## LEVI COFFIN BILL, 1845 CAMDEN, IND. [TO] JONATHAN GOVE

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**BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH** 

<u>Levi Coffin</u> (1789-1877) was born in New Garden, North Carolina, of Quaker parentage. In 1824 he married Catherine White, a Quaker. Two years later they moved with a group of Quakers to New Garden Township, Wayne County, Indiana. Opening a store there, Coffin found that he was on the route of a main branch of the Underground Railroad. He joined wholeheartedly into its activities. The local Abolitionist paper was published from above his store.

About 1847 he became interested in encouraging the sale of goods produced by free labor, and for the next five years he ran a store in Cincinnati founded for this purpose. After the Emancipation Proclamation, he devoted much time to helping the freedmen. He spent his last years in retirement.

Source: Article on Coffin in DAB

## **SCOPE AND CONTENT**

This collection consists of one item, a bill dated Camden, 1845, to Jonathan Gove from Levi Coffin, per William Hopkins, for \$11.33 worth of dry goods.

In 1845 Levi Coffin was apparently still in Newport, just above Richmond on the east side of the state. Camden is on Deer Creek in Carroll County, on the other side of the state. The bill is dated in the Quaker style, "11th Mo 7th". Possibly William Hopkins (there is a William Hopkins listed in a school office in Carroll County in 1831) was set up in business by Coffin, who was apparently a wealthy man.

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