

C Major, Elliott W. (1864-1949), Papers, 1860s-1950  
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#### INTRODUCTION

The collection contains newspaper clippings, photographs, pamphlets, telegrams, and memos relating to Elliott Major's campaign for governor of Missouri in 1912, and major events that occurred during his administration.

#### DONOR INFORMATION

The Elliott W. Major papers were donated to the State Historical Society of Missouri by an unknown donor (Accession No. 6156).

#### BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

Elliott Woolfolk Major was born on October 7, 1864, in Lincoln County, Missouri. He grew up on a farm and became a teacher. He later became a lawyer and in 1896, under the guidance of Champ Clark, was elected to the Missouri Senate from the 11<sup>th</sup> district without opposition. He was elected Attorney General in 1908. In 1912, the Missouri Democratic Party nominated him for governor. He won the election with the largest plurality of votes in Missouri history and was inaugurated on January 13, 1913. Major died on July 9, 1949.

#### SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

The Elliott Major papers consist of newspaper clippings, letters, and a scrapbook containing ephemera from his gubernatorial campaign in 1912, and other personal events during that time period. The newspaper clippings document his administration and the letters pertain to Major and his family. In addition, there are family photographs, telegrams congratulating him on his victory, an official program from his inauguration declaring his agenda as governor, and a personal invitation to the wedding of Woodrow Wilson and Edith Bolling Galt in 1915. The collection is arranged topically.

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