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## JOHN ALFRED MCDOWELL ADAIR LETTER, 1910

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## **BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH**

John Alfred McDowell Adair (1864–1938) was born in Portland, Jay County, Indiana. He went to Portland High School. After serving as the clerk for the city of Portland, 1888–1890, and clerk of Jay County, 1890–1895, he studied law and was admitted to the bar in 1895. Adair began his practice in Portland. He served as a member of the Indiana House of Representatives in 1902 and 1903. In 1904 he became the president of the First National Bank of Portland. Adair was elected to the U. S. House of Representatives in 1907 as a member of the Democratic Party and served until 1916. He was chairman, of the Committee on Expenditures in the Department of War from 1913–1917. In 1916 he was an unsuccessful Democratic bid for Governor of Indiana. Adair left politics after the 1916 election and engaged in financial and corporate business interests until his death.

Sources:

[bioguide.congress.gov](http://bioguide.congress.gov)

## **SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE**

This letter is written by J.A.M. Adair in Washington, D. C. to Mr. L.H. Karns in Parker City, Randolph County, on 9 March 1910 stating he will support any bill in Congress regarding the granting of a franchise to the Telepost Company in the District of Columbia.

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