

CHARLES ROBERT CORNING CORRESPONDENCE

1872-1917

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BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCHES

Charles Robert Corning

Corning was born in Concord, NH December 20, 1855. He was educated there and at Phillips Andover Academy. He studied law and was admitted to the bar in 1883. Well travelled he began writing of his journeys. His first book was "Aalesund to Tetuan", but he wrote numerous magazine articles on historical subjects.

He was a devout Republican and much of his correspondence revolves around political subjects and the Party. His circle of friends included party greats in New Hampshire and in Washington.

He served in both the NH House and Senate and was appointed to a Washington post in the Department of Justice in 1891. He was mayor of Concord 1903-1909 and was secretary to the NH Historical Society. He died October 18, 1924.

Other notable personages named in the correspondence were **William E. Chandler, Esq.** Chandler was a lawyer, statesman, and publicist. He served in the NH House, two constitutional conventions, Secretary of the Navy, secretary to the NH Republican state committee, leader in movement to erect statue of Franklin Pierce, and was a contributing editor of the Concord Monitor and Statesman for forty years.

Another prominent NH person was **Horace B. Cummings**. He practised law in both Washington, D.C. and New Hampshire. He served in the NH Legislature and as clerk in the NH Senate. Throughout his life he expressed a strong interest in NH politics.

One other personage of import in Corning's correspondence was **James Otis Lyford**. He began a law career with an appointment in Washington DC but soon became active in NH politics, serving in various appointed positions in the State and in the Legislature.

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Folder #5	Date: 1888 Sen W.E. Chandler Re: How to win Senate seat, politics, comments on closing liquor stores, coming election, comments on bolting the party, his run for re-election, B&M/Concord RR Concerns about his own re-election	
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- Folder #15 Dates 1902-1917
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