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INTRODUCTION

The Baxter Taylor Family Papers are centered on Baxter Taylor (1877-1961), state official in Tennessee and Oklahoma and uncle of Governors Robert “Bob” and Alfred “Alf” Taylor of Tennessee. The papers are a gift of Mr. Robert L. Taylor of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

Materials in this collection measure .42 linear feet. Single photocopies of unpublished writings in the Baxter Taylor Family Papers may be made for purposes of scholarly research.

SCOPE AND CONTENT

The Baxter Taylor Family Papers, containing approximately 300 items, span the period 1730-1961. The collection includes clippings, correspondence, genealogical data, photographs, printed material, speeches, and several miscellaneous items.

The clippings are largely about the political careers of Baxter Taylor (1877-1961) and his uncles, Alfred “Alf” Alexander (1848-1931) and Robert “Bob” Love Taylor (1850-1912).

Included in the correspondence are a Civil War letter of Landon Carter Haynes (1816-1875) and a letter to Baxter Taylor from Harry S. Truman (1884-1972).

The balance of the material is made up of genealogical data of the George Taylor and Worley families, memorial to William McKinney (1843-1901) and Robert Love Taylor, photographs of the Taylor family, and speeches by Alfred Alexander Baxter and Robert Love Taylor.

BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE

Baxter Taylor

1877	January 20 – Born in Jonesboro (Happy Valley), Tennessee, the son of James P. and Mary S. Taylor
before 1900	Graduated from Cumberland Law School, Lebanon, Tennessee and was admitted to the Bar
1900	Elected presidential elector of First Congressional District of Tennessee
1902	Removed to Oklahoma to become editor of the <i>Atoka Citizen Democrat</i>
1907	Married Miss Love Thomas
1910	Elected as County Judge of Atoka County, Oklahoma
1922	Commissioned Major Judge Advocate General
1961	Died in Oklahoma

CONTAINER LIST

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49. Tributes – Taylor, Baxter – Unknown
50. Writings – Dykeman, Wilma and James Stokley – “The Border States”
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- Gore, Paul to Baxter Taylor, 1931, re: wire advising the accidental death of Dr. J.P. Taylor, 1-14
- Haynes, Landon C. to J.P. Taylor, 1861, re: concerning rebellion in Carter County toward Confederacy and urging that J.P. send his mother, who is a sister to Landon, to Knoxville, 1-15
- Nannah, Harvey H. to Baxter Taylor, 1931, re: wire advising Baxter of Bob [Taylor's] death, 1-16
- Taylor, Baxter to Robert L. Taylor, 1932, re: Baxter thanks his son for the drawing of the old home and mentions at length the many memories it brings, 1-17
- Taylor, Blain to Baxter Taylor (2), 1931, re: wire advising Baxter of the death of Cousin Margaret Shakespeare's wife; a wire advising the death of his father, 1-18
- Taylor, N.G. to R.L. Taylor (copy), 1887, re: on the occasion of Robert's inauguration as Governor of Tennessee his father writes advice, 1-19
- Taylor, Phil to Baxter Taylor, 1920, re: the annual Farmer's Convention in Knoxville; the announcement of Uncle Alf Taylor's re-entrance into politics; a wire advising of his leaving for Wartrace to attend funeral of Jim, 1-20
- Thomas, Hannah to Lou [Thomas], 1867, re: abundant grain crops and large quantities being shipped to Alabama and Georgia where there is a shortage; damage caused to homes and machinery by incessant rainfall; Hannah's decision on dividing the family land estate and request Lou send a Power of Attorney to represent him if he cannot come home, 1-21
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