

**Collection #**  
**SC 1894**

**JOHN COBURN**  
**PAPERS, 1870–1885**

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**COLLECTION INFORMATION**

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## **BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH**

John Coburn (1825-1908) was born in Indianapolis, and graduated from Wabash College in 1846. He then studied law, and entered the bar in 1850. He served as a Whig in the Indiana House of Representatives in 1850-1851. In 1852 he married Caroline Test. Joining the Republican Party, he served as judge of common pleas from 1859 to 1861, and as judge of the eighth circuit from 1865 to 1866.

From 1861 to 1864, Coburn was colonel of the 33rd Indiana Regiment, which served in Kentucky and Tennessee and then with Sherman in Georgia. He was brevetted a brigadier general in 1865. Coburn then served four terms (1867-1875) in the U. S. House of Representatives. In 1884-1885 he was a member of the Montana Supreme Court. In 1886 he published *The Life and Services of John B. Dillon*.

Source: *Biographical Directory of Indiana General Assembly*

## **SCOPE AND CONTENT**

This collection contains three items, two letters of 1870 and 1874, and the photocopy of an account, written about 1885, apparently in Coburn's hand.

14 April 1870 JC, U. S. House of Reps., to His Excellency U. S. Grant. Asks for an appointment for Mr. Cowan, a consistent Republican and an excellent citizen. ALS 2p

17 August 1874 JC, Indianapolis, to W. W. Belknap, Secretary of War. Could you please give Jacob Regenauer, the young German you appointed at my request, a month's leave of absence to help in my campaign? ALS 2p

ca 1885 "Memoranda of the early services of the 33rd Regt Indiana Volunteers." Description of life in Libby Prison after being captured in central Tennessee 3-1-1863. Photocopy of holograph account 7p

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