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Governor's Letter to His Son

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STATE OF OKLAHOMA
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OKLAHOMA CITY

WILLIAM J. HOLLOWAY
GOVERNOR

January the twelfth,

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Master William J. Holloway, Jr.,
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

My dear Son:

In a few minutes the time will arrive when I shall retire from the office of Governor of Oklahoma. I am herewith writing you the last instrument or message which I shall sign while I am Governor.

Occupying the office of Governor has been both a tremendous responsibility and an opportunity for service. I sincerely hope that when you have grown to be a man that you and your mother can look back with pride upon the two years of my administration. I have earnestly sought to give the people of Oklahoma an honest and efficient administration of the state's business. Not for any consideration in the world would I have knowingly done anything that would bring the slightest discredit to you and your mother and the family name. I hope that both of you can always feel that my public service has been a real credit to you, to myself, and to the people of Oklahoma.

In conclusion, permit me to say to you, my son, that my prayer and greatest ambition is that you may have good health and live to become a useful and upright citizen. To the accomplishment of this high purpose for you I shall devote my life. I am as proud of you as it is possible for a father to be of a son.

Wishing for you a long life full of happiness and useful achievement, and with all my love, I am,

Your devoted father,

William Jackson Holloway
Governor.



Wes Leeper
SECRETARY OF STATE
Wes Leeper
GOVERNOR

Judge William Holloway, Jr. Collection

*Letter of Governor William J. Holloway, Sr., to his son upon
leaving the office, January 12, 1931*