

## Mississippi State University Libraries Presidential Papers

Accession #	PP-002	Date	2016
Collection	John Marshall Stone Papers	Donor	
Size	.3 linear feet	Restrictions	None

### Location: Presidential Papers, Drawer 1A

### John Marshall Stone, 1899-1900



### Bio/History Note

John Marshall Stone was born on April 30, 1830 in Milan, Tennessee. He did not attend college, but did educate himself enough to become a school teacher in Tennessee. In 1855, Stone moved to Eastport, Mississippi, where he served as the station agent for the Mississippi and Ohio Railroad at Iuka. Upon the outbreak of the Civil War in 1861, he joined the Army of the Confederate States of America in April and fought in several major battles, including “Sharpsburg” (Antietam) in Maryland, “The Battle of Wilderness” in Spotsylvania County, Virginia, and “Gettysburg” in Pennsylvania. In 1865, he was dispatched to Mississippi to round up absentees and deserters, and was eventually captured during a fight in Salisbury, North Carolina while trying to return to his command. He was sent to Johnson’s Island, Ohio and then released on July 25, 1865. After the war, he returned to his position as station agent for the M. & O. Railroad, and was later elected mayor and treasurer of Tishomingo County, eventually serving in the Mississippi State Senate. Stone is the longest serving governor in Mississippi history with two terms – 1876 to 1882, and again from 1890 to 1892. When Governor Ames resigned in

1876, Stone was made President Pro Tempore, or acting governor, of the Mississippi Senate. He won the gubernatorial election in 1877 to remain in office, but was defeated for re-election in 1881. He won the election again in 1889, with his term extended to 1896 by a revision of the state constitution in 1890. In 1899, Stone began his service as President of Mississippi Agricultural and Mechanical College (now known as Mississippi State University) in Starkville, Mississippi. He was the second president of the university and died holding the position in March 26, 1900 at the age of 69. He died in Holly Springs and is buried in Oak Grove Cemetery in Iuka, Mississippi, with Stone County named in his honor. He holds the record for shortest service as president of Mississippi State University.

### **Scope and Content Note**

This collection consists of correspondence and subject files from the one-year term of Governor Stone as President of Mississippi A. & M. The files are arranged alphabetically by correspondent name or file subject.

### **Copyright/Citation**

This collection should be cited as *John Marshall Stone Papers, Special Collections, Mississippi State University Libraries*.

### **Related Materials**

#### **John Marshall Stone Letter Books (A2008-8)**

The John Marshall Stone Collection consists of two letter books containing copies of Stone's correspondence from 1893-1899. The books, housed in two separate boxes, are in fair condition, though their bindings have been torn. As such, the materials have been digitized and are available online through the Mississippi State University Libraries Digital Collections.

## INVENTORY

### Drawer 1A

#### Folders

1. A, 1899-1900 (10 items)
2. B, 1899-1900 (21 items)
3. C, 1899-1900 (18 items)
4. Committee on Courses of Instruction, 1899-1900 (2 items)
5. D – E, 1899-1900 (17 items)
6. Diplomas, Degrees, & Theses, 1899-1900 (5 items)
7. F, 1899-1900 (9 items)
8. Fire Regulations, 1899-1900 (6 items)
9. G, 1899-1900 (16 items)
10. H, 1899-1900 (22 items)
11. I – J, 1899-1900 (5 items)
12. K – L, 1899-1900 (21 items)
13. Mc – M , 1899-1900 (22 items)
14. N – O, 1899-1900 (3 items)
15. Orations (Rhetoricals), 1899-1900 (2 items)
16. P – R, 1899-1900 (13 items)
17. S, 1899-1900 (23 items)
18. Student Medals, 1899-1900 (1 item)
19. Student Petitions & Requests, 1899-1900 (2 items)
20. T – U – V, 1899-1900 (8 items)
21. W, 1899-1900 (18 items)

## **Subject Headings**

Stone, John Marshall, 1830-1900

Mississippi State University

College administrators

Starkville (Miss.)

## **Genre**

Correspondence

Subject files

Ephemera