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## URIAH COULSON PAPERS, CA. 1859–1883

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## BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

Uriah Coulson (b. 1837), the son of Uriah and Ann (Winder) Coulson, was a native of Beaver County, Pennsylvania. At age 12, he moved to Columbiana County, Ohio, to live with his uncle. He remained about three years, before moving to Hardin County, Ohio. In 1856, Coulson relocated to Sullivan, Indiana (Sullivan Co.), where he eventually practiced law. His brother, Sewell (b. 1825), also practiced law in Sullivan.

He served as first lieutenant in the 17<sup>th</sup> Indiana Regiment, Company I, from April 1861 to January 1862. Coulson resigned his position due to unfairness in the distribution of commissions. However, he did later help raise men for the 71<sup>st</sup> and 105<sup>th</sup> regiments.

Coulson served as Sullivan County postmaster from 1872 to 1874. He purchased the *Sullivan County Union* (*Union* after 1880) from Isaac M. Brown in October 1872. He sold the paper to James A. Hays in February 1874 and was engaged in law and farming. Coulson again bought the *Union* in 1883, but sold it to Alexander Massie two years later.

In 1863, he married Margaret A. Kerr (d. 1865); they had one child, Kerr. Coulson married Jane (Carr) Maxwell in 1867 and had three children: Effie, Libbie, and Maggie. He was a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and the Republican Party.

Sources: Baker, J. David. *The Postal History of Indiana*. Vol. 2, p. 1033.  
*History of Greene and Sullivan Counties, Indiana* (1884), p. 719.

## SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

This collection consists of papers (ca. 1859–83) relating to Uriah Coulson, a lawyer and newspaper editor from Sullivan County, Indiana. It is comprised mostly of correspondence and receipts. The correspondence (ca. 1861–81) centers on legal and tax matters. One letter (1 November 1873) from L.C. Wright, a lawyer in Indianapolis, to Coulson refers to money owed by Coulson to a Mrs. Heaythorn (?) for keeping a child, who is under the guardianship of Coulson.

The receipts (1859–83) made out to Coulson are mostly for taxes and payments on accounts of his deceased mother, Ann. Also present are a number of receipts to various individuals, which may have been collected by Coulson during his legal career.

The collection also contains an account book, possibly kept by Coulson, and miscellaneous material. This material includes calling cards, a stock certificate for the Sullivan County Agricultural Society (1871), a funeral notice for a John Miller (1874), a certificate of entitlement for a deed to land that Coulson purchased from George Barnett (1875), a certificate of redemption for John Davis and Sons regarding real estate, and a prescription to treat hog cholera.

The collection is arranged by format, then chronologically.

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