

**George H. Hodges Papers
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Date Span: 1899 – 1968 (Bulk 1904-1947)

A collection of papers relating to and produced by George H. Hodges and his family. The collection was originally donated by Murray Hodges to the Johnson County Museum in 1984 and was processed in 1988. The papers contain material relating to George Hodges' political, business and personal life.

BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

George Hodges was an influential businessman and Governor in Kansas. He was born in 1866 in Wisconsin and moved to Olathe, Kansas at three years of age. He had an older brother, Frank, and a younger sister, Eunice. He lived in Olathe for the rest of his life. He was educated in Olathe public schools. He married Ora Murray in 1899 and they had two children, Georgia and Murray. George's father died when he was very young, and he and his brother supported the family. He founded Hodges Bros. Lumberyard with his brother Frank. They eventually owned 14 lumberyards and interests in a newspaper, several banks, and real estate development. George was elected to the Olathe city council at age 21, even before his lumber company was established. He served for four years. Eventually his brother would serve as mayor of Olathe.

In 1904, on returning from a trip to Europe with his wife, he found a political landscape in disarray. He took full advantage of the situation and was elected to the state senate. He served as state senator from Johnson and Miami counties for 8 years.

In 1910 he was persuaded to run for governor against incumbent Governor Walter Stubbs, and lost. In 1912 he ran for governor again, this time against Arthur Capper. He won by 29 votes, the smallest margin in state history. The vote count was contested, but was eventually decided in Hodges favor.

He served as governor from 1913 to 1915. During this time he managed to pull the state out of debt, while passing 12 of the 14 progressive planks he had run on. During his administration, a penitentiary that had burned down was rebuilt while decreasing its debt, a new voting ballot was passed so that voters did not have to vote a straight party ballot, the amendment allowing direct election of U.S. senators was passed, women's suffrage was passed, and legislation to help get good hard roads in Kansas was enacted. Hodges was also an outspoken proponent of prohibition, a unicameral legislature, and standardized regulation of the practice of medicine. He was proud of the fact that the number of women in state government increased from one to twenty-eight during his term in office. Near the end of his term, during WWI, he rallied the farmers of Kansas to provide relief to the people of Belgium. 165 carloads of Kansas Flour were delivered to dock within 90 days. For this he was decorated by King Leopold I.

In 1914 he lost a reelection bid to Arthur Capper. After this time Hodges went on a number of speaking tours. He was a prolific speaker on political causes that he supported. He says, "I was (a) national lecturer on prohibition, good roads, unicameral legislature and (Masonry) and commission form of government, equal (suffrage) and visited and spoke in twenty-eight different states on that mission."

During WWI he served on the staff of General Leonard Woods, and was in charge of the Red Cross at Camp Funston. He was active in promoting patriotism, the Red Cross, and rebuilding Europe during this time.

He considered a run for a U.S. Senate seat in 1918, but decided not to run until 1920. Poor health prevented him from doing much campaigning except through publications. He lost that bid and shortly after the election had a major stroke, from which he spent the next several years recovering. He never ran for office again, although he maintained correspondence and interest in various political causes and elections through the years. He served on the state board of regents and the state textbook commission from 1925-1927. In the 1930's he took several major trips internationally. After this he focused on his business career and family, though he never gave up following his favorite topics.

He was active in a variety of businesses. The Hodges Brothers Lumber company was foremost, but his business interests included being owner of the Johnson County Democrat, director of the First National Bank, and director or stockholder in several others, as well as interests in real estate, and an auto company.

He was a 33 degree Mason and was active in the Masons and Knights Templar. He died October 7, 1947 at age 81.

ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

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PROJECT SKETCH

1866 George Hartshorn Hodges born in Orion, Wisconsin (February 6) ^{1 2} His parents are William W. and Lydia Ann (Hartshorn) Hodges. ³

¹ "George Hodges House (1892, altered 1921)" Reprinted from the Johnson County Museum's ALBUM newsletter, Vol. XX #2, Spring 2007. www.jocomuseum.org web.

<<http://www.jocomuseum.org/docs/HP%20Articles/State%20Register/George%20Hodges%20House.pdf>>

² "Kansas Governor George Hartshorn Hodges" National Governors Association web site, 2011. From Sobel, Robert, and John Raimo, eds. Biographical Directory of the Governors of the United States, 1789-1978, Vol. 2, Westport, Conn.; Meckler Books, 1978. 4 vols.

<http://www.nga.org/cms/home/governors/past-governors-bios/page_kansas/col2-content/main-content-list/title_hodges_george.html>

³ "Hon. George H. Hodges", Blue skyways, State Library of Kansas. *A Standard History of Kansas and Kansans*, written & compiled by William E. Connelley, Secretary of the Kansas State Historical Society,

- 1869 The family moved to Olathe, Kansas.⁴
- 1883 George's father died.⁵ George and his older brother Frank quit school and began working to support the family.⁶ He did a wide variety of work; everything from herding cows to being a traveling salesman, and attempted to teach himself commercial law.⁷
- 1886 At age 20 he began work as a yardman in a local lumber yard.^{8 9}
Member of the National Guard. Receives a sword for meritorious service during a strike.¹⁰
- 1887 Age 21. Won seat as Olathe city councilman.¹¹ Served for 4 years.^{12 13}
- 1889 The brothers founded Hodges Brothers Lumber Company.¹⁴ They eventually owned eight stores and fourteen lumberyards.¹⁵
- 1899 (March 8) Married Ora M. Murray.¹⁶
- 1904-1912 Served in the Kansas State Senate.^{17 18}
The second democrat ever elected in Kansas to a state office.¹⁹
- 1906 Temporary chairman of the Democratic State Convention. His convention speech encouraged a more progressive Democratic platform.²⁰
- 1910 Nominated for governor. Defeated by incumbent governor Walter Stubbs.²¹

Topeka. Chicago: Lewis Publishing Company, copyright 1918; transcribed by students from USD 508, Baxter Springs Middle School, Baxter Springs, Kansas, 12-16-98. Web.

<<http://skyways.lib.ks.us/genweb/archives/1918ks/bioh/hodgesgh.html>>

⁴ "George Hodges House (1892, altered 1921)" Reprinted from the Johnson County Museum's ALBUM newsletter, Vol. XX #2, Spring 2007. Web.

⁵ "William Wesley Hodges" 1832-1883, *Find a Grave*. Website. Olathe Memorial Cemetery. Web.
<<http://www.findagrave.com/cgi-bin/fg.cgi?page=gr&GRid=25674975>>

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- 1912 Elected Governor. His “defeat of Arthur Capper was the closest governor’s race in the state’s history.”^{22 23} He won by 29 votes.²⁴
- 1913-1915 (January 13, 1913- January 11, 1915) Served as Governor.^{25 26}
 “Throughout his political career, (he) was an advocate for progressive platforms such as the Good Roads Movement, education reform, and women’s suffrage.”²⁷
 “Stronger business regulation, judicial and tax reforms, and the upgrading of state hospitals and penal institutions.”²⁸
 “He increased the number of women in positions of responsibility in state government from one to twenty-three.”²⁹ (a variety of sources site from 22 to 28 positions filled by women.)
 During his term as governor the 17th amendment to the constitution allowing for the direct election of state senators was ratified.³⁰
 Also, the voting ballot was changed to make it easier to not vote a party ticket.³¹ It was called the Massachusetts Ballot Law.³²
 Proposed “a small, one-house,” or unicameral legislature.³³
 “Decorated by King Leopold I, and made Officer of the Crown. Awarded the Belgian Medal for War Work; raised 165 carloads of Kansas Flour and shipped to docks in 90 days.”³⁴
- 1914 Again ran for governor against Capper. This time he lost the race.^{35 36}
- 1914-1916 Was in great demand as a speaker. Went on the Chautauqua Speaking circuit.
 During WWI “Served with the Red Cross with the courtesy title of major.”³⁷

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- “Had charge of the Red Cross located at Camp Funston” “was a civilian on the staff of General Leonard J. Woods.”³⁸
- 1918 Considered a run for the U.S. Senate.
- 1920 Ran for the U.S. Senate but was unable to campaign vigorously due to ill health. Lost the race, and had a stroke in December of that year. Recovery took up to four years.
- 1925-1927 “Served as a member of the State Board of Regents, and also served on the State Textbook commission.”^{39 40}
- 1947 (October 7) Passed away. Buried in the Olathe Cemetery. ⁴¹

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COLLECTION DESCRIPTION

The Hodges papers record a wide variety of information on the Hodges Family, particularly on George Hodges and his political and business career. The materials in this collection have been arranged to present material in order of what will be probably most significant in terms of research and historical value. George Hodges' political career is presented first, with topics and people related to that career following behind. Then come his personal business affairs and family matters, and after that material related to the community, but not specifically to one of these roles.

There are six series in this collection; Political Career, Political Topics, People, Business Matters, Personal and Family, and Community. Currently each of these series has a variety of subseries with folders and their numbers underneath. These folders are currently out of order since this project is in process. The subseries will have additional folders listed underneath them as more boxes in the collection are inventoried.

Series 1, Political Career contains materials pertaining to the political career of George Hodges. The material is arranged chronologically according to political race or position held. This series contains both original and printed material. Material relating to the career of Hodges over time, such as Political Cartoons, is placed at the end of the series. *Subseries:* Kansas Senate, Democratic Convention, Gubernatorial Campaigns, Term as Governor, U.S. Senate Run, Other Positions Held, Political Cartoons.

Series 2, Political Topics is comprised of materials relating to various political topics. Some are topics Hodges championed or spoke extensively about. Some are topics he collected materials on. Much of this series is comprised of original typewritten speeches given by Hodges. Because so few dates have been recorded in this series it is organized alphabetically by topic.

Subseries: Belgium Relief, Democratic Party, Kansas, Labor and Agriculture/Workingmen's Compensation, Law Enforcement, Legislation for the Mentally Disturbed, Misc. Speeches, Penitentiary, Prohibition, Roads, Unicameral Legislature and Efficient City and State Government, Red Cross, Schools, State Regulation of the Practice of Medicine, Taxes and Business Regulation, War and Patriotism, Women's Suffrage.

Series 3, People is comprised of individual folders relating to particular people that Hodges corresponded with, collected information on, or gave speeches about. The materials here range from signed letters to speeches, pamphlets, newspaper clippings, etc.

People in this category represent a variety ranging from close personal friends and allies to political opponents. People in this category are arranged alphabetically by last name. *Subseries:* William Jennings Bryan, Dr. J.R. Brinkley, Arthur Capper, John St. John, Walter Stubbs, William Allen White, Woodrow Wilson, Harry Woodring.

Series 4, Business Matters includes papers relating to various business dealings and holdings of George Hodges. In this category is everything from original speeches and letters to annual reports and drafts of contracts. Business dealings range from Hodges lumber company to banking, real estate, the newspaper business, and buying rugs from Persia for resale during WWI. The topics in this category are arranged alphabetically. *Subseries:* Banking, Johnson County Democrat (newspaper), Lumber Company, Olathe Building Co., Rugs.

Series 5, Personal and Family. This series contains information relating personally to George Hodges and his family. There is a great deal of family correspondence, much of it handwritten. There is also biographical information, medical records, and material relating to travels taken by the Hodges. These topics are arranged alphabetically. *Subseries:* Biographical Information, Family Correspondence, Medical Records, Travel.

Series 6, Community, relates to various community topics addressed by Hodges in one way or another that are not specifically tied to political goals. *Subseries:* Churches, Masonry, Olathe History.

SERIES DESCRIPTION

Box Nos.	Series
1	<u>POLITICAL CAREER; 1904-1920</u> Materials relating to Hodges political career. Most pertains to political campaigns and offices. <u>POLITICAL TOPICS; APPROX 1904-1937 (Bulk 1913-1920)</u> Materials relating to political topics of interest to Hodges as well as speeches. Arranged alphabetically.
2	<u>PEOPLE</u> Information on individual people. Includes speeches, letters, and articles. <u>BUSINESS MATTERS; 1916-1968</u> Material relating to business interests of the Hodges family.

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PERSONAL AND FAMILY; 1888-1947

George Hodges personal and family papers and correspondence.
Includes handwritten correspondence and materials related to trips.

COMMUNITY

Miscellaneous material, mainly speeches, relating to the
community but not specifically to a political agenda.

FOLDER TITLE LIST

Series 1: Political Career

Kansas Senate

Folder 11 – Some materials belong in Folder 10. Pamphlets, bill with voting record (penitentiary), Articles regarding service and legislation.

Folder 40 – speech – also potential candidate for governor.

Democratic Convention - 1910

Folder 1 – Pamphlets, platform, other materials

Gubernatorial Campaigns

Folder 2 – Pamphlets, platform, endorsements, speeches, anti Capper material, pro Thompson for senate material, anti Hodges,

See Folder 48 (Democratic Party) – speech.

Term as Governor

Folder 3-Certificate of election

Folder 4 – Inaugural address (bound pamphlet and articles)

Folder 6- Kansas Legislative Handbook

Folder 7 – Governor's message to legislature. (bound pamphlet)

Folder 25a – Original ledger pages. 1911-1915. Senate Ways and Means. Comparative Statement.

Folder 41 – speech or book chapter – details Governor Hodges Administration's contributions.

Possible Run for U.S. Senate

Folder 10- Letters supporting a run. One from J.C. Nichols

Folder 63 – speech – speaks of Hodges in 3rd person – advocates candidacy for U.S. Senate, details accomplishments as Governor.

Other Positions Held (Board of Regents for Kansas Schools, etc.)

Folder 24 – Articles. Hodges history included.

Political Cartoons

Folder 23

Series 2: Political Topics

Belgium Relief

Folder 18 – Pamphlets, declarations, articles, regarding Belgian relief during WWI, as well as WWI and awards to Governor Hodges resulting from his aid. 1914-1915.

Folder 50 – speech – details of Belgium relief effort.

Also see Folder 86 (Prohibition)

Democratic Party

Folder 48 – speech – April 11, 1914. Outlines achievements of past 16 months. Running for reelection.

Folder 65 – speech – Describes achievements of Democratic Party in Kansas and National politics.

Folder 76 – speech – Bellville, KS; March 14, 1914.

Folder 77 – speech – details Democratic Party achievements.

Kansas

Folder 52 – speech – Native Kansan – history of Kansas and its people

Labor and Agriculture, Workingmen's Compensation

Folder 26 – speech. – Agriculture and Labor in Kansas

Folder 28 – speech - Workingmen's Compensation Act

Folder 55 – speech – Labor – similar to folder 26.

Folder 70 – speech – Labor Day. Support of the laborer and arbitration to resolve contention.

Folder 78 – speech – Labor Industry – praises new currency bill. (Opening of a building, “home of one of the great trunk lines of these three states” (Missouri, Kansas, and Texas)).

Law Enforcement

Folder 60 – speech – Law Enforcement and the Attorney General

Legislation for Mentally Disturbed

Folder 45 – speech – supports eugenics and support for widowed mothers raising young children.

Misc Speeches

Folder 44 – speech - to medical doctors

Folder 56 – speech - never delivered, compiled from writings of E. Hubbard.

Folder 80 – speech – Independent Voters of Kansas (after both Capper and Reed's terms. Attempting to elect Harry Woodring.)

Folder 94 – speech – Miscellaneous Speeches 1) freemasonry. 2) To doctor's gathering.

Penitentiary

Folder 43 – speech - State Penitentiary Fire – replacement of building and equipment

Folder 72 – speech – State Penitentiary financial matters – one page outlines achievements. One page itemizes expenditures and remaining budget.

Folder 73 – speech – Rebuilding after fire. What has been done, what needs doing, recommendations.

Prohibition

Folder 21 – Pamphlet – Bleeding Kansas, other pamphlets, at least one 1914; fliers, small newspaper, articles, advertisements for speeches by Hodges. Most 1914-1918.
Folder 22 – Articles. Many regarding speeches made by Hodges from Texas to Minnesota, to Atlantic City, etc.
Folder 32- speech – 17pgs.
Folder 46 – speech – 22 pgs.
Folder 82 – speech – October. Delivered in California. Plus one page press release about upcoming speech.
Folder 83 – speech – in printed pamphlet - “Kansas’ Great Progress Prohibition” – 15th National Convention of the Anti-Saloon League of America; Columbus, OH; November 12, 1913. (While Governor.)
Folder 85 – speech
Folder 86 – speech – “Nothing Ails Kansas” – discusses claims made by The Cleveland Leader. Compares Ohio and Kansas statistics. Drought of 1913. Grain to Belgium.
Folder 87 – speech? - “The Destruction of Kansas” – by Henry Allen (satire).
Folder 88 – speech – “to be released to afternoon papers December 30, 1914.)
Folder 89- speech – discusses upcoming prohibition amendment.
Folder 90 – speech – 2 speeches – 1) Refutes states’ rights arguments against prohibition.
2) Refutes claim that saloons bring in more business.

Roads

Folder 5 – articles, speeches, bills, 1910-1927
Folder 49 – speeches – 2 different speeches – 1) Practical reasons for good roads; 2) Good Roads Convention.
Folder 69 – speeches – 3 speeches. 1) The Benefit of Good Roads; 2) Roads are the lifeblood of the country; 3) Good roads advance civilization and prosperity.

Unicameral Legislature and efficient City and State Government

Folder 8 – Pamphlets; material from Senator George Norris of Nebraska, speeches, articles, broadcasts, etc.
Folder 9 – Newspaper Clippings 1913-1937.
Folder 34 – speech – after 1913.
Folder 35 – speech
Folder 36 – speech
Folder 37 – speech
Folder 64 – speech – urges efficiency in city and state government.

Red Cross

Folder 19 – Certificate to Mrs. Hodges, thanks for service. Articles.
Folder 29 – speech – Also discusses standardization of medical training.
Folder 30 – speech – “Pittsburg” written at top. Discusses rebuilding Europe after WWI.

Schools

Folder 41- speech – Consolidation of rural schools
Folder 67 – speech – Given on the semi-centennial of the Agricultural College (Kansas State)

Folder 93 – speech – commencement speech, location unclear.

State Regulation of the Practice of Medicine

Folder 16 – Pamphlet – 1916, Articles – at least one 1915.

Folder 74 – speech – Attempts to standardize training, licensure, and regulation.

Folder 81 – speech – state regulation of the practice of medicine.

See also, Folder 29 – Red Cross

Taxes and Business Regulation

Folder 53 – speech – Payne-Aldrich Bill

Folder 59 – speech – Kansas Natural Gas Company and need to address problems.

Folder 61 – speech – promotes fair business and is anti oppression of the poor.

War and Patriotism – Commemorating Civil War, WWI and WWII, Star Spangled Banner

Folder 39 – speech – Promoting and justifying WWI. 3 copies

Folder 58 – speech – Commemorating soldiers of the Civil War

Folder 71 – speech – 100th Anniversary of the “Star-Spangled Banner”

Folder 92 –speech – In honor of Washington’s Birthday.

See Also Folder 30 – Red Cross

Women’s Suffrage

Folder 38 – speech

Folder 54 – speech – “The Why of the Democracy of Women”

Folder 57 – speech – “Political Parties and the Women of Kansas”

Folder 62 – speech – Suffrage and the Democratic Party – Emporia – April 3, 1914.

Folder 75 – speech

Folder 79 – speech – Emporia, KS – April 3, 1914.

Folder 84 – speech – Equal Suffrage – One pg. press release – “Speech of Gov. Hodges, Eureka, KS. 3-19-14”; also, speech.

Series 3: People

William Jennings Bryan

Folder 16 – Pamphlet, 1913; article, Hodges for Bryan; Speech by Bryan; Letter – signed from Bryan’s widow.

Folder 33 – speech - celebrating Bryan’s birthday.

Dr. J.R. Brinkley

Folder 27 – speech - 1930 Speech against Brinkley’s campaign.

Arthur Capper

Folder 17 – Pamphlets, speeches, articles, letters. Mainly related to gubernatorial campaigns.

John St. John

Folder 15 – Letters – one signed, 1914, from St. John, one – 1919 regarding St. John's widow's pension; Pamphlets – 1933, commemorative; articles – one 1914, Hodges for Prohibition; Speeches by Hodges, etc.

Walter Stubbs

Folder 66 – speech – anti-Stubbs campaign speech.

William Allen White

Folder 13 – Letters from White, signed. Articles about and by White, his work, his funeral. At least one by White mentions Hodges.

Woodrow Wilson

Folder 14 – Pamphlet – 1911. Articles regarding Wilson and Kansas politics, some mention Hodges.

Harry Woodring

Folder 20 – Articles, speeches, memorandums, etc.
See Folder 80 – Misc. Speeches.

Series 4: Business Matters

Banking

Folder 91 – speech – address to Banker's Convention

Folder 99 – Misc. Papers – First National Bank of Olathe – statement of condition reports, 1938, 1946; list of stockholders and shares, loans, properties, deposits, etc. 1930's and 40's

Folder 100 – Misc. Papers – First National Bank of Olathe – statement of condition booklet, 1968; articles, legal articles, etc. Appears to be research on possible buyers of bank.

Folder 101 – Misc. Papers – First National Bank of Olathe – Sale of Bank; negotiations, draft of contract, sellers and total purchase price to each, etc,

Johnson County Democrat

Folder 103 – Misc. Papers – Contract, 1933; leasing the Johnson County Publishing Company to publish the Johnson County Democrat. Two copies, unsigned.

Lumber Company

Folder 95 – Misc. Papers – Hodges Bros. Lumber Company, misc. matters.

Folder 96 – Misc. Papers – History of Hodges Bros. Lumber Co.

Folder 97 – Misc. Papers – Annual report of Countryside and Hickory Hills Properties. 1939.

Folder 98 – Misc. Papers – Olathe Milling Co. Proposed Sale.

Olathe Building Co.

Folder 111 – Olathe Building Co. 1938 – Annual profit statement and letter regarding

Rugs

Folder 104 – Misc. Papers – regarding sale of rugs from Persia, 1916-1919

Folder 105 – Misc. Papers – regarding sale of rugs from Persia, 1916-1945. Bulk 1915-1917.

Series 5: Personal and Family

Biographical Information

Folder 112 – Biographical information – typewritten and printed material. Several pages of autobiographical material. Program from funeral with obituary clippings.

Family Correspondence

Folder 25 – Correspondence with wife, Ora Hodges, 1914, during speaking tour. Handwritten.

Folder 109 – Misc. Papers – Correspondence with wife, Ora Hodges. Only two dates have been penciled in later, 1888 and Oct. 1905. Last is dated Oct. 22, 1905 and is titled “Babies’ first letter to her Da-Da.” It includes a baby’s footprint and handprint in blue paint

Medical Records

Folder 106 – Misc. Papers – Letters from doctors; letters from friends and newspaper clippings regarding his illnesses; medical records, etc. 1920-1932.

Travel

Folder 107 – Misc. Papers – Florida Clippings

Folder 108 – Misc. Papers – Travel abroad – letters of introduction or promising assistance. 1931-1938. Most regarding trips to Hawaii and Panama.

Series 6: Community

Churches

Folder 51- speech – given to Brotherhood of Euclid Avenue Methodist Church

Folder 68 – speech – Luther’s Lutheranism. History of Kansas linked with that of Lutheran Church.

Masonry

Folder 31 – speech – about our organization

Folder 47 – speech - March 6, 1914.

See Folder 94 – Misc. speeches.

Olathe History

Folder 102 – Misc. Papers – Santa Fe Trail – article in Johnson County Democrat, clipping and original

Miscellaneous Correspondence

Folder 110 – Misc. Papers – Dates 1911-1947 – Wide variety of correspondence. Ledger of loans, tax forms, personal letters, congratulations, Christmas greetings, Defense housing project, bank board, etc.

Folder 113 – Misc Papers – Wide variety of personal, business, and political correspondence.

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