

**JOHN T. CUNNINGHAM PAPERS COLLECTION,  
1914 – 1944**

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## INTRODUCTION

The John T. Cunningham Papers Collection was donated by Howard Winn. The collection contains 1 box of approximately 300 items pertaining to the personal and professional affairs of Judge John T. Cunningham primarily during the 1930s. Access to this collection may be permitted for the purposes of personal and scholarly research. The Montgomery County Archives requires that the following credit line be used in all publications to identify that the image or document used is from its holdings: *Courtesy of the Montgomery County Archives*. Specific citation of where the image or document is located (collection, box, folder, etc.) should be made in an acknowledgements section, footnote, or bibliography.

## SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

In 2010, Howard Winn donated this collection to the Montgomery County Archives. This collection includes personal, business, and political correspondence of John T. Cunningham dating from 1914 to 1944. Letters, notes, and telegrams comprise the bulk of these papers. Checks, bills of sale, financial statements, and a political posters are also part of this collection.

John Talley Cunningham was a prominent judge in Montgomery County, Tennessee in the early twentieth century. An 1899 graduate of Vanderbilt Law School in Nashville, John T. Cunningham (as he was known) served as Speaker of the Tennessee House of Representatives from 1907-1909. Following his time in the House of Representatives, Cunningham made his home in Clarksville and practiced law. Cunningham also operated Minglewood, his farm, and helped found the Eastern Dark-Fired Tobacco Growers Association. In addition to his work in the court system, Cunningham cultivated approximately 20 acres of strawberries and other berries that he shipped via train to the Joseph Denunzio Fruit Company in Louisville, Kentucky. He also sold hay and straw to the military in the late 1930s. Cunningham had political connections in Washington, DC that he used to find government positions for family friends during the Great Depression. Personal correspondence with his Uncle Newell and Uncle Hugh show Cunningham looking after their financial affairs.

The John T. Cunningham Papers Collection is arranged based on type of correspondence and chronological order. Non-correspondence materials are arranged together. During the processing of this collection, paper clips and staples were removed from papers. A number of typed documents were in such brittle, fragile condition to warrant being copied onto acid-free paper. These originals were removed from the collection.

## CONTAINER LIST

### Box 1

1. Reunion Correspondence--Regarding Vanderbilt University Law Class of 1899 Reunions, John T. Cunningham with W.B. Marr, R. Boyte C. Howell, S. Vaughan Gardiner, etc., May 16, 1914 – June 2, 1931 (10 items)
  - List--Vanderbilt Law School Class of 1899 Graduates and Non-Graduates Mailing List, May 16, 1914
  - Telegram--Vanderbilt Law Class of 1899 to Honorable Charles N. Burch, Memphis, Tennessee, Western Union Telegram, celebrating their 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary, June 10, 1924 (copy)
  - Telegram--Vanderbilt Law Class of 1899 to Judge J.M. Dickinson, Chicago-, Illinois, Western Union Telegram, celebrating their 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary, June 10, 1924 (copy)
  - Letter--W.B. Marr to John T. Cunningham enclosing letters and a newspaper article for his wife's scrapbook, June 14, 1924 (3 items)
    - Newspaper Clipping--Article, "Law Class of '99 in Banquet Recalls 'Incident of the Poker,'" Nashville, Tennessee, June 11, 1924
    - Letter--W.B. Marr to H.H. Elmore discussing fiasco from newspaper and referring the letter to John T. Cunningham to advise him further on what of the farm to assign, June 14, 1924
  - Letter--R. Boyte C. Howell to John T. Cunningham confirming he sent telegrams to Judge Dickinson and Mr. Burch as per the enclosed copies; mentions enjoyment as seeing him yesterday and anticipates entertainment when bridge opens in December, June 11, 1924
  - Letter--Alumni Association of Vanderbilt University to John T. Cunningham inviting him to Law Class of 1899 dinner on June 7 at the Noel Hotel; note on back from R.B.C. Howell, May 18, 1931
  - Letter--S. Vaughan Gardiner to John T. Cunningham stating he mailed an invitation to the Reunion Dinner of the Vanderbilt University Law Class of 1899 and requesting his presence at the Noel Hotel dinner on June 7, 1931; Postscript by W.B. Marr, May 28, 1931
  - Letter--John T. Cunningham to S. Vaughan Gardiner, Nashville, Tennessee, acknowledging receipt of letter and confirming his attendance at the Reunion Dinner of the Vanderbilt University Law Class of 1899 on Sunday, June 7<sup>th</sup>, 1931 at the Noel Hotel, June 2, 1931
2. Family Business Correspondence--John T. Cunningham, Clarksville, Tennessee, and James N. Cunningham (Uncle Newell), Evanston, Illinois, February 27, 1929 – April 14, 1944 (26 items)

- Promissory Note--J.N. Cunningham promises to pay John T. Cunningham \$400 on or before six months. "To secure payment of this note I assign and attach hereto stock certificate No. P A 8084 for 20 shares of North West Utilities 7% Cumulative Dividend stock...", February 27, 1929
- Letter--J.N. Cunningham to John T. Cunningham discussing his long-time illness and hoping for him to come visit, March 18, 1938
- Letter--John T. Cunningham to Uncle Newell noting receipt of letter yesterday, expressing sympathy for his health, and stating he cannot come to Chicago due to work, but Chap and he plan to visit in the middle of April, March 22, 1938
- Letter--J.N. Cunningham to John T. Cunningham asking for \$950 by March 30, March 24, 1938 (2 pp.)
- Letter--John T. Cunningham to Uncle Newell noting receipt of March 24<sup>th</sup> letter; discusses loan of \$950, note due in six month from March 30, 1938 with stock attached as collateral security, check for \$350 to pay interest, March 26, 1938
- Letter--J.N. Cunningham to John T. Cunningham thanking him for his special delivery, discusses depression, and states he will return signed note and stock within 2-3 days, March 27, 1938
- Letter--John T. Cunningham to Uncle Newell noting Chap and he will leave on Saturday afternoon (June 4<sup>th</sup>) on the 7:35 L & N train and arrive sometime Sunday morning, June 1, 1938
- Letter--John T. Cunningham to Uncle Newell noting receipt of his letter; states it will be all right to renew or extend the note or sell the stock, September 17, 1938
- Letter--J.N. Cunningham to John T. Cunningham noting receipt of September 17<sup>th</sup> letter; discusses selling stock and his poor health, September 21, 1938
- Letter--J.N. Cunningham to John T. Cunningham enclosing \$28.50 check to cover interest on note of \$950 for six months at 6%, September 29, 1938
- Letter--J.N. Cunningham to John T. Cunningham stating he has sold the 10 shares of stock, October 20, 1938
- Telegram--Western Union Telegram regarding stock: "Have you mailed stock as requested my letter Thursday" "Stock sent by registered special delivery mail yesterday. Should be there," October 22, 1938
- Registered Mail--Post Office Department Receipt for Registered Article No. 584, Return to John T. Cunningham, Clarksville, Tennessee, stamped Evanston, Illinois, October 24, 1938
- Letter--J.N. Cunningham to John T. Cunningham enclosing check for \$953.85 in payment of note and interest, October 26, 1938
- Letter--John T. Cunningham to Uncle Newell noting he received \$953.85 check in payment of note; hopes that his dizziness improves and sends love to him, Aunt Hattie, and Mary Nelson, October 27, 1938

- Letter--John T. Cunningham to Uncle Newell noting he received registered letter enclosing stock certificate and has enclosed \$200 check; discusses the failure of the 1938 tobacco crop due to black fire and wild fire, April 5, 1939
  - Letter--John T. Cunningham to Uncle Newell noting he received August 31<sup>st</sup> letter and will be glad to extend the note as requested; sends love to Uncle Newell, Aunt Hattie, and Mary Nelson, September 2, 1939
  - Letter--John T. Cunningham to Uncle Newell noting he received his letter and will expect to see him in Clarksville the following week, August 16, 1940
  - Letter--J.N. Cunningham to John T. Cunningham from J.N. Cunningham discussing he last saw him in August 1940, his health ailments, and the \$400 he owes him, March 7, 1944
  - Letter--John T. Cunningham to Uncle Newell stating he can sell his 20 shares of North West Utilities Company stock, send him \$400, and keep the balance, March 10, 1944
  - Letter--Uncle Newell to John Cunningham regarding receipt of letter and stock, discusses his family's health, March 13, 1944
  - Letter--Uncle Newell to John Cunningham updating him on the progress in selling stock, March 24, 1944 (7 pp.)
  - Letter--Uncle Newell to John T. Cunningham regarding sale of 20 shares of the Northwest Utilities Company, April 5, 1944 (2 pp.)
  - Letter--John T. Cunningham to Uncle Newell stating he received check for \$662.78 for 20 shares of Northwest Utilities Company, keeping \$400 and mailing balance to Mary N. Cunningham, April 10, 1944
  - Letter--J.N. Cunningham to John T. Cunningham, returning misdated check, in poor health with pus in urine, April 12, 1944
  - Letter--John T. Cunningham to Uncle Newell expressing apologies for misdating a check May 10 instead of April 10, April 14, 1944
3. Family Business Correspondence--Regarding Proctor Family, John T. Cunningham with Hugh D. Cunningham, Cora Cunningham, etc., January 1, 1937 – February 12, 1938 (11 items)
- Statement--Listing 19 days of work for Buford Proctor, January 1, 1937 – March 27, 1937
  - Statement--Listing 19 days of work for David Proctor, January 5, 1937 – March 16, 1937
  - Statement--Listing 20 days of work for Grady Proctor, January 1, 1937 – March 27, 1937
  - Statement--Listing 28 days of work for Tom Proctor; noted that “mules time 14 days in year of 1937” on back, January 1, 1937 – December 29, 1937

- Note--Cora Cunningham to John T. Cunningham requesting checks, signed by Hugh D. Cunningham, February 5, 1938
  - Statement--Hugh D. Cunningham to John T. Cunningham discussing James Proctor buying \$65 worth of furniture from sister Inez and paying \$15 out of this year's crop; doesn't know what to think of his labor bill; requests John to make judgment on matter, February 7, 1938
  - Note--Hugh D. Cunningham to John T. Cunningham stating to not pay James Proctor any money out of his half of tobacco, February 7, 1938
  - Statement--Account settled between Dr. Will Cunningham, representing H.D. Cunningham, and T.P. Proctor, \$78.96 paid out of H.D. Cunningham's 1/3 proceeds of tobacco sold during 1937, Dickson County, Tennessee, January 1, 1938 – February 11, 1938
  - Note--Hugh D. Cunningham to John T. Cunningham requesting to write \$23.15 check to M.F. Freeman, \$6.00 check to Florence Gafford for services for 3 weeks; notes that he thinks he can get settlement with Proctor without any trouble, ca. February 12, 1938
  - Statement--Hugh D. Cunningham discussing work and land use agreement with Tom Proctor, 1938 (3 pp.)
  - Note--Cora Cunningham to John T. Cunningham discussing Proctor Family; requesting \$10 check for Harriet and \$9 check for W.F. Freeman, ca. 1938 (2 pp.)
4. Family Business Correspondence--John T. Cunningham with Hugh D. Cunningham, Cora Cunningham, Dr. Will Cunningham, and Harriett C. Dillard, October 16, 1937 - March 16, 1938 (21 items)
- Promissory Note--Harriette C. Dillard, Clarksville, Tennessee, promise to pay to order of Gracey Warehouse, \$20.00 with interest for advance on 1 acre of dark tobacco in 8<sup>th</sup> district of Dickson County, Tennessee, October 16, 1937
  - Check--Hugh D. Cunningham, Check, First National Bank, pay to order of Curtis Williams, \$7.00; Returned by the First National Bank of Clarksville for insufficient funds, November 22, 1937 (2 items)
  - Promissory Note--Harriette C. Dillard, Clarksville, Tennessee, promise to pay to order of Gracey Warehouse, \$10.00 with interest for advance on 1 acre of dark tobacco in 8<sup>th</sup> district of Dickson County, Tennessee; paid by John T. Cunningham written on front, December 15, 1937
  - Check--Cora Cunningham, \$5.00, Pay to the Order of Kleeman & Co., Cora L. Cunningham; Returned by the First National Bank of Clarksville for insufficient funds, January 1, 1938 (2 items)
  - Statement--H.D. Cunningham, Sr. at W.F. Freeman Store for fertilizer for Spring 1937; note to John T. Cunningham to send a check to W.F. Freeman for this Dillard charge to his account, February 12, 1938

- Note--Hugh D. Cunningham to John T. Cunningham requesting to write \$8.00 check to Harriett for some mule shoes, cigars, and groceries, February 14, 1938
  - Statement--Account statement from Clarksville Piggly Wiggly noting that they are holding a \$15.00 check from First National Bank dated November 29, 1937 signed by Hugh D. Cunningham, February 15, 1938
  - Note--Hugh D. Cunningham to John T. Cunningham requesting to write \$12.00 check to Cora, \$2.50 check to Harriett, and give Harriett the Piggly Wiggly check, ca. February 15, 1938
  - Statement--Receipts and Disbursements of H.D. Cunningham Account, February 1938 – April 1938 (2 items)
  - Check--John T. Cunningham, The First National Bank of Clarksville, pay to the order of W.F. Freeman, \$23.15, for H.D. Cunningham's fertilizer bill, February 15, 1938
  - Note--Hugh D. Cunningham to John T. Cunningham requesting to write a \$12.00 check to Cora to pay for work to the men here on the place, February 19, 1938
  - Letter--W.E. Beaumont, of Perkins and Miller, to Hugh D. Cunningham stating that his \$15.00 check dated December 10, 1937 was returned by the First National Bank for insufficient funds, February 24, 1938
  - Statement--Clarksville Harness and Hardware Company, sold to H.D. Cunningham, \$12.21, Clarksville, Tennessee, February 24, 1938
  - Note--Hugh D. Cunningham to John T. Cunningham requesting to write Harriett a \$15.00 check to buy some canvas and flour and a few other items, March 8, 1938
  - Note--W.F. Freeman to John T. Cunningham stating that Hugh Cunningham sent an order to pay \$23.15 for 1937 fertilizer, requests to be sent check by bearer, March 15, 1938
  - Letter--John T. Cunningham to Boillin-Harrison Company sending a check for \$110.40 in payment of H.D. Cunningham's account; request for them to send itemized account marked PAID, March 16, 1938
  - Statement--Boillin-Harrison Company Incorporated, Wholesale Dealers in Groceries and Field Seeds, H.D. Cunningham, March 16, 1938 – March 17, 1938
  - Statement--The Elder-Conroy Hardware Company, Wholesale Hardware, Sold to Mr. H.D. Cunningham, June 9, 1937 – December 9, 1937, Bought by Mrs. Harriett Dillard, \$13.60 Check Returned, March 16, 1938
  - Letter--John T. Cunningham to the Elder-Conroy Hardware Company from John T. Cunningham enclosing check for \$13.60 to cover H.D. Cunningham's account and check; request for them to send itemized account and check, March 16, 1938
5. Family Business Correspondence--John T. Cunningham with Hugh D. Cunningham, Cora Cunningham, Dr. Will Cunningham, and Harriett C. Dillard, March 19, 1938 - October 13, 1938 (21 items)

- Note--Hugh D. Cunningham stating to give Cora a check for \$18.00, Paid by Check, March 19, 1938
- Note--Hugh D. Cunningham to John T. Cunningham stating to give Harriett a check for \$12.00 for Papa (Hugh D. Cunningham), March 21, 1938
- Check--Harriett C. Dillard, Cumberland, Furnace, Tennessee, Stayton Bank and Trust Co., Pay to the Order of Columbia Product Co., \$20.00, March 23, 1938
- Statement--Customer Invoice, Purity Ice Cream and Candy Co., Wholesale Candy, Ice Cream, Tobacco, Sold to Dr. W.M. Cunningham, \$3.50, January 4, 1937, Paid by Check by Mrs. Harriett C. Dillard, March 26, 1938
- Letter--John T. Cunningham to Dr. Will M. Cunningham stating that Uncle Hugh Cunningham's note for \$425 is due at the First National Bank on April 8 and sending a 6-months renewal note for him to sign; mentions that Harriett is signing notes and money from parties, including Gracey Warehouse, April 6, 1938
- Letter--John T. Cunningham to Dr. Will M. Cunningham, Cumberland Furnace, Tennessee, enclosing Mutual Benefit Life Insurance Policy #216060 on the life of Hugh D. Cunningham, July 18, 1938
- Note--Canceled checks of H.D. Cunningham in bank and balanced under date of March 2, 1938 were given to Dr. Will Cunningham, October 13, 1938
- Note--Hugh D. Cunningham to John T. Cunningham to write a check to John S. Daniel for \$12.06 to cover check he is holding for Harriett, ca. 1938
- Deposit Slip--First National Bank of Clarksville, Check against Mrs. Harriett Dillard, \$12.06, Bank of Charlotte, ca. 1938
- Note--Hugh D. Cunningham to John T. Cunningham requesting to give Harriett a check for \$4.00; mentions he has placed money with Will and will not worry John so much, ca. 1938
- Note--\$12.75, at 75 cents per day for five Heath? family members (includes Edward, Leon, Ellis), ca. 1938
- Note--Hugh D. Cunningham to John T. Cunningham requesting to write Harriett a \$12.75 check to pay the Hauds?, ca. 1938
- Note--Hugh D. Cunningham to John T. Cunningham requesting to write Florence Gafford a \$12.00 check to purchase a dress and coat, ca. 1938
- Note--Harriett Dillard to John T. Cunningham to write Florence Gafford a \$4.00 check and \$8.00 check to Harriett, ca. 1938
- Note--Hugh D. Cunningham to John T. Cunningham requesting to write Harriett a \$7.00 check to buy Cora shoes and other items, ca. 1938
- Note--Hugh D. Cunningham to John T. Cunningham requesting to write Harriett a \$6.00 check to buy some sheeting, etc., ca. 1938



- Note--Hugh D. Cunningham to John T. Cunningham requesting to write a \$15.00 check to Henry Batey for four shoats and a \$3.00 check to Harriett for some groceries, ca. 1938
  - Note--Hugh D. Cunningham to John T. Cunningham requesting to write \$5.00 check to H.D. Cunningham, Jr. for plow, \$18.00 check to Harriett to buy seeds, pebbles, fertilizer, and weeding hoes, ca. 1938
  - Statement--Account between Hugh D. Cunningham and H.M. Heath, ca. 1938
  - Statement--Listing items, including acid phosphate, pounds of soda, kerosene, saw dust, Willie Batey, ca. 1938
  - Note--Hugh D. Cunningham authorizing John T. Cunningham to sign his name to membership in the Dark Fired Tobacco Co-operation Association, ca. 1938
6. Agricultural Business Correspondence--Letter, John T. Cunningham to S.H. Holly, Lexington, Kentucky, requesting 1 ounce of burley seed and will send check, January 28, 1930 (1 item)
7. Agricultural Business Correspondence--Regarding the Sale of Strawberries and Berries, John T. Cunningham, Clarksville, Tennessee, and Jos. Denunzio Fruit Company, Louisville, Kentucky, March 21, 1938 – May 20, 1939 (29 items)
- Letter--Vincent L. Denunzio of Jos. Denunzio Fruit Co. to John T. Cunningham regarding Mr. Quinn phoning him about his 20 acres of strawberries he wishes to establish an outlet in advance of harvest, will be pleased to handle his berries, March 21, 1938
  - Letter--John T. Cunningham to Mr. Vincent L. Denunzio of Jos. Denunzio Fruit Co., Inc. about selling his berries this year; daughter Mrs. Wayne Quin lives in Louisville, March 23, 1938
  - Bill of Sale--6 crates of strawberries, net proceeds \$16.70, handwritten note from JTC stating he prepaid express charges and will continue to do so for future shipments, May 4, 1938 (2 copies)
  - Receipt--Jos. Denunzio Fruit Co., Receipt for \$16.70 for 6 crates of strawberries – Lot No. 627, ca. May 4, 1938
  - Letter--John T. Cunningham to Jos. Denunzio Fruit Co. regarding six crates of strawberries recently sold, wants refund for express charge of \$1.97 he paid when berries were shipped; will continue to send berries express prepaid, May 5, 1938
  - Receipt--Jos. Denunzio Fruit Co., Refund for express charges deducted from our sale of May 4, express charges prepaid, ca. May 5, 1938
  - Bill of Sale--7 crates berries sold for John T. Cunningham, \$21.60 net proceeds, Jos. Denunzio Fruit Co., Louisville, KY, May 5, 1938 (2 copies)
  - Receipt--Jos. Denunzio Fruit Co., Receipt for \$21.60 for 7 crates of strawberries – Lot No. 645, ca. May 5, 1938
  - Bill of Sale--12 crates berries sold for J.T. Cunningham, \$45.90 net proceeds, Jos. Denunzio Fruit Co., Louisville, KY, May 9, 1938 (2 copies)

- Bill of Sale--10 crates strawberries sold for J.T. Cunningham, \$27.00 net proceeds, Jos. Denunzio Fruit Co., Louisville, KY, May 9, 1938 (2 copies)
  - Bill of Sale--40 crates berries sold for John T. Cunningham, \$90.00 net proceeds, Jos. Denunzio Fruit Co., Louisville, KY, May 11, 1938 (2 copies)
  - Bill of Sale--Blank Basis of Accounting Form for Jos. Denunzio Fruit Co., Louisville, Kentucky, ca. 1938
  - Letter--John T. Cunningham to Jos. Denunzio Fruit Co. asking that they handle his strawberry crop this year, April 26, 1939
  - Letter--Vincent L. Denunzio, of Jos. Denunzio Fruit Co., to John T. Cunningham stating they would be pleased to handle Cunningham's berries under same conditions and terms as last season, will advise if nearby harvests overlay and create undesirable market for TN berries, April 27, 1939
  - Bill of Sale--27 crates strawberries sold for John T. Cunningham, \$54.38 net proceeds, Jos. Denunzio Fruit Co., Louisville, KY, May 17, 1939 (2 copies)
  - Bill of Sale--19 crates strawberries sold for John T. Cunningham, \$44.44 net proceeds, Jos. Denunzio Fruit Co., Louisville, KY, May 17, 1939 (2 copies)
  - Bill of Sale--23 crates strawberries sold for John T. Cunningham, \$43.45 net proceeds, Jos. Denunzio Fruit Co., Louisville, KY, May 18, 1939 (2 copies)
  - Bill of Sale--32 crates strawberries sold for John T. Cunningham, \$67.65 net proceeds, Jos. Denunzio Fruit Co., Louisville, KY, May 19, 1939 (2 copies)
  - Bill of Sale--21 crates strawberries sold for John T. Cunningham, \$39.67 net proceeds, Jos. Denunzio Fruit Co., Louisville, KY, May 20, 1939 (2 copies)
8. Agricultural Business Correspondence--Regarding Strawberry Plants, John T. Cunningham, Clarksville, Tennessee, and J.A. Bauer, Judsonia, Arkansas, February 22, 1939 (1 item)
- Letter--John T. Cunningham to Mr. J.A. Bauer asking to quote prices on 50,000 strawberry plants (10000 Klondike, 10000 Premier, 10000 Blakemore, 15000 Aroma, 5000 Gandy), February 22, 1939
9. Agricultural Business Correspondence--Regarding Military Bids & Receipts for Hay and Straw, John T. Cunningham, Clarksville, Tennessee, December 28, 1935 – March 18, 1940 (22 items)
- Certified Statement--John T. Cunningham, all provisions met, bill correct, and payment not received for \$226.54, 20276 lbs. of No. 2 Timothy Hay, baled, 10000 lbs. of Lespedeza Hay, baled, and 10800 lbs. of straw, baled, December 28, 1935
  - Government Form--John T. Cunningham, Instruction for Bidders, Office of the U.S. Property and Disbursing Officer for Tennessee, March 9, 1936 – March 16, 1936 (5 pp.)

- Government Form--Instructions to Dealers, War Department, Office of the United States Property and Disbursing Officer, W.H. Hyde, Nashville, Tennessee, March 23, 1936
- Supply Contract Bid-- John T. Cunningham, Standard Government Short Form Contract Invitation for Bids, W.H. Hyde, Nashville, Tennessee, June 5, 1936 – June 10, 1936 (2 pp.)
- Government Form--W.H. Hyde, Letter notifying John T. Cunningham of award for forage supplies to be delivered prior to June 30, 1936, June 15, 1936 (3 pp.)
- Purchase Order- John T. Cunningham, War Department Purchase Order No. 36/287, June 15, 1936
- Certified Statement--John T. Cunningham, Statement that 20832 bounds of No. 2 Timothy Hay, baled, and 5400 lbs. of baled wheat straw, \$175.49, are of the growth, production or manufacture of the United States, Purchase Order No. 36/287, June 29, 1936
- Letter--John T. Cunningham to W.H. Hyde, Nashville, Tennessee, noting he mailed bill for hay and straw delivery of \$176.49 on June 29 and requesting payment, July 31, 1936
- Supply Contract Bid--John T. Cunningham, Standard Government Short Form Contract Invitation for Bids, W.H. Hyde, Nashville, Tennessee, March 3, 1937 – March 20, 1937 (2 pp.)
- Purchase Order--John T. Cunningham, War Department Purchase Order No. 37/182, 9000 lbs. of straw, wheat, baled, W.H. Hyde, Nashville, Tennessee, March 23, 1937
- Certified Statement--John T. Cunningham, Statement that bill for 9240 lbs. of straw, wheat, baled, \$43.89, is correct and payment not received, Purchase Order No. 37/182, April 5, 1937
- Letter--John T. Cunningham to Captain W.W. Barksdale stating the 21130 lbs. of hay delivered to Troop F and requesting certification of delivery to receive payment, July 26, 1937
- Letter--Frank F. Dinges to John T. Cunningham, War Department, Office of the Quartermaster, St. Louis, Missouri, regarding delivery of feeding hay, Purchase Order 2981, request reason for delay in supply, July 5, 1938
- Letter--John T. Cunningham to Frank F. Dinges, Delivery of feeding hay, Purchase Order 2981, held up at request of Captain Barksdale, who stated his barn foreman wanted to make suitable storage place in building, commenced delivery of hay today, July 7, 1938
- Letter--John T. Cunningham, Purchase Order No. 2981 Statement that bill for hay of \$230.40 is correct and payment has not been received, July 9, 1938

- Purchase Order--Harry A. Vacquerie, St. Louis, Missouri, War Department Purchase Order, John T. Cunningham, contractor, Hay, Feeding, Baled, \$206.25, December 9, 1939 (2 pp.)
  - Letter--Harry A. Vacquerie, St. Louis, Missouri, to John T. Cunningham noting actions to be taken to make delivery of Purchase Order No. 1598 as specified, December 12, 1939
  - Certified Statement--John T. Cunningham, Notarized statement that bill for 33,100 lbs. of hay, feeding, baled, \$206.87, is correct and payment not received, Purchase Order No. 1598, December 22, 1939
  - Letter--John T. Cunningham to Finance Officer, U.S. Army, St. Louis, Missouri, stating delivery of contract No. 801 to Commanding Officer, Troop K, 109<sup>th</sup> Cavalry, Tennessee, and expectation that check for \$206.87 will be sent without delay, December 23, 1939
  - Government Form--Quartermaster form letter discussing shipment and deliver of a purchase order, St. Louis, Missouri, ca. 1939 (blank form)
  - Billing Statement--John T. Cunningham's Account, U.S. Army, St. Louis, Missouri, January 4, 1940
  - Letter--John T. Cunningham to E.L. Pruitte, Woodlawn, Tennessee, about enclosed check for \$35.04 for amount due on 5840 lbs. of clover hay, March 18, 1940
10. Supply Contract Bid--John T. Cunningham, Standard Government Form of Invitation for Bids (Supply Contract), St. Louis, Missouri, May 9, 1939 – May 25, 1939 (14 pp.)
11. Supply Contract Bid--John T. Cunningham, Standard Government Form of Invitation for Bids (Supply Contract), St. Louis, Missouri, August 21, 1939 – September 6, 1939 (13 pp.)
12. Supply Contract Bid--John T. Cunningham, Standard Government Form of Invitation for Bids (Supply Contract), St. Louis, Missouri, November 27, 1939 (14 pp.)
13. Supply Contract Bid--John T. Cunningham, Standard Government Form of Bids (Supply Contract), May 21, 1940 – May 28, 1940 (16 pp.)
14. Business Correspondence--Regarding Hanratty Estate, John T. Cunningham, Clarksville, Tennessee, with Mary M. Hanratty, etc., October 10, 1934 – February 5, 1937 (29 items)
- Letter--John T. Cunningham to Mary M. Hanratty, Louisville, Kentucky, regarding offer from Sinclair Oil interest, 30 days' option on the North Street lots for \$4000 cash instead of \$4500 price she wants, October 10, 1934
  - Telegram--Mary Maratty (Mary M. Hanratty), Louisville, Kentucky, to Judge John Cunningham to "give man option on Second Street Lot at four thousand dollars cash the purchaser to pay this year's taxes," October 13, 1934
  - Letter--F.E. van der Veer, District Inspector, to John T. Cunningham regarding the age of Mary E. Hanratty, December 4, 1934

- Letter--Mary M. Hanratty, Louisville, Kentucky, to John T. Cunningham regarding income tax reports, January 29, 1935 (2 pp.)
- Letter- John T. Cunningham to Mary M. Hanratty, Louisville, Kentucky, regarding income tax reports, January 30, 1935
- Letter--Mary M. Hanratty, Louisville, Kentucky, to John T. Cunningham stating she got Mr. Bailey to vote for her in the street paving question on Madison Street and asking Cunningham to act for her in the issues of trees on her property, March 4, 1935
- Envelope--Louisville, KY envelope addressed to Judge John T. Cunningham, Clarksville, TN, March 4, 1935
- Letter--John T. Cunningham to Mary M. Hanratty, Louisville, Kentucky, stating he will look after the trees on her place, March 6, 1935
- Letter--Chas V. Runyon?, City of Attorney, to John T. Cunningham notifying him of City Council resolution that all property owners on part of Madison Street being rebuilt are required to make connections with the new water main with lead, copper or brass piping, May 8, 1935
- Letter--City Attorney of Clarksville, Tennessee to Mrs. Hanratty, Louisville, Kentucky, about Madison Street property owners needing to make connections with the new water main with lead, copper, or brass piping, cc Judge J.T. Cunningham, May 8, 1935
- Letter--Mary M. Hanratty, Denver, Colorado, to John T. Cunningham stating she is depositing the Dunlop Milling check to the credit of the estate of Mrs. Sarah A. Hanratty and forward her the entire balance due, and have the court dismiss her as administrator of the estate, July 8, 1935 (2 pp.)
- Letter--John T. Cunningham to Mary M. Hanratty, Denver, Colorado, regarding the settlement of the Mrs. Sarah A. Hanratty estate, July 11, 1935
- Letter--Mary M. Hanratty to John T. Cunningham regarding balance in First National Bank, Dunlop Mill settlement, and question about something in lawyer's letter, July 16, 1935
- Letter--John T. Cunningham to Mrs. Hanratty, Denver, Colorado, regarding settlement amounts of estate of Mrs. Sarah Hanratty, July 19, 1935
- Letter--Mary M. Hanratty to John T. Cunningham requesting him to look over the enclosed letter and discussing estate business, July 22, 1935
- Letter--United States National Bank of Denver to Mary M. Hanratty requesting copy of Court letter of appointment authorizing signatures on her account; note to John T. Cunningham to send the court letter of appointment to the bank, July 23, 1935
- Letter--John T. Cunningham to Mary M. Hanratty acknowledging receipt of July 22<sup>nd</sup> letter and enclosed letter written by David C. Hunter that he mailed to him as requested; discusses settlement of the estate, July 25, 1935

- Letter--Mary M. Hanratty to John T. Cunningham requesting him to look over letters and checks to be sent to Hunter Lexington; notes receipt of statement from Conroy heirs and that she mailed checks, August 5, 1935
  - Letter--Mary M. Hanratty to John T. Cunningham enclosing papers concerning estate of Mrs. Sarah A. Hanratty and asking to be dismissed from the estate of John Hanratty, August 12, 1935
  - Letter--John T. Cunningham to Mary M. Hanratty, Denver, Colorado, acknowledging letter with receipts filed with clerk, order discharging her as administrator of Sarah A. Hanratty's estate, returning Hunter's letter, and noting he can have court order to discharge her as executor of John's estate if all debts paid, August 14, 1935
  - Letter--Mary M. Hanratty to John T. Cunningham regarding closing John's estate, September 10, 1935 (3 pp.)
  - Letter--John T. Cunningham to Mary M. Hanratty, Denver, Colorado, regarding fixing executrix commission at \$7909.42, September 12, 1935
  - Letter--Mary M. Hanratty to John T. Cunningham regarding the President of the Trust Co. at the U.S. National Bank and payment to Ed Wood, December 31, 1935
  - Letter--John T. Cunningham to Mary M. Hanratty regarding payment to Ed Wood for his services in selling that Madison Street property, January 23, 1936
  - Letter--Mary M. Hanratty to John T. Cunningham stating she paid Mr. Wood \$250.00 and plans to head to Kentucky in the middle of March before retiring to Denver in the summer, February 25, 1936
  - Letter--Vice President of the First National Bank of Clarksville to Mary M. Hanratty enclosing copy of Mr. Hilliard's June 3<sup>rd</sup> letter and advising that John T. Cunningham and he both think it is better if matter is handled with Mr. Hilliard and a Louisville attorney, June 5, 1936 (copy)
  - Letter--Vice President of the First National Bank of Clarksville to Edward H. Hilliard discussing Mrs. Hanratty's stocks etc. and Judge John T. Cunningham's recommendation for Mary M. Hanratty to consult with an attorney in Louisville, June 5, 1936 (copy)
  - Letter--Mary M. Hanratty to John T. Cunningham asking for his opinion on her returning to Clarksville and mentioning her reasons for living in Florida, February 3, 1937
  - Letter--John T. Cunningham to Mary M. Hanratty, Miami, Florida, acknowledging February 3<sup>rd</sup> letter and giving his opinion that she should return to Clarksville to live, February 5, 1937
15. Political Correspondence--Regarding Charles Hanratty Appointment to United States Marshall for the State of Delaware, John T. Cunningham with Charles Hanratty, Daniel O. Hastings, William E. Brock, and Kenneth McKellar, etc., December 7, 1929 – March 10, 1930 (16 items)

- Letter--Charles Hanratty to John T. Cunningham requesting a character letter about his reputation, December 7, 1929 (2 pp.)
- Letter--John T. Cunningham to Charles Hanratty acknowledging receipt of his December 7<sup>th</sup> letter and enclosing requested letter, December 11, 1929
- Letter--Recommendation from John T. Cunningham discussing the good character and ability of Charles Hanratty, December 11, 1929
- Letter--Charles Hanratty, Smyrna, Delaware, to John T. Cunningham thanking him for a letter and wishing him a happy Christmas, December 20, 1929
- Letter--Daniel O. Hastings to John T. Cunningham enclosing copy of letter to the Attorney General's office recommending Charles Hanratty as United States Marshall for the District of Delaware; discusses the man Hanratty shot in Hopkinsville, December 31, 1929 (2 pp.)
- Letter--Daniel O. Hastings to Mr. Soisson, Attorney General, discussing his recommendation for Charles Hanratty as United States Marshall for the District of Delaware and suggesting he send an investigator to Clarksville to learn about 1908 shooting of a man in Hopkinsville, December 31, 1929 (copy; 2 pp.)
- Letter--John T. Cunningham to Daniel O. Hastings acknowledging receipt of December 31, 1929 letter regarding appointment of Charles Hanratty as U.S. Marshal for District of Delaware and discussing with Joe Towler of the Department of Justice office in Memphis about Hanratty's shooting affair with Tom Wooten, January 4, 1930
- Letter--John T. Cunningham to Senator W.E. Brock asking him to help Charles Hanratty's appointment get confirmed, January 4, 1930
- Letter--John T. Cunningham to Senator K.D. McKellar asking him to help Charles Hanratty's appointment get confirmed, January 4, 1930
- Letter--John T. Cunningham to Ed R. Tandy asking Mr. Fairleigh and him to write Senator Sackett regarding Charles Hanratty's appointment confirmation, January 4, 1930
- Letter--Daniel O. Hastings, of Delaware, to John T. Cunningham acknowledging receipt of letter regarding Hanratty, January 6, 1930
- Letter--Senator William E. Brock to John T. Cunningham acknowledging receipt of letter supporting Mr. Charles Hanratty for United States Marshal for the State of Delaware, January 6, 1930
- Letter--W.E. Brock to John T. Cunningham stating that Major Sims, his secretary, acknowledged receipt of letter; delighted to be of help to Mr. Hanratty, January 8, 1930
- Letter--Kenneth McKellar to John T. Cunningham, acknowledging receipt of January 4<sup>th</sup> letter referring Charles Hanratty, formerly of Clarksville and now of Smyrna, Delaware, for United States Marshal for the District of Delaware, January 9, 1930

- Telegram--J.M. Robsion to John T. Cunningham, Western Union Telegram acknowledging receipt of letter on behalf of Mr. Hanratty, January 18, 1930
  - Letter--Charles Hanratty to John T. Cunningham announcing his confirmation by the U.S. Senate for the office of U.S. Marshall and thanking him for his assistance, March 10, 1930
16. Political Correspondence--Regarding James R. Lewis Appointment, John T. Cunningham, Clarksville, Tennessee, and Nathan L. Bachman, Washington, DC, September 6, 1934 – April 18, 1935 (3 items)
- Letter--John T. Cunningham to Senator Nathan “Nath” L. Bachman, Washington, DC, requesting help in getting James R. Lewis, a mechanic in C Camp No. 1474 at Clarksville, an increase in pay, September 6, 1934
  - Letter--John T. Cunningham to Senator Nathan “Nath” L. Bachman reminding him to keep Mr. James R. Lewis on file for a mechanic position for \$100 per month. As stated in September 6, 1934 letter, Mr. Lewis was enrolled in the C.C.C. Camp #1473 at Clarksville as a machinery mechanic, April 16, 1935
  - Letter--Nathan L. Bachman to John T. Cunningham regarding reference to Mr. James R. Lewis and assurance that his name is on Mr. Friant’s eligible list for a vacancy, April 18, 1935
17. Political Correspondence--Regarding Valentine “Tine” H. Smith’s Increased Pension, John T. Cunningham, Clarksville, Tennessee, December 10, 1936 – February 19, 1937 (14 items)
- Letter--John T. Cunningham to Senator Nathan “Nath” L. Bachman writing on behalf of Valentine H. Smith, a Spanish War veteran with a claim for a pension increase (includes letter from G.W. Steagall, Assistant Director of Ex-Service Men’s Bureau, and affidavit of Dr. M.L. Shelby with reference to Mr. Smith’s claim for pension increase), December 10, 1936 (3 pp.)
  - Letter--Kathryn Everroad, clerk to Senator Bachman, to John T. Cunningham acknowledging receipt of December 10<sup>th</sup> letter written in interest of Valentine H. Smith and have taken up claim with the Veterans Administration urging increase in pension for Smith, December 15, 1936
  - Letter--George E. Brown to Senator Nathan L. Bachman replying to letter of December 15, 1936 and stating that claim of Valentine H. Smith is receiving attention, December 18, 1936
  - Letter--George E. Brown to Senator Nathan L. Bachman stating a reexamination has been authorized for Valentine H. Smith and the Manager of Veterans’ Administration in Nashville will informed him of arrangements to be made for the examination, December 23, 1936
  - Letter--John T. Cunningham to Senator Nathan “Nath” L. Bachman following up on letter sent on December 10, 1936 regarding Valentine H. Smith, a 68-years-old Spanish War Veteran in very bad shape physically and needs pension increase for nurse, January 1, 1937



- Letter--John T. Cunningham to Nathan L. Bachman acknowledging receipt of letter and stating that claim will be taken up in case of Valentine H. Smith, January 6, 1937
  - Letter--John T. Cunningham to Manager of Veterans Administration, Nashville, Tennessee, inquiring into how soon re-examination for Valentine H. Smith for increased pension can be made, January 12, 1937
  - Letter--J.M. Nixon, Manager of Veterans Administration in Nashville, to John T. Cunningham replying in reference to letter of January 12, 1937; authorized Dr. M.L. Hughes of Clarksville to conduct physical exam of Valentine H. Smith and exam report to be transmitted to Director, Veterans Claims Service, Washington, DC, January 16, 1937
  - Letter--R.S. Raulston to John T. Cunningham in reference to recent conversation regarding matter of Valentine H. Smith's exam in connection to his application for increased pension benefits; request for examination received in office and attached is a copy of memorandum addressed to Chief Medical Officer asking that arrangements be made to complete exam as soon as possible, January 16, 1937
  - Memo--R.S. Raulston, contact representative, to Dr. D.W. Dodd, Chief Medical Officer, Nashville, Tennessee, regarding an at-home physical examination for Valentine H. Smith, Spanish War veteran, January 16, 1937
  - Letter--George E. Brown, Director of Veterans' Claims Service, to Senator Nathan L. Bachman replying in reference to personal interest in claim of Valentine H. Smith for increase in pension from \$50 to \$72 monthly, February 11, 1937
  - Letter--Nathan L. Bachman to John T. Cunningham stating that Valentine H. Smith, a veteran, is entitled to a pension increase from \$50 to \$72 as noted in enclosed letter from Director George E. Brown, February 12, 1937
  - Letter--John T. Cunningham to Hon. Nathan "Nath" L. Bachman stating receipt of letter of George E. Brown, Director, Veterans' Claim Service stating pension of Valentine H. Smith will be increased from \$50.00 to \$72.00 per month, February 15, 1937
  - Letter--John T. Cunningham to Valentine "Tine" H. Smith regarding his efforts on behalf of his increased pension, Clarksville, Tennessee, February 19, 1937
18. Political Correspondence--John T. Cunningham, Clarksville, Tennessee, and Nathan L. Bachman, Washington, DC, June 2, 1933 – February 19, 1937 (19 items)
- Letter--Nathan L. Bachman to John T. Cunningham acknowledging receipt of May 31<sup>st</sup> letter and note his interest in Mr. W.W. Haynes, an applicant for State Director of the Agricultural Cooperation for Tennessee, June 2, 1933
  - Letter--John T. Cunningham to Senator Nathan L. Bachman referring Chas. F. Davenport for an appointment as Deputy in the Internal Revenue Office in Nashville, under Mr. Chas. M. McCabe, June 13, 1933

- Letter--Nathan L. Bachman to John T. Cunningham acknowledging receipt of September 18 letter written on behalf of Mr. Jerry Porter of Adams for position as superintendent of one of the C.C.C. camps, September 25, 1933
- Letter--John T. Cunningham to Senator Nathan L. Bachman asking for him to do what he can to get the special Mother's Day stamp issued that will benefit dependent War Mothers, February 16, 1934
- Letter--N.L. Bachman to John T. Cunningham acknowledging receipt of letter of the 16<sup>th</sup> with reference to a special Mother's Day stamp and will be taking it up with Postmaster General Farley, February 19, 1934
- Letter--Nathan L. Bachman to John T. Cunningham requesting him to secure names on nominating petition and send to Major Frierson, Jr., May 14, 1934
- Letter--John T. Cunningham to Nathan "Nath" L. Bachman acknowledging receipt of letter and stating he enclosed copy of nominating petition sent to Major Horace Frierson, Chairman of the Primary Board Election Commissioners, May 19, 1934
- Letter--John T. Cunningham to Honorable Nathan "Nath" L. Bachman asking for assistance in finding a position in Tennessee for Ashton Glassell, a large contractor and builder who lost everything in Shreveport, Louisiana, May 24, 1934
- Letter--N.L. Bachman to John T. Cunningham acknowledging receipt of letter on May 24 in interest of Mr. Ashton Glassell, formerly of Shreveport, Louisiana, and assuring aid in every way possible, May 25, 1934
- Letter--John T. Cunningham to Senator Nathan "Nath" L. Bachman asking to secure a position in the administration of the Kerr Smith Tobacco Tax Act for Carroll T. Ward of Clarksville, Tennessee, September 18, 1934
- Letter--John T. Cunningham to Senator Nathan "Nath" L. Bachman, Washington, DC, asking for help in getting Roy P. Smith a position in a regional loan bank to be opened in Memphis, Tennessee by the Home Owners Loan Cooperation, December 4, 1934
- Telegram--Nathan L. Bachman to John T. Cunningham, Western Union Telegram, stating he's taking up matter of charge being applied on unmanufactured leaf tobacco shipments when for export and will advise, April 18, 1935
- Letter--Nathan L. Bachman to John T. Cunningham stating that Mr. H.D. Coutts, formerly of Clarksville, has received a position with the National Emergency Council, June 18, 1935
- Letter--John T. Cunningham to Senator Nathan "Nath" L. Bachman requesting a permanent position for Marable McFall, Jr. with the Rural Re-settlement Administration, October 1935
- Letter--Nathan L. Bachman to John T. Cunningham regarding recommendation and the correct address for Mr. Stanley Rice, March 23, 1936

- Letter--John T. Cunningham to Honorable Nathan "Nath" L. Bachman acknowledging receipt of March 23<sup>rd</sup> letter with reference to Mr. Stanley Rice; mistake about name as his brother-in-law is F. Frank Steele (may be J. Frank Steele) and lives in Washington, DC, March 27, 1936
  - Letter--Nathan L. Bachman to John T. Cunningham thanking him for signing his nominating petition, May 26, 1936
  - Letter--John T. Cunningham to Nathan "Nath" L. Bachman stating he sent a telegram asking to appoint W.W. Davie as Acting Postmaster at Woodlawn, Tennessee in place of James Meacham, deceased, September 10, 1936
  - Letter--John T. Cunningham to Honorable Nathan "Nath" L. Bachman recommending that Sidney Outlaw, of Chattanooga, Tennessee, receive an appointment with Social Security Board in Washington, DC, February 19, 1937
19. Political Correspondence--Regarding Naval Military Academy Appointments of Frank Fiederling, Jr. and Robert Haneline, John T. Cunningham, Clarksville, Tennessee, and Nathan L. Bachman, Washington, DC, December 29, 1933 – January 13, 1936 (3 items)
- Letter--John T. Cunningham to Honorable Nathan "Nath" L. Bachman asking for an appointment to the Naval Military Academy at Annapolis for Frank Fiederling, Jr., December 29, 1933
  - Letter--Nathan L. Bachman to John T. Cunningham acknowledging receipt of 29<sup>th</sup> in reference to Frank Fiederling, Jr., who is desirous of securing an appointment to Annapolis; he has already made appointments to both Annapolis and West Point for all vacancies during his present term of office, January 2, 1934
  - Letter--John T. Cunningham to Nathan "Nath" L. Bachman asking for Robert Haneline, graduate of the 1935 class of Clarksville High School, an appointment to the Naval Academy at Annapolis; young Frank Fiederling was an alternate but now too old for an appointment, January 13, 1936
20. Political Correspondence--John T. Cunningham, Clarksville, Tennessee, and Joseph W. Byrns, Washington, DC, April 23, 1932 – June 3, 1936 (20 items)
- Letter--John T. Cunningham to Honorable Joseph W. Byrns thanking him for his assistance in straightening out the controversy between the Federal Farm Board and the Intermediate Credit Bank, April 23, 1932
  - Letter--Joseph W. Byrns to John T. Cunningham expressing gratitude for signing his qualifying petition, June 6, 1932
  - Letter--Joseph W. Byrns to John T. Cunningham acknowledging receipt of letter in regard to Mr. A.B. Harper who wishes to be a postmaster at LaFayette; he has recommended Henry C. Johnson, his campaign manager for Macon County in last year's primary for a temporary appointment until examination, December 23, 1933
  - Letter--Harlee Branch to Joseph W. Byrns acknowledging letter of the 17<sup>th</sup> with letter from John C. [sic] Cunningham related to proposed extension of rural route No. 5, Clarksville, January 23, 1934

- Letter--Joseph W. Byrns to John T. Cunningham suggesting he get in touch with the postmaster and advise as soon as recommendation is forwarded; enclosed letter received from Post Office Department concerning application for extension of Route 5, January 24, 1934
- Letter--John T. Cunningham to Honorable Joseph W. Byrns acknowledging letter of January 24<sup>th</sup> with enclosed letter of Harlee Branch, Second Assistant Postmaster General, in regard to proposed extension of rural route No. 5; he meet with Mr. Howser, Postmaster at Clarksville and learned he recommended the extension of rural route No. 5 in Clarksville, February 5, 1934
- Letter--Joseph W. Byrns to John T. Cunningham thanking him for signing the nominating petition, May 22, 1934
- Letter--Joseph W. Byrns to John T. Cunningham acknowledging receipt of letter and that the Milburn Chester case has been taken up with the Medical Director of the Bureau and his efforts to have him given hospitalization, September 5, 1934
- Letter--Joseph W. Byrns to John T. Cunningham acknowledging receipt of letter from home, printed on letterhead The Speaker's Rooms, House of Representatives U.S., January 8, 1935
- Letter--Joseph W. Byrns to John T. Cunningham acknowledging receipt of telegram and that he doing everything possible to secure an allocation of funds to construct Tennessee National Guard armories, April 16, 1935
- Telegram--Joseph W. Byrns to John T. Cunningham, Western Union Telegram, regarding interstate commerce commission, April 18, 1935
- Letter--Joseph W. Byrns to John T. Cunningham acknowledging receipt of June 18<sup>th</sup> letter and discussing the Flannagan Bill, June 20, 1935
- Letter--Joseph W. Byrns to John T. Cunningham acknowledging receipt of telegram and stating that the Davidson County Highway Commissioner is now in Washington for a conference with Mr. Hopkins; cannot believe that policy to be followed in Tennessee is a general one, July 9, 1935
- Letter--John T. Cunningham to Joseph W. Byrns asking for help appointing E.L. Pardue of Nashville to the Prison Industries Reorganization Administration; R.S. Mason of Eddyville, Kentucky telephoned asking for this request, September 28, 1935
- Letter--Joseph W. Byrns to John T. Cunningham acknowledging receipt of September 28<sup>th</sup> letter and stating his endorsement for an appointment for Mr. Pardue, October 1, 1935
- Letter--Margaret Robertson, secretary, to John T. Cunningham with the enclosed personal note from the President which was received in Mr. Byrns' absence regarding Mr. E.L. Pardue, November 1, 1935 (2 items)
  - Note--President Franklin D. Roosevelt to Honorable Joseph W. Byrns, Speaker of the House of Representatives, acknowledging receipt of letter of October 1<sup>st</sup> in behalf of appointment of Mr. E.L. Pardue of Nashville as

a member of the Prison Industries Reorganization Board and stating that all five members of the Board were appointed on September 28, October 1935

- Letter--Joseph W. Byrns to John T. Cunningham acknowledging receipt of telegram regarding John L. Neely, Jr. and discussing Mr. Lilienthal's retirement, May 9, 1936
- Letter--Joseph W. Byrns to John T. Cunningham thanking him for signing his nominating petition, May 14, 1936
- Letter--Joseph W. Byrns to John T. Cunningham acknowledging receipt of June 1<sup>st</sup> letter and confirming June 12<sup>th</sup> date for Hendersonville examination; discusses Mr. White taking the exam, June 3, 1936

21. Political Correspondence--John T. Cunningham, Clarksville, Tennessee, and Kenneth McKellar, Washington, DC, August 22, 1934 – April 3, 1937 (4 items)

- Letter--William M. Fry, Clerk to Senator McKellar, to John T. Cunningham acknowledging receipt of letter on August 18 in absence of Senator McKellar, have already taken matter up in his name with Secretary Wallace, August 22, 1934
- Letter--Kenneth McKellar to John T. Cunningham acknowledging receipt of telegram and stating that he would be glad to take matter up as soon as the new public works administrator is appointed, April 16, 1935
- Letter--Kenneth McKellar to John T. Cunningham acknowledging receipt of April 17 telegram in regard to the 4 cents per hundred pounds tax on unmanufactured leaf tobacco; taking it up with the Department here, April 18, 1935
- Letter--John T. Cunningham to Senator Kenneth D. McKellar recommending Lonnie E. Thomas, a former traveling salesman, for employment under the department of Mr. Chas. M. McCabe, Internal Revenue Collector, April 3, 1937

22. Political Correspondence--Regarding Farm Relief Bill, John T. Cunningham with Nathan L. Bachman, Kenneth D. McKellar, Henry A. Wallace, and Paul H. Appleby, April 8, 1933 – April 20, 1933 (7 items)

- Letter--John T. Cunningham to Honorable Nathan L. Bachman discussing Mr. E.B. Trahern of the Trahern Tobacco Company will be visiting Washington to ascertain how Farm Relief Bill affects his business, April 8, 1933
- Letter--Nathan L. Bachman to John T. Cunningham acknowledging receipt of letter of the 8<sup>th</sup> regarding E.B. Trahern and also that he wrote McAlister a letter urging Ed's appointment as coal oil inspector, April 11, 1933
- Letter--John T. Cunningham to Honorable Kenneth D. McKellar discussing Mr. E.B. Trahern of the Trahern Tobacco Company will be visiting Washington to ascertain how Farm Relief Bill affects his business, April 8, 1933
- Letter--Kenneth McKellar to John T. Cunningham acknowledging receipt of letter endorsing Mr. E.B. Trahern, April 11, 1933

- Letter--John T. Cunningham, President of Eastern Dark Fired Tobacco Growers Association, to Honorable Henry A. Wallace, Washington, DC, stating belief that tobacco trashes when used for insecticides and fertilizer should be exempt from processing tax under farm relief bill as they have always be exempt by internal revenue department for such users and processing tax would destroy market for low grades of tobacco, April 14, 1933
  - Letter--Paul H. Appleby, Assistant to the Secretary of Agriculture, Washington, DC, to John T. Cunningham, President of Eastern Dark Fired Tobacco Growers Association, replying to telegram of April 14<sup>th</sup> on behalf of Secretary Wallace, stating that tobacco he refers to would like be exempt under the “low-value use section” of the bill, April 19, 1933
  - Telegram--Western Union Telegram from McKellar & Bachman to John T. Cunningham stating satisfactory nicotine amendment to farm bill adopted this morning, April 20, 1933
23. Political Correspondence--Regarding Pettengill Bill, John T. Cunningham with Nathan L. Bachman, Joseph W. Byrns, and Kenneth D. McKellar, March 26, 1934 – March 28, 1934 (6 items)
- Letter--John T. Cunningham to Honorable Nathan L. Bachman asking for him to look into the Pettengill Bill, H.R. 8100, as it would relieve business situations specifically in the South, March 26, 1934
  - Letter--Nathan L. Bachman to John T. Cunningham acknowledging receipt of March 26<sup>th</sup> letter regarding Pettengill Bill, March 28, 1934
  - Letter--John T. Cunningham to Hon. Joseph W. Byrns asking for him to look into the Pettengill Bill, H.R. 8100, as it would relieve business situations specifically in the South, March 26, 1934
  - Letter--Joseph W. Byrns to John T. Cunningham acknowledging receipt of letter regarding H.R. 8100 (Pettengill Bill), March 28, 1934
  - Letter--John T. Cunningham to Honorable Kenneth D. McKellar asking for him to look into the Pettengill Bill, H.R. 8100, as it would relieve business situations specifically in the South, March 26, 1934
  - Letter--Senator Kenneth McKellar to John T. Cunningham acknowledging receipt of March 26<sup>th</sup> letter regarding Pettengill Bill, March 28, 1934
24. Political Correspondence--Regarding Exemption of Tobacco Used for Fertilizers and Insecticides, John T. Cunningham with Richard M. Atkinson, Nathan L. Bachman, Kenneth D. McKellar, and Henry A. Wallace, December 14, 1937 – December 16, 1937 (5 items)
- Letter--Kenneth McKellar to John T. Cunningham acknowledging receipt of telegram and assuring him that farm bill is having his consideration; discusses exemption of tobacco used for fertilizers and insecticides, December 14, 1937
  - Telegram--John T. Cunningham to Honorable Richard M. Atkinson, Western Union Telegram about exempting tobacco for the manufacture of fertilizer and

nicotine exempt from the new crop control measure (marked copy), December 14, 1937

- Telegram--John T. Cunningham to Senator Kenneth D. McKellar, Western Union Telegram about exempting tobacco for the manufacture of fertilizer and nicotine exempt from the new crop control measure (marked copy), December 14, 1937
  - Telegram--John T. Cunningham to Honorable Henry A. Wallace, Secretary of Agriculture, Western Union Telegram about exempting tobacco for the manufacture of fertilizer and nicotine exempt from the new crop control measure (marked copy), December 14, 1937
  - Telegram--Richard "Dick" M. Atkinson to John T. Cunningham, Western Union Telegram, stating that the Senate is in session discussing the tobacco matter as part of the agricultural bill, December 16, 1937
25. Political Correspondence--John T. Cunningham, Clarksville, Tennessee, and Richard M. Atkinson, Washington DC, May 4, 1937 – June 11, 1937 (2 items)
- Letter--Richard M. Atkinson to John T. Cunningham stating that young Marocchi's case is well taken care of and have asked Mr. Collier Goodlett to explain everything to him in detail, May 4, 1937
  - Letter--Richard M. Atkinson to John T. Cunningham, President of Eastern Dark Fired Tobacco Growers Association, acknowledging receipt of June 8<sup>th</sup> letter recommending W.S. Baldwin as Director of the Conservation Project in Robertson County and going to look into matter, June 11, 1937
26. Political Correspondence--Regarding Veterans' Hospital Location, John T. Cunningham with Nathan L. Bachman, C.W. Turner, and Robert L. McReynolds, February 6, 1936 – February 8, 1936 (3 items)
- Letter--John T. Cunningham to Hon. Nathan L. Bachman regarding a committee in DC trying to get a new \$2 million veteran's hospital located in Montgomery County, TN, February 6, 1936
  - Letter--Nathan L. Bachman to John T. Cunningham acknowledging receipt of letter with reference to committee in Washington in the interest of the proposed Veterans' Hospital; states he have been trying to secure location in Tennessee over Alabama, February 8, 1936
  - Letter--C.W. Turner to John T. Cunningham and Robert L. McReynolds acknowledging receipt of joint telegram of the 6<sup>th</sup> requesting assistance in getting proposed veterans' hospital located in Clarksville, February 8, 1936
27. Political Correspondence--Regarding Thomas Traughber Appointment, John T. Cunningham with Thomas Traughber, Joseph W. Byrns, and Harris E. Willingham, February 20, 1936 – March 12, 1936 (8 items)
- Letter--Joseph W. Byrns to John T. Cunningham requesting a recommendation for an investigator position with the Federal Alcohol Administration, February 20, 1936

- Letter--John T. Cunningham to Joseph W. Byrns acknowledging receipt of February 20<sup>th</sup> letter and recommending Thomas Traughber, a local lawyer and Democrat, for a position with the Federal Alcohol Administration, February 25, 1936
  - Letter--Joseph W. Byrns to Honorable Harris E. Willingham recommending Thomas Traughber (AB, LLB, Notre Dame University), county representative in State Legislature, and scheduled to be in Washington the following week, February 27, 1936 (letter marked copy)
  - Telegram--Joseph W. Byrns to John T. Cunningham, Western Union Telegram stating he has secured a position for Traughber, February 28, 1936
  - Letter--Joseph W. Byrns to John T. Cunningham acknowledging receipt of his letter; secured position for Mr. Traughber and placed him immediately upon his arrival in Washington, DC, February 28, 1936
  - Letter--John T. Cunningham to Joseph W. Byrns thanking him for getting Thomas Traughber a position with the Federal Alcohol Administration, March 4, 1936
  - Letter--Joseph W. Byrns to John T. Cunningham acknowledging receipt of March 4<sup>th</sup> letter and thanking him for suggesting Mr. Traughber for an appointment to the Federal Alcohol Administration, March 7, 1936
  - Letter--Thomas Traughber to John T. Cunningham describing his new job with the Federal Alcohol Administration in charge of 5 states (Minnesota, the Dakotas, Nebraska, Iowa) doing investigation of enforcement of 21<sup>st</sup> Amendment and interstate shipments of alcohol products; weeks of instruction in DC, about to leave for two weeks in Chicago, and then to Saint Paul to his headquarters, March 12, 1936
28. Political Correspondence--Regarding Roy Darnell Appointment, John T. Cunningham with Joseph W. Byrns and Nathan L. Bachman, March 7, 1936 – March 18, 1936 (3 items)
- Letter--John T. Cunningham to Honorable Joseph W. Byrns recommending Roy Darnell, who was put on furlough without pay from the Geological Survey Department; hopes to get him back to work with the Geological Survey, March 7, 1936
  - Letter--Joseph W. Byrns to John T. Cunningham stating it's impossible to reinstate Roy with Geological Survey and that he has written a letter of endorsement to Mr. Lilienthal of the TVA to possibly find a position, March 13, 1936
  - Letter--John T. Cunningham to Hon. Nathan L. Bachman recommending Roy Darnell, who was put on furlough without pay from the Geological Survey Department, for a job possibly under the TVA, March 18, 1936



29. Correspondence--John T. Cunningham with Royal Arch Masons, Knights of the Illustrious Order of the Red Cross, and Al Menah Temple, April 15, 1929 – May 29, 1929 (6 items)
- Resignation Certificate-- John Talley Cunningham, Knights of the Illustrious Order of the Red Cross, Knights Templar, and Knights of the Malta, April 15 – 30, 1929
  - Certificate--Dimit, John T. Cunningham, resignation from membership, Clarksville, Tennessee, May 13, 1929
  - Letter--Lee Parrish of Al Menah Temple in Nashville to John T. Cunningham regarding his resignation from the Clarksville Commandery #8, May 25, 1929
  - Letter--John T. Cunningham to Lee Parrish, Recorder of the Al Menah Temple of Nashville, acknowledging receipt of letter regarding his resignation from Clarksville Commandery #8 and that stating that wishes to receive a demit from the Al Menah Temple, May 27, 1929
  - Letter--Lee Parrish of Al Menah Temple in Nashville to John T. Cunningham acknowledging receipt of May 27<sup>th</sup> letter and stating \$12 dues and hospital assessment for the current year must be paid before a demit from Al Menah Temple is granted, May 28, 1929
  - Letter--John T. Cunningham to Lee Parrish, Recorder of the Al Menah Temple of Nashville, enclosing his \$12 check for payment of dues and hospital assessment for the current year, May 29, 1929
30. Miscellaneous Correspondence--John T. Cunningham, April 18, 1933 – December 18, 1936 (7 items)
- Letter--John T. Cunningham to Honorable John Brown regarding Senate Bill No. 879, April 18, 1933
  - Letter--John T. Cunningham to Commanding General, Fourth Corps Area, Fort McPherson, Georgia, recommending Dr. E.B. Ross to be appointed Contract Surgeon for the Citizens Conservation Group to be located in Clarksville, June 14, 1933
  - Letter--Miss Jan Norris, Palmyra, Tennessee, to John T. Cunningham regarding legislation for freedom of the air (radio), McFadden Bill, March 16, 1934
  - Letter--Edwin F. Hunt, Assistant Attorney-General, State of Tennessee, Nashville, Tennessee, to John T. Cunningham regarding September 27, 1934 inquiry into salary as County Judge of Montgomery County, October 9, 1934 (2 pp.)
  - Letter--Governor Hill McAlister to John T. Cunningham acknowledging receipt of July 8<sup>th</sup> letter and stating it is being sent to Mr. Waters, July 9, 1935
  - Letter--John T. Cunningham to F.L. Browning, Personnel Director, recommending Miss Lillian Goldberg, of Clarksville, Tennessee, in the Finance

and Taxation Department of the State, Nashville, be retained or promoted under the new setup of Governor-Elect Browning, December 18, 1936

- Letter--Partial letter with overlapping typing from John T. Cunningham concerning a matter he is interested in, No. 2 written at top, n.d.
31. Political Poster--C.W. Tyler warning that Cunningham is running now to carry Two Bridge proposition into effect, double taxes and county debt (Titus Printer, Clarksville, Tennessee), July 29, 1918 (1 item)
  32. Instructions--General Instructions for Form 1120, United States Corporation Income, and Declared Value Excess-Profits Tax Return, n.d. (4 pp.)