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MSS #274

**JOHN Q. TILSON,  
PAPERS, 1917-1950.**

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### Introduction:

The Honorable John Q. Tilson was a successful lawyer, colonel, and congressman. He was born on 5 April 186<sup>9</sup> in Clearbranch, Tennessee. He attended Yale (class of 1891) and graduated from the Law School in 1893. After practicing law at New Haven's White and Daggett, the firm became White, Daggett, and Tilson. Representative in the General Assembly for two terms, he was Speaker of the House for the second term.

### The Collection:

This collection consists of 0.5 linear feet of material primarily containing John Q. Tilson's correspondence from 1917 to 1947. His numerous letters include messages written to Fiorella La Guardia (mayor of New York), to and from the White House, to and from Wendall L. Wilkie, and to various military officers regarding WWII transfers, promotions, and soldier body recovery. The collection also consists of proofs to *A Manual of Parliamentary Procedure*, his notes for various speeches, newspaper clippings, Carson-Newman College (Knoxville, TN) information, and other miscellaneous documents.

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