

**SUTTLE, J. FREEMAN (JAMES FREEMAN), 1866-1934.**  
**J. Freeman Suttle correspondence, 1898-1931**

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**Descriptive Summary**

**Creator:** Suttle, J. Freeman (James Freeman), 1866-1934.  
**Title:** J. Freeman Suttle correspondence, 1898-1931  
**Call Number:** Manuscript Collection No. 1017  
**Extent:** .25 linear ft. (1 box)  
**Abstract:** Correspondence of J. Freeman Suttle, a farmer and merchant in Felix, Alabama, from 1898-1931.  
**Language:** Materials entirely in English.

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**Administrative Information**

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**Source**

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**Citation**

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**Processing**

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## **Collection Description**

### **Biographical Note**

James Freeman Suttle was born in 1866 in Perry County, Alabama. He was an active participant in local politics and worked as a merchant, planter, and postmaster. He and his wife Angie (Lucille Jones) resided with their sons in Felix, Alabama. Suttle died in 1934 in Selma, Alabama.

### **Scope and Content Note**

The collection consists of the correspondence of J. Freeman Suttle of Felix, Alabama, circa 1898-1931. Letters discuss issues such as Alabama politics, agriculture, and local economic conditions. A significant portion of the correspondence concerns Suttle's business interests, particularly trade in African American convict labor. Correspondents discuss African American education and fraternal organizations, black codes, agricultural conditions, convict behavior, and financial concerns related to labor management. Debates regarding local, state and national Democratic Party candidates are also well represented. Political issues of interest include voting-fraud, election procedures, "the whiskey question," and "the negro issue." Regular correspondents include Judge W. L. Pitts, Sr., Dr. D. A. Tucker, and planter George Hughey. Copies of Suttle's responses are clipped to several of the letters. A Methodist church pew rental from New York and a death certificate, probably unrelated to J. Freeman Suttle, accompany the correspondence.

### **Arrangement Note**

Arranged in chronological order.

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**Container List**

<b>Box</b>	<b>Folder</b>	<b>Content</b>
1	1	Correspondence, 1904-1911
1	2	Correspondence, 1912
1	3	Correspondence, 1913-1918
1	4	Correspondence, 1919-1923
1	5	Correspondence, 1924-1928
1	6	Correspondence, no date
1	7	Pew rental, Delaware Ave. M.E. Church, Buffalo, NY, 1898
1	8	Death certificate, Amanda Young, 1931

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