M-351: Eugene Ware Letters
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## Summary Information

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<td><strong>Abstract</strong></td>
<td>Various letters to and from Ware, the author of &quot;The Indian War of 1864,&quot; relating to his work as the Commissioner of the Bureau of Pensions. Also includes material on the history of Kansas and letters regarding a squabble over Ware's land.</td>
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Biographical/Historical note

Eugene Fitch Ware (b. 1841), the United States Commissioner of Pensions (1902-1905), was born in Connecticut and lived for awhile in Iowa before settling in Kansas as a homesteader and commissioner. He also wrote poetry under the name 'Ironquill', wrote historical works (The Indian War of 1864 being possibly his most famous), was a lawyer, editor of The Fort Scott Monitor, and was elected to state office, as a state senator (1879-1883). Mr. Ware also served in the Civil War, where he was promoted from private to captain by the war's end. He was married to Jeanette P. Huntington of Rochester, New York in 1874 and died in 1911.

Scope and Contents note

This collection contains 65 pieces of correspondence and one photograph. The correspondence at times also contains attached newspaper clippings and publications - in such cases the attachments have been made note of in the item description. The correspondence has been arranged chronologically, with the addressee and addresser made note of, with titles of the persons involved sometimes included as well.

Administrative Information

Publication Information

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Related Materials

Related Archival Materials note
The Kansas Historical Society has a collection of Eugene F. Ware's papers, spanning from 1895 to 1911. The papers include personal, professional and military correspondence, as well as clippings, diaries, address books and a tubed document.

https://www.kshs.org/p/eugene-fitch-ware-papers/14133
**Collection Inventory**

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<th>To: E.F. Ware, Director Mcallister Choctaw Nation; From A.W. Davis</th>
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<tr>
<td>To: Eugene F Ware; From John A. Martin, member Nat'l Republican</td>
<td>8/9/1880</td>
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<td>To: Eugene F. Ware; From Drake DeKay, Secy Nat'l Com</td>
<td>8/12/1880</td>
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<td>To: Dir Sir; From: A. Leck, Ass't Adj't Gen.; Headquarters 2nd Kansas Brigade</td>
<td>8/24/1880</td>
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<td>To: My dear Ware; From: Louis Hanbock, Chaplain</td>
<td>12/10/1880</td>
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<td>To: Hon Eugene Ware, Senate Chamber of Topeka; From: G. Wood Davis</td>
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<td>To: Eugene Ware; From: J M Dennis</td>
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<td>To: E.F. Ware; From: Irving Davis</td>
<td>6/1/1885</td>
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<td>To: Eugene and Net---; From Reuben</td>
<td>9/25/1887</td>
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<td>To: Eugene F. Ware; From: Eugene L. Ware</td>
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**General note**

Contains genealogical table of 6 generations of Wares.
To: Eugene F. Ware; From Eugene L. Ware 4/15/1888

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To: L. H. Daggett; From E. F. Ware 12/19/1888

To E. F. Ware; From L. H. Daggett 2/18/1889

To: E. F. Ware; From S. R. DeLaus, W. J. Store, and A. A. Wavel 5/20/1889

To: Eugene F. Ware; From: J. Patterson 7/20/1889

To: My Dear Ware; From: H. J. Dennis, State of Kansas Librarian 1/3/1890

To: J. D. Vanfosseu; From E. F. Ware 4/2/1890

General note

Verso contains letter from Vanfosseu to Ware in response to original. Both correspondences are about a land dispute.

To: Hon E. F. Ware; From: DeLaus 5/20/1890

To: Dear Ware; From DeLaus 7/5/1890

To: Dear Ware; From DeLaus 7/18/1890
To: Dear Ware; From DeLaus 7/19/1890

To: Dear Ware; From DeLaus 7/24/1890

To: My Dear Ware; From: H. J. Dennis, State of Kansas Librarian 9/28/1890

To: Hon E. F. Ware; From: H. J. Dennis, State Librarian of Kansas 10/16/1890

To: E. F. Ware; From Abby 11/30/1890

**General note**

Daughter of E.F. Ware.

To: Dear Sir; From: Franklin E. Denton 9/26/1891

To: Dear Sir; From: Franklin E. Denton 10/18/1891

To: Hon Jud West; From E. F. Ware 11/18/1891

**General note**

W/ response from J. S. West

To: E. F. Ware; From: A. B. Denton 11/27/1891

To: Dear Friend; From: Franklin E. Denton 2/17/1892

To: E. F. Ware; From: D. - Anthony, Leavenworth Times 5/11/1892
To: My Dear Ware; From: H. J. Dennis 5/11/1892

General note
Contains tipped-in newspaper clippings, "Decline and Fall of the Roman Empire" and "An Indian Fight".

To: J. M. Anthony; From E. F. Ware 12/17/1892

To: Eugene F. Ware; From N. E. Dawson 4/3/1893

To: My Dear Old Friend; From N. E. Dawson 4/12/1893

General note
Contains newspaper clippings on Captain N. E. Dawson (Noble E. Dawson), former private stenographer to General Grant, prisoner of war in Texas during the Civil War, and stenographer of the U.S. House of Representatives, and also a clipping on General George R. Davis of the Civil War.

To: My Dear Mr. Ware; From: Davis 10/31/1893

General note
Contains newspaper clipping on an editorial article from The Sun, 'The Farmers and the Crisis'.

To: Henry C. Kellar; From E. F. Ware 1/23/1894

General note
With response from Keller
To: Davis; From: E. F. Ware 2/15/1894

**General note**

Contains response from

To: Dear Sir (Ware); From S.S. Ashburgh 3/11/1895

**General note**

Contains Chicago & Rock Island Railroad pass.

To: W .P. Dilworth; From E. F. Ware 12/3/1895

To: E. F. Ware; From: -- Heizer

To: Dear Sir [Ware]; From Frederick S. Willenbaugh 7/11/1897

To: Dear Sir [Ware]; From F. S. Wellenbaugh 8/10/1897

To: Dear Ware; From: Davis 4/7/1898

To: My Dear Ware; From: C. Wood Davis

To: My Dear Ware; From: C. Wood Davis 5/9/1898

**General note**

Contains clipping "Forecasts Realized" by C. Wood Davis from *The Kansas Farmer*, May 5 1898.
From: R. L. Dewey 5/13/1898

General note

Contains "Prospectus of 'Dewey' Family History, Being a History and Genealogy of Thomas Dewey, of Dorchester, Mass., and Windsor, Conn. and other Families named Dewey."

To: Dear Sir [Dewey]; From: T. K. Cummins, Jr. 6/30/1898

From: T. K. Cummins, Jr. 9/13/1898

To: Dear Ware; From: David N. Heizer 12/5/1898

From: T. K. Cummins, Jr. 12/29/1898

To: Dear Sir [Ware]; From T. Jefferson Coolidge, Jr. 1/12/1899

To: My Dear Ware; From: C. Wood Davis 2/7/1899

To: My Dear Ware; From: C. Wood Davis 2/17/1899

To: My Dear Ware; From: --- 11/25/1899

To: My Dear Captain Ware; From: W. ----- 2/23/1903

To: Dear Sir [Secretary of War]; From: E. F. Ware

To: Dear Sir [Ware]; From: Geo Whipple 10/1/1904
To: Dear Sir [Ware]; From Jas. E. Wood 12/12/1904

To: My Dear Ironquill [Ware]; From: Harry G. Wilson 3/2/1905

To: My dear Mr. Ware; From: V. Warner [Dept. of Interior] 9/27/1905

To: Friend Ware; From: V. Warner 10/24/1905

To: Dear Mr. Ware; From: William ---nnelley 9/3/1909

From: Rever n/d

**General note**

Contains poem "Dewey's Victory" by Eugene F. Ware of Kansas [newspaper clipping]

Photograph of E. F. Ware ca. 1898