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#### INTRODUCTION

The collection consists of a letter written by John Alexander Martin, Governor of Kansas, to Captain P.H. Cone[r] concerning a meeting of the Grant Monument Committee expressing his support of a monument at the main entrance to the Capital grounds honoring the soldiers, sailors, and commanders of the great armies of the country.

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#### BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

Born in Brownsville, Fayette County, Pennsylvania, March 10, 1839, John Alexander Martin moved to Atchison, Atchison County, Kansas, in 1858 where he purchased the *Squatter Sovereign* and changed its name to the *Freedom's Champion*. Martin published this newspaper until his death. Martin was a fervent Free-State man, and an enthusiastic Republican. He served as a Republican delegate to Kansas state constitutional convention, 1859; was a member of Kansas state senate, 1859; a delegate to the Republican National Convention from Kansas, 1860, 1868. He was a general in the Union Army during the Civil War. After the war he became mayor of Atchison, Kansas, 1865; a member of Republican National Committee from Kansas, 1868-70, 1872; and Governor of Kansas from 1885 to 1889. He was the first Department Commander of the G.A.R. in Kansas, and active in any service for the veterans. The Soldiers Orphans Home at Atchison was in a great measure due to his labors. In 1878, he was appointed to the Board of Managers of the National Soldiers' Homes. He died of pneumonia, in Atchison, Kansas on October 2, 1889.

#### SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

The collection consists of a three-page letter on official State of Kansas, Executive Department letterhead, written by Governor John A. Martin and addressed to Captain P.H. Cone[r]. It concerns a meeting of the Grant Monument Committee to be held on September 23, 1885. He supports the building of a monument over the main

entrance to the Capital grounds, which would honor the soldiers, sailors, and commanders of the great armies of the country.

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