

# Bragg, Walter Lawrence

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## Summary Information

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<b>Repository:</b>	University Libraries Division of Special Collections, The University of Alabama
<b>Creator:</b>	Bragg, Walter Lawrence
<b>Title:</b>	Walter Lawrence Bragg letters
<b>ID:</b>	MSS.0200
<b>Date [inclusive]:</b>	1881-1882
<b>Physical Description:</b>	0.01 Linear Feet (14 items, 26 pieces ; photocopies)
<b>Language of the Material:</b>	English
<b>Abstract:</b>	Copies of incoming letters dated 1881-1882, from the Alabama state archives.

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## Biographical / Historical

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Walter Lawrence Bragg, son of P.N. and Martha W. Bragg, was born in Lowdnes County, Alabam, on 25 February 1838. When he was four, the family moved to Ouachita County, Arkansas, and grew up there. He graduated from Harvard in 1858 and practiced law in Camden, Arkansas. He rose to the rank of captain in the Army of Tennessee during the Civil War, after which he settled in Marion, Alabama. In 1871, he moved to Montgomery.

Bragg's political career began in 1874, when he was elected head of the Democratic State Executive Committee. He later was elected as Alabama's representative on the Democratic National Committee, and in 1880, was a presidential elector when the Democrats carried the state.

In early 1881, he was appointed President of the Alabama Railroad Commission. When his second term expired, he returned to his law practice in Montgomery. Bragg was the first president of the Interstate

Commerce Commission, appointed by President Grover Cleveland. He was influential in ending "carpetbag" rule in Alabama politics.

Suffering from war wounds, Bragg's health declined. On 21 August 1891, he died at Avon-by-the-Sea, New Jersey, following a two-year long illness.

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## Scope and Contents

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## Controlled Access Headings

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- Letters (correspondence)
- Business and Labor
- Railroads -- Alabama -- Records and correspondence
- Montgomery County (Ala.)
- Government, Law and Politics
- Bragg, Walter Lawrence

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## General

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## Collection Inventory

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Title/Description	Instances	
Letters	box 15	folder 42