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GOVERNOR PETER TURNEY
(1827-1903)
PAPERS
1893-1897

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INTRODUCTION

This finding aid covers the gubernatorial papers of Tennessee Governor Peter Turney, who served from 1893-1897. It consists of twenty-nine boxes of materials that consist of correspondence, subject files, applications for requisitions, applications and recommendations, petitions for pardons, requisitions, and other miscellaneous materials.

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BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

Peter Turney

(Democrat)

Turney, son of a prominent lawyer and politician, was born in Jasper in 1827. He studied law and established a practice with his father at Winchester. A staunch secessionist, he raised the first regiment of infantry from Tennessee, "Turney's First," and was commissioned its colonel during the Civil War. After the war he was elected in 1886. He inherited the convict lease system and prison riot problems that Buchanan had faced in his term. He was re-elected in the first contested gubernatorial election in Tennessee. During his term the prison system was reformed and improvements were made in public education. Turney died in 1903.

Source: *Tennessee Blue Book*, 1999-2000, p. 479.

CONTAINER LIST

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1. Correspondence – Governor - Peter Turney – 1893
2. Correspondence – General – Clarkson-Myndus – 1891-1892
3. Correspondence – General – Adams-Butham – 1893
4. Correspondence – General – Caldwell-Ewing – 1893
5. Correspondence – General – Fagan-Ingram – 1893
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7. Correspondence – General – Raines-Steger-1893
8. Correspondence – General – Tatum-Young – 1893
9. Correspondence – General – Alford-Cheney – 1894
10. Correspondence – General – Colburn-Grey – 1894
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13. Correspondence – General – Templeton-Young – 1894

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1. Correspondence – General – Allison-Jones – 1895
2. Correspondence – General – Carter-Woods – 1895
3. Correspondence – General – Allison-Derby – 1896
4. Correspondence – General – Griggs-Woodward – 1896
5. Correspondence – General – Barton – 1897
6. Miscellaneous Correspondence – Pickle-Toomey – 1892
7. Miscellaneous Correspondence – Blackburn-Thompson – 1893
8. Miscellaneous Correspondence – Allison-Taylor – 1894
9. Miscellaneous Correspondence – Andrews-Ramage – 1895
10. Miscellaneous Correspondence – Cox-Waller – 1896
11. Miscellaneous Correspondence – Mims-Williams – 1897-1898
12. Miscellaneous Material – 1893-1896

Box 3

1. Letter Book, 1894-1895
2. Telegrams – 1893-1897
3. Correspondence Re: Cal Creek Miners-Rebellion – 1892-1894
4. Special Subject Re: Annual Reports – 1893-1895
5. Special Subject Re: Coal Creek-Miners-Rebellion – 1892-1894
6. Special Subject Re: Committee Reports – 1893
7. Special Subject Re: Disputed Davidson County Election, 1894
8. Special Subject Re: Labor Problems in Turney Administration – 1893

9. Special Subject Re: Non-Union Labor – 1893
 10. Special Subject Re: Tennessee Penitentiary – 1893
- Oversize material: Election Returns - 1893

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Box 4

1. Commission, National Guards, State of Tennessee,
By Governor Turney – 1893 (sample)
2. Proclamations – 1893-1894-1895-1896
3. Reports – 1893-1894-1896-1897
4. Resolutions – 1893-1894
5. Tennessee vs. J. J. Dubose – 1893

Box 5

1. Applications and Recommendations – 1892
2. Applications and Recommendations – 1892

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1. Applications and Recommendations – 1893
2. Applications and Recommendations – 1893

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1. Applications and Recommendations – 1893
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1. Applications and Recommendations – 1893
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Box 9

1. Applications and Recommendations – 1893

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1. Applications and Recommendations – 1894
2. Applications and Recommendations – 1894

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1. Applications and Recommendations – 1895
2. Applications and Recommendations – 1895-1896

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Box 12

1. Applications and Recommendations – 1896
2. Applications and Recommendations – 1896

Box 13

1. Applications and Recommendations – Undated

Box 14

1. Court Summons, 1895

Box 15

1. Petitions for Pardon – Arn-Jon – 1893

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2. Petitions for Pardon – Laff-Wil – 1893

Box 16

1. Requisitions – Ass-Jon – 1893
2. Requisitions – Kel-Yor – 1893

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1. Requisitions – All-Nuc – 1894
2. Requisitions – O’Kes-Zuc – 1894

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Box 18

1. Requisitions – Ada-Lol – 1895
2. Requisitions – Mar-You – 1895

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1. Requisitions – Ada-Win – 1896

Box 20

1. Petitions for Pardon – Ada-Cru – 1895
2. Petitions for Pardon – Dan-Jon – 1894

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Box 21

1. Petitions for Pardon – Kee-Rin – 1894
2. Petitions for Pardon – Roa-Yon – 1894

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1. Petitions for Pardon – Ada-Cro – 1895

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1. Petitions for Pardon – Dan-Jus – 1895
2. Petitions for Pardon – Inm-Lyn – 1895

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1. Petitions for Pardon – Mau-Pur – 1895
2. Petitions for Pardon – Ran-Slo – 1895

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1. Petitions for Pardon – Smi-Tug – 1895
2. Petitions for Pardon – Val-Zet – 1895

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1. Petitions for Pardon – Adn-Bus – 1896

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2. Petitions for Pardon – Cal-Fre – 1896

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1. Petitions for Pardon – Gam-Lyt – 1896
2. Petitions for Pardon – Mad-Qua – 1896

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1. Petitions for Pardon – Rac-You – 1896

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2. Petitions for Pardon – Bur-Win – 1897

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1. Applications for Reward – Bag-You – 1893-1894
2. Pardons – Aki-Wri – 1893-1895

NAME INDEX

This index contains names of persons holding influential positions during this period. In some instances, however, correspondence is included because the content is important enough to warrant attention to the index. The figures in the parentheses immediately following each name denote the total number of letters in the folder from that person. The identifications of the writer and the site for where the letters were written are included whenever possible.

Box 1, Folder 5, 1893

General George W. Gordon, (1) Chairman, United Confederate Veterans Association, Memphis. Requests Turney's support in having Legislature pass an Act providing for Mrs. Jefferson Davis to receive a pension from each Southern State.

George B. Guild (1), Nashville. Tells of work being done by General A. P. Stewart toward locating positions of Tennessee troops in battle around Chattanooga.

W. H. Jackson (2) – Trustee, Ladies Hermitage Association, Belle Meade, Nashville.

Box 1, Folder 6, 1893

W. J. Nowlin (1) – Governor of Georgia, Atlanta.

Box 1, Folder 7, 1893

J. F. Shipp (1) – Commander, Nathan Bedford Forrest Camp, No. 3, Chattanooga.

Box 1, Folder 8, 1894

John Allison (2) – Nashville, Investigating bogus poll tax receipts used in November, 1894, election.

Box 1, Folder 10, 1894

W. J. Colburn (1) Special Agent, Phoenix Insurance Co., Chattanooga. Feels new Police Commissioner of Chattanooga should not be a Jew, drunkard, or gambler.

George W. Bikins (3) Grand-son of Governor Turney, Nashville.

Box 1, Folder 11, 1894

A. B. Newson (1) – Hartsville. Compliments Turney's speech at Murfreesboro supporting free enterprise.

Box 1, Folder 12, 1894

J. W. Sparks (1) – Consulate of the United States, Piedras Negros, Mexico.

Discusses new Tennessee penitentiary.

Box 1, Folder 13, 1894

Lowndes Turney (4) – Governor Turney's son, Long Island, Alabama.

SUBJECT INDEX

Listed below are notable subjects included in this collection. In some instances, the subject is brought out in only one letter, but the information contained therein is significant enough to warrant its inclusion in the index. When no date is given, the researcher can expect to find the subject mentioned throughout the collection.

1. Coal Creek Rebellion, 1893.
2. Confederate Pensions.
3. Mrs. Jefferson Davis, 1893.
4. Smallpox Epidemic, 1895.
5. State Prison, 1894.
6. Tennessee Centennial, 1896.
7. Tennessee Troops at Chickamauga (location), 1893.
8. Governor Turney's Health.