

# Governor Aldrich

RG1 Nebraska. Governor  
SG24 Aldrich, Chester Hardy, 1862-1924

## BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE

Chester H. Aldrich, governor of Nebraska from 1911-1913, was born November 10, 1862 on a farm in Ashtabula County, Ohio, the oldest of five children. Attending Hillsdale College in Michigan for three years, he taught school on the side to help pay expenses. Later he went to Ohio State University, from which he graduated in 1888. Shortly after graduation, Aldrich came to Nebraska and settled in Ulysses, where he was appointed principal of the high school. Besides his duties as administrator and teacher, he studied law and was admitted to the Nebraska bar in 1890. A year later he moved to David City where he started a law practice. In addition to a soon extensive law practice, Aldrich was active in community affairs in David City, serving on the school board and the town council, as well as mayor. In 1906, Aldrich was elected to the state senate. Four years later he entered the Republican Primary as a candidate for governor, and won the nomination over two opponents. Aldrich won the governorship from his Democratic opponent by a comfortable majority, but the Democrats had control of the legislature. Thus, his leadership as governor was severely handicapped. Aldrich was renominated by the Republicans again in 1912, but was defeated by John H. Morehead. Following his term as Governor, Mr. Aldrich practiced law in Lincoln until he was selected for a position on the state supreme court in 1918. He died March 10, 1924 after a long illness which had prevented him from sitting in the court since June, 1923.

## SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

This subgroup consists of six boxes of the papers of Governor Chester Hardy Aldrich, arranged in two series: (1) General correspondence, 1911-1912; and (2) Miscellany, 1911-1912, and undated. This material relates to the affairs of the Governor's office during the administration of C. H. Aldrich, 1911-1913. The bulk of the collection consists of general correspondence, incoming and outgoing, regarding such matters as irrigation, prison problems, the organization of Arthur County, prohibition, conversation, general applications, letters of recommendations, etc. Additional items include applications for Commissioner of Deeds and petitions and proclamations. Of interest are materials relating to the Anti-Greek Riots of Omaha, 1909, and the state penitentiary outbreak of 1912.

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