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## INTRODUCTION

Letters, receipts, speeches, newspapers, and pamphlets of a Ralls County politician. Included are business papers pertaining to the Ralls County branch of the St. Louis and Keokuk Railroad.

## DONOR INFORMATION

The papers were donated to the University of Missouri by Mary Dalton on 7 October 1946 (Accession No. 2871).

## BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

Richard Dalton was born in Tipperary, Ireland, on February 3, 1845. He came to the United States while a youth and enlisted in the U.S. Army, serving in the Civil War for four years. He was later admitted to the bar and was elected prosecuting attorney of Ralls County. He served as Commissioner for the Ralls County branch of the St. Louis and Keokuk Railroad. In 1892, he was the representative of Ralls County in the state legislature. In the same year he was defeated by William J. Stone for the Democratic nomination for governor. He was appointed U.S. Surveyor of Customs for the Port of St. Louis. Dalton died in Hannibal, Missouri, on August 28, 1925.

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