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**THOMAS BEESON (B. 1835)
PAPERS, 1849–1902**

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BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

Thomas Beeson worked as a farmer and stock-raiser in Parke, Henry, and Wayne Counties in Indiana. He was born on January 30th, 1835, in Randolph County, North Carolina. His parents were Isaac K. and Rebecca Lamb Beeson. He was the third of eight children. He moved to Parke County, Indiana with his parents in 1845. Upon his father's death he moved with his mother to Henry County, Indiana. Thomas was raised in the Society of Friends, but in 1861 he was disowned by the Society due to his interest in joining another society. His interests led him to become a member of the Christian Church in Blue Township in Henry County, Indiana. He married Deborah Strode, the daughter of James Worley and Mary Roe Strode, on April 5th, 1863. They settled on her father's land in southeastern Dalton Township, in Wayne County, Indiana and there he became a successful farmer. Their marriage produced two daughters, Sarah A. and Mary E. Beeson. Mrs. Beeson passed away on January 22nd, 1883. Thomas Beeson died on the 28th of June, 1909, in Henry County, Indiana. He was 74.

Sources:

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SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

This collection consists of one box containing 19 folders. The contents date from 1849–1902, with some material that is undated. The letters in this collection consist of correspondence between a multitude of family members related to and including Thomas Beeson as well as correspondence between Beeson and members of the United Brethren Church. Also included is Beeson's diary, which dates from April 1861 to August of that same year. Thomas and his wife Deborah's mortgage from 1876 are included as well. There are several business related documents such as tax receipts and assessment notices, and there is an assortment of newspaper advertisements for patent medicines.

The three bound volumes include Thomas Beeson's diary from 1861–1863, his account book dated 1856–1863, and his

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