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**Introduction**

The collection consists of a single microfilm roll containing a scrapbook of newspaper clippings, correspondence, and personal manuscripts of Lawrence D. Bailey, a Kansas Politian, active in the Kansas agricultural circles and who served as the president of the State Agricultural Society. The bulk of the newspaper clippings concern the monetary questions of the 1870s.

Lawrence Dudley Bailey was born on August 26, 1819, in Sutton, New Hampshire. After receiving an academy education, Bailey read law in New Hampshire and was admitted to the Bar in 1846. In 1849, Bailey moved to California and returned in 1853 to continue his law practice in New Hampshire.

By 1857, Bailey had moved to Kansas as part of the Free State Movement. A year later, he was elected to the Territorial Legislature from the “Nineteen disfranchised counties.” In 1859, he was elected as the associate justice in the Supreme Court under the Wyandotte Constitution, a post he held until 1869. Bailey was also active in the Kansas agricultural circles and served as president of the State Agricultural Society from 1863 till 1867. Bailey died in October, 1891.

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