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**CHARLES E. COFFIN**  
**SCRAPBOOKS, 1896–1934**

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## **COLLECTION INFORMATION**

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## SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

The collection consists of seven scrapbooks arranged in chronological order, each of which contains a variety of materials relating to Coffin's personal and professional life in Indianapolis. The scrapbooks include newspaper clippings, invitations, letters, pamphlets, photographs, tickets, programs, and other items. More specifically, most of the scrapbooks include invitations to marriages and other events; newspaper clippings that address events, opinions, and businesses; whist club materials; programs and invitations to theatre events; and business cards. For many of the years, a dated list of Coffin's daily events is included. The last scrapbook ends with newspaper clippings about Coffin's death.

A *sampling* of subject matter addressed in each scrapbook follows.

**Scrapbook, 1896–97:** Certificates allowing clubhouse use in St. Louis; invitations to balls; reception at the Columbia Club; Indiana Society meeting program; commencement programs; an invite to see Mr. & Mrs. Benjamin Harrison; ticket for the May Festival at Tomlinson Hall; ribbon-"Delegate: Monetary Convention" dated Jan. 12, 1897 in Indianapolis; membership to the Art Association of Indianapolis for 1898; ticket to the Hancock County Fair.

**Scrapbook, 1898–99:** Programs for various shows such as *The Geisha!* and *Half a King*; whist score cards; ribbon- reception committee for the Monetary Convention; constitution and by-laws of the Woman's Whist Club of Indianapolis; railway time cards (Missouri Pacific and others); Indiana Sons of the American Revolution annual meeting invitation for 1898; a map, newspaper clippings, photos, and notes for a trip to Vicksburg, Miss. in 1898; Ribbon from the reception to President William McKinley, Oct. 21, 1898; various membership passes (Indianapolis Board of Trade, Art Association, Commercial Club, etc.); list of memberships (20 in total), 1899.

**Memory Book, 1900–02:** Indianapolis Police Department first annual ball for the benefit of the police pension fund, Apr. 16, 1900; ribbon- invitation to 21st state encampment of the G.A.R.; Columbia Club reception for the opening of the clubhouse, Dec. 27, 1900; program for Winfield Taylor Durbin's inauguration, Jan. 14, 1901; invitation and program for Durbin inaugural ball; Union League Club of Chicago commemoration of George Washington's birthday, Feb. 22, 1902; program for dedication of Indiana State Soldiers and Sailors Monument, May 15, 1902; maps of golf courses; list of memberships (37 in total), 1902.

**Memory Book, 1903–06:** Ribbon- reception at Marion Club ball, Feb. 17, 1903; invitation to the City of Chicago celebration commemorating the 100th anniversary of the settlement of the city, Sept. 16–Oct. 1, 1903; program- banquet to honor Abraham Lincoln's birthday, held by the Columbia Club, Feb. 12, 1904; materials from trip to Tampa, Florida in Feb. 1904; first annual banquet of the Indiana Society of Chicago, Dec. 21, 1905; ribbon from

Scottish Rite reception jubilee convocation 1866–1906, Mar. 27–29, 1906; list of memberships (42 in total), 1906.

**Memory Book, 1907–14:** Dressing guides; certificate from the Lincoln Farm Association granting Coffin honorary membership in 1907; trip to Mexico materials, including program with dates (Indianapolis to Old Mexico) and newspaper articles; Knights Templar Ascension Day Service at Meridian Street Methodist Episcopal Church, May 12, 1907; program for a Commercial Club banquet, June 6, 1907; Coffyn [sic] family crest; note from Elbert Hubbard; mask ball for members of the German House, Feb. 8, 1909; admittance ticket to the Senate Chamber during session of 1909; ribbon- floor aide, Indiana, inauguration of William H. Taft, 1909; Indiana Society of Chicago summer outing program, June 26, 1909; automobile certificate for Rauch-Lang Coupe, 1941; list of memberships (35 in total), 1914.

**Memory Book, 1915–24:** James Whitcomb Riley Birthday Dinner materials, Oct. 7, 1915; The Associate Press Luncheon, Apr. 15, 1916 in New York; letter with drawings from W. Ireland of the *Columbus Dispatch*, Aug. 15, 1917; *Not "Made in Germany"* handbook by J. Rawson Pennington for the Indiana Society of Chicago, 1918; third annual convention of Park Officials of Indiana delegate; Indianapolis Motor Speedway press badge, May 31, 1919; address by Coffin at Garfield Park to the Marion County Gold Star Legion, Oct. 31, 1920; Indiana Society of Mayflower descendants dinner, Dec. 21, 1920; ceremonies on the occasion of the laying of the cornerstone of the James Whitcomb Riley Hospital for Children, Indianapolis, Oct. 7, 1922; list of memberships (36 in total), 1924.

**Memory Book, 1925–34:** Letter from office of City Plan Commission honoring Coffin, Apr. 7, 1925; newspapers about Coffin being honored, 1926; program from dinner to honor Coffin at the Columbia Club, Jan. 2, 1926; dinner to honor founders of Butler University, Feb. 11, 1928; Florida trip itinerary with descriptions of each day, Feb. 1928; 43rd annual dinner of the Indiana Society of the Sons of the American Revolution, Feb. 25, 1932; admittance tickets to the House of Representatives and the United States Senate, May 17, 1933; newspaper clippings regarding Coffin's death; list of memberships (28 in total), 1933.

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