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**JOSEPHINE E. SILSBY
LETTERS, 2 MARCH 1885; N.D.**

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BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

Josephine E. Silsby (1831-1902) was born in Fulton, County, New York. She studied at Falley Seminary in New York before coming to Kendallville, Noble County, Indiana around the 1870s where she was a physician.

Sources:

Ancestry, Library Edition, accessed 3/29/2019

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

There are two letters in this collection written by Josephine E. Silsby in Kendallville, Noble County, Indiana, to former president, Ulysses S. Grant in New York City, 2 March 1885. In it she says that she will be able to cure his tongue cancer and goes on to say it was caused by nicotine caused by prolong smoking. She offers to treat him and offers references for those she has cured by medicine rather than cutting. She was quite critical with the current way doctors were treating cancer in general. This letter was returned to her. In an undated letter to "P.M." she requests that Grant be shown the original stating her methods were effective and did not involve surgery. The second letter was also signed by J. B. Kimbal of Kendallville and H. McCall of Bushy Prairie, Indiana.

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