). The collection also includes papers of O'Brien's father, Emmett J., a member of the state's first Constitutional Convention; letters from O'Brien's brother, Lieutenant A.L. O'Brien, 1874-1887, a West Point graduate serving at forts Assinniboine, Belknap, and Spokane in the Montana Territory and Washington State; letters of Henry M. White, O'Brien's brother-in-law, and a lawyer with the Immigration Bureau and the Federal Trade Commission; a diary of a trip to Texas in 1907; and genealogical records of the Joseph Hall, William Norris, O'Brien, and Jacob Reger families. Subjects include West Virginia Wildlife League; Methodism in Upshur County; an expedition in pursuit of Sitting Bull; the Rush Holt contested election of 1934; the McAdoo-Smith contest of 1924; the Townsendites; presidential election of 1936; state politics; pioneer history of West Virginia; and the Vandalia Company.

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O'Brien, William Smith, 1862-1948

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Judges - letters and papers.

Lawyers - letters and papers.

Indians of North America

Frontier and pioneer life

Politics and government.

Townsendites.

Travel accounts.

Washington.
West Virginia - Wheeling Conventions of 1861-1863.
United States. Federal Trade Commission
United States. Bureau of Immigration
United States. Congress
Vandalia Company
United States Military Academy
West Virginia Wildlife League
Holt, Rush Dew, 1905-1955
Norris, William.
O'Brien, A.L.
O'Brien, Emmett J.
O'Brien, William Smith.
Reger, Jacob.
White, Henry M.
Hall, Joseph family.
Morris, William family.
O'Brien family
Reger family
Sitting Bull, 1831-1890