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005 Small Manuscript Collections
006 Reynolds Family Collection
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241 2 @ 0.24 boxes, 1 folder in 0.91 box
261 This collection contains the deeds, surveys for land, and genealogical notes of the family of Governor Robert J. Reynolds (1891-1895), primarily in the nineteenth century.
270 Robert J. Reynolds held widespread support despite initially lacking an interest in running for Governor of Delaware. A farmer by inheritance, Reynolds was heavily involved with politics, being elected to the General Assembly, serving as State Treasurer and Chairman, and chairman of the Democratic State Committee. This collection highlights his political career, specifically as Governor, providing insight on his reasoning as to why he ran for the position as well revealing his political propositions. There are also several deeds for family property. A large portion of the series also includes in depth genealogical notes on the Reynold's family, tracing the family into the eighteenth century and earlier. Coming from a family of eight, Robert J. Reynold's genealogical notes possesses a vast amount of information regarding Reynold's family history.

The Governor's Message is also included in the collection, containing the Biennial Message of Robert J. Reynolds for 1893 and 1895. In each of his messages, Reynolds addresses the problems facing the state and what he is going to do as Governor to fix those issues.

Other records of importance include a family bible, passed down from Robert W. Reynolds and Robert J. Reynolds to his son Byron Reynolds. Purchased in 1853 by Robert W. Reynolds, the bible was used by him while serving as Register of Wills for Kent County, Delaware. The bible remained in the Register's office until it was given to Robert J. Reynolds when he became the Governor in 1891 by his appointed Register of Wills. The bible would once again be passed down to Robert J. Reynold's only child and son, Byron, and then given to his son, Herbert Reynolds. The bible does not provide family history information, but the information provided in the bible is recorded within the Barratt's Chapel Minutes.

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330 Arranged numerically by folder heading.
331 No index
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360 Fair condition. Acid, dirt, storage damage.
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995 April 7, 1999; February 5, 2015
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