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**LOUISE COFFIN JONES
MEMOIRS: LIFE ON INDIANA FARM 1851-1930**

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BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

Louise Coffin Jones was an author, an active member in her Quaker faith, and relative to anti-slavery advocate Levi Coffin, who she referred to as "Uncle Levi". She was born in Henry County, Indiana on August 4, 1851 to Emory Stephen Dunreith Jones Coffin and Elmira H. Foster. She had two brothers and four sisters, and her grandparents were Vestal and Alethea Coffin. Louise's family moved to Indiana from North Carolina as part of a mass-migration due to the South's use of slavery. The family farm was situated on the national turnpike, so Louise was witness to significant historical events such as the westward expansion and soldiers returning home from the Civil War.

Louise married Stephen Alfred Jones on November 29, 1877 and had one son, Herbert C. Jones, born on September 20, 1880. She became a published author, regularly writing short stories for journals and magazines such as *Lippincott's Magazine of Popular Literature and Science* and *Good Housekeeping*. She traveled around the country, often writing her stories about the places she had seen. She also contributed to Levi Coffin's memoir, "Reminiscences", by recording his experiences and reading them back to him. Her own memoir, "The Morningland" covers a broad range of topics from her childhood, including her experiences with slavery, schooling, family, entertainment, and what it was like growing up on a farm in Indiana. Louise Coffin Jones died on February 15, 1930.

Sources:

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SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

This folder contains the memoirs of Louise Coffin Jones, with details about slavery, her family, her Quaker faith, the railroad by her house, the Civil war, schooling, and what it was like growing up on a farm in Indiana. There is one original typed copy and one photocopy.

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One original typed copy, one photocopy of memoirs
of Louise Coffin Jones.

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