INTRODUCTION

This finding aid covers the gubernatorial papers of Tennessee Governor John I. Cox, who served from 1905-1907. It consists of thirty-six boxes of materials that consist of correspondence, applications, petitions for pardons, and miscellaneous materials.

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BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

John Isaac Cox
(Democrat)

The son of a Confederate soldier, Cox was born in Sullivan County in 1857. Working his way through Blountville Academy, he studied law and opened a practice in 1885. He served as county judge and as district attorney before being elected to the state house for the 1893-1895 term. In 1900, he was elected to the state senate. As speaker, Cox became governor when Governor James Frazier resigned in 1905. His term saw prison riots and a renewed fight against yellow fever. The official state flag, designed by LeRoy Reeves, was adopted in 1905. Cox served in the state senate 1907-1911 and in the state house 1913-1915. From 1914-1922 he was postmaster at Bristol. He died in 1946.

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H. C. Adler (1) General Manager, the Chattanooga Times, Chattanooga.
J. A. Albright (5) Secretary, Tennessee State Board of Health, Memphis.

Box 4, Folder 1, 1905
J. J. Atkins (4) Chief of Police, Knoxville, Tennessee.

Box 4, Folder 3, 1905
W. F. Barrett (5) Businessman, Charleston, Tennessee.

Box 4, Folder 4, 1905
J. C. Boals (7) Attorney, Covington, Tennessee.

Box 4, Folder 5, 1905
William Jennings Bryan (1) Democratic Candidate for President, Lincoln, Nebraska.
L. W. Buford (7) Chancery Court Clerk, Nashville.
Robert L. Burch (5) the Nashville American, Nashville.

Box 4, Folder 6, 1905
D. P. Caldwell (4) Businessman, Union City, Tennessee.
John D. Caldwell (8) Attorney, Knoxville, Tennessee.
Horace M. Carr (4) Attorney, Harriman, Tennessee.
T. B. Carroll (50 Secretary, State Democratic Executive Committee, Nashville.

Box 4, Folder 7, 1905
Thomas L. Cate (4) Cleveland, Tennessee.
Charles T. Cate (3) Attorney General, State of Tennessee, Jackson.
Alex W. Chambliss (3) Mayor, Chattanooga, Tennessee.
W. P. Chandler (5) City Editor, the Knoxville Sentinel, Knoxville.
S. L. Chesnutt (4) Attorney, Rogersville, Tennessee.
P. P. Claxton (6) Department of Education, University of Tennessee, Knoxville.
Thomas A. Collier (8) Jamestown, Tennessee.
Box 5, Folder 1, 1905
Will H. Cox (4) Son of Governor Cox, Blountville, Tennessee.
John H. Crain (4) Coal Oil Inspector, Memphis.

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Charles Y. Deaderick (5) Bristol, Tennessee.

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W. B. Earthman (4) Businessman, Murfreesboro, Tennessee.
A. G. Ewing, Jr. (1) State Senator, Nashville, Tennessee. * This item not on microfilm

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Dr. C. W. Flennor (4) Physician, Emmett, Tennessee.
W. C. Foster (6) Publisher, Murfreesboro Free-Press, Murfreesboro.

Box 5, Folder 6, 1905
W. H. Gass (4) Mayor, City of Knoxville, Tennessee.

Box 5, Folder 7, 1905
Nathan W. Hale (3) United States Representative, Washington, D. C.

Box 5, Folder 9, 1905
A. E. Hill (10) Editor and Manager, The Labor Advocate, Nashville, Tennessee
R. C. Hunter (6) Agent, Georgia Home Insurance Company, Johnson City, Tennessee.

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S. G. Keller (5) Businessman, Bristol, Tennessee.

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Charles W. Lester (4) Attorney, Knoxville, Tennessee.
W. D. Lyon (5) Attorney, Bluff City, Tennessee.

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Henry Macfarland (4) Commissioner, District of Columbia, Washington D. C.

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James H. Malone (4) Attorney, Memphis
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Sam T. Millard (5) Cashier, City National Bank, Johnson City, Tennessee.

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John Trotwood Moore (2) State Librarian, 1919-29, Columbia, Tennessee.
H. A. Morgan (4) Chairman, College of Agriculture, Knoxville, Tennessee.
R. E. L. Mountcastle (4) Attorney, Knoxville, Tennessee.
John C. Myers (7) President, Peoples Bank, Pikesville, Tennessee.

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Albert H. Roberts (5) Attorney, Livingston, Tennessee.
W. B. Romine (4) Publisher, the Pulaski Citizen, Pulaski, Tennessee.
Elihu Root (3) Secretary of State, Washington D. C.
William Rule (4) Secretary Board of Trustees, University of Tennessee, Knoxville, Tennessee.

Box 7, Folder 4, 1907
R. B. Schoolfield (4) Attorney, Pikeville, Tennessee.
John H. Shields (4) state Supreme Court Justice, Knoxville, Tennessee.
F. A. Shotwell (7) Member, State Board of dental Examiners, Rogersville, Tennessee.

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W. G. Thomas (8) Attorney, Chattanooga.

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N. H. White (7) Attorney, Wales, Tennessee.
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D. K. Young (5) Attorney, Clinton, Tennessee.

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Will K. Abernathy (8) Attorney, Selmer, Tennessee.
James Armitage (1) Attorney, Greeneville, Tennessee.

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W. V. Barry (9) Publisher, the Lexington Progress, Lexington, Tennessee.
William J. Bass (6) Commander, First Squadron, Tennessee Cavalry, Chattanooga, Tennessee.

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W. P. Brownlow (3) United State Representative, Washington D. C.

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D. P. Caldwell (5) Businessman, Union City, Tennessee.

Box 8, Folder 5, 1906
Alex W. Chambliss (2) Mayor, Chattanooga, Tennessee.
S. L. Chestnut (9) Attorney, Rogersville, Tennessee.

Box 9, Folder 1, 1906

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G. B. Harris (6) Jackson, Tennessee.
G. W. Harris (6) Businessman, St. Louis, Missouri.
M. L. Havey (5) Secretary, Tennessee Society in New York.
Hal H. Haynes (5) Chancellor, First Chancery Division of Tennessee, Bristol, Tennessee.

Box 9, Folder 4, 1906
H. F. Hudson (5) Vice-president, Greenfield Bank, Greenfield, Tennessee.
R. C. Hunter (5) Insurance, Johnson City, Tennessee.

Box 9, Folder 5, 1906
Joe J. Ivins (5) United State Representative, Washington, D. C.

Box 9, Folder 6, 1906
W. C. Kilvington (4) Superintendent, Tennessee Industrial School, Nashville.
Box 10, Folder 2, 1906
J. N. Martin (5) Secretary, Nashville Trades and Labor Council, Nashville, Tennessee.

Box 10, Folder 4, 1906
P. J. Moran (5) Businessman, Memphis, Tennessee.
R. E. Mountcastle (2) Attorney, Knoxville, Tennessee.
John C. Myers (5) President, Peoples Bank, Pikeville, Tennessee.

Box 10, Folder 7, 1906
Miss Rebecca Pamplin (6) Fayetteville, Tennessee.
J. H. Pettyjohn (6) Businessman, Bristol, Tennessee.

Box 10, Folder 8, 1906
J. B. Pound (6) President, the Chattanooga News, Chattanooga.

Box 10, Folder 9, 1906
J. G. Rice (3) Editor, the Chattanooga News, Chattanooga.

Box 10, Folder 10, 1906
W. B. Romine (2) Publisher, the Pulaski Citizen, Pulaski, Tennessee.
Elihu Root (7) Secretary of State, Washington D. C.

Box 11, Folder 3, 1906
William H. Taft (2) Secretary of War, Washington, D. C.
Miss Maxy B. Temple (6) State Regent, Daughters of the American Revolution, Knoxville.
J. M. Terrell (4) Governor of Georgia, Atlanta, Georgia.

Box 11, Folder 5, 1906
P. H. Walker (8) Cleveland, Tennessee.
A. B. Whiteaker (4) Attorney, Bristol, Tennessee.