

# **George S. Cottman papers**

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## Summary Information

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<b>Repository</b>	Rare Books and Manuscripts
<b>Creator</b>	Cottman, George S. (George Streibe), 1857-1941
<b>Title</b>	George S. Cottman papers
<b>Date</b>	1857-1937, undated
<b>Extent</b>	2.3 Cubic feet 5 manuscript boxes, 1 small oversize box
<b>Language</b>	English

### Preferred Citation

George S. Cottman papers, Rare Books and Manuscripts, Indiana State Library

## Biographical Note

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George Streibe Cottman was born on the square opposite the Statehouse in Indianapolis, Indiana on May 10, 1857 to John A. and Julia A. Wilkins Cottman; he was one of three children. The family moved to a farm in Beech Grove when he was young. From 1873-1877 he was an apprentice printer at the *Indianapolis Sentinel*, then returned to the farm and began writing. He married Vida C. Tibbott on July 5, 1900 in Irvington, Marion County, Indiana, and they had one son, Evans, born around 1902.

He worked as a printer in Irvington, beginning in 1888, and also farmed. He was the founder and publisher of *Indiana Quarterly Magazine of History* in 1905, then the Indiana Historical Society assisted him with it from 1907 until 1913, when Indiana University became the publisher. He was the author of numerous articles and pamphlets on Indiana history and nature study, and of "A Centennial History and Handbook of Indiana" and "Indiana, Its History, Constitution and Present Government". He died May 18, 1941 at the home of his son in Madison, Indiana.

"Cot[t]man, George [H]." 1880 United States Federal Census. Retrieved 2015/05/20. <http://search.ancestrylibrary.com>

"Cottman, George S." 1910 United States Federal Census. Retrieved 2015/05/20. <http://search.ancestrylibrary.com>

"Cottman, George S." Indiana, Select Marriages, 1780-1992. Retrieved 2015/05/20. <http://search.ancestrylibrary.com>

"Cottman, George S.". In *Indiana Biographical Series*, v.9, pp.4-5. Print.

"Cottman, George Streibe". (1949) In *Indiana Authors and their books, 1816-1916: biographical sketches of authors who published during the first century of Indiana statehood, with lists of their books.* (pp. 72-73). Crawfordsville, IN: Wabash College. Print. ISLI 16.810 B291I

"Cottman, George Streibe". In *Indiana Biographical Series*, v.4, pp.74-75. Print.

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## Scope and Contents

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This collection includes correspondence, research, newspaper articles and drafts of speeches and articles from George S. Cottman in Indianapolis, Indiana ranging from 1872 to 1937 regarding Indiana history, business and family business and articles by other writers concerning history.

## Arrangement

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This collection is arranged by subject.

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## Administrative Information

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### Publication Information

Rare Books and Manuscripts

### Conditions Governing Access

This collection is open for research.

### Conditions Governing Use

Legal title, copyright, and literary rights reside with Rare Books and Manuscripts, Indiana State Library, Indianapolis, IN. All requests to publish or quote from manuscripts must be submitted to Rare Books and Manuscripts.

### Custodial History

This collection was received by Rare Books and Manuscripts as a donation from George S. Cottman on 1934-1937, the Cottman estate 1941/06/05 and Maurice Thompson on 1950/01.

### Accruals

No further additions are expected.

### Processing Information

Collection processing completed 2007 by Barbara Hilderbrand. EAD finding aid created 2015/06/03 by Edythe Huffman.

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## Controlled Access Headings

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### **Corporate Name(s)**

- American Secular Union and Freethought Federation (Ind.).
- Ball State University.
- Indiana Federation of Art Clubs.
- Indiana Historical Society.
- Indiana State Library.
- Nature Study Club of Indiana (Noblesville, Ind.).
- Yankee Robinson Coliseum.

### **Geographic Name(s)**

- Hamilton County (Ind.)
- Indianapolis (Ind.)
- Jefferson County (Ind.)
- Jeffersonville (Ind.)
- Madison (Ind.)
- Madison County (Ind.)
- Marion County (Ind.)

### **Personal Name(s)**

- Bolton, Sarah
- Campbell, John (John T.)
- Dye, Charity
- Esarey, Logan, 1874-1942
- Howard, T. A.
- Julian, George Washington, 1817-1899
- Lanier, J. F. D. (James Franklin Doughty), 1800-1881
- Lanier, Sidney, 1842-1881
- Lind, Jenny, 1820-1887
- Nation, Carry Amelia, 1846-1911
- Parker, Benjamin S.
- Pulaski, Kazimierz, 1747-1779
- Riley, James Whitcomb (1849-1916)

### **Subject(s)**

- Agriculture--Indiana

- Authors--American--Indiana--19th century
- Authors--American--Indiana--20th century
- Centennial celebrations, etc
- Clippings
- Correspondence
- Forestry and natural resources--Indiana
- Indiana--History--Civil War, 1861-1865.
- Indiana--History--Floods
- Indiana--History--Indians, 1816-1899
- Indiana--Politics and government--19th century
- Indiana--Politics and government--20th century
- Pageants
- Reminiscing
- Scrapbooks
- World War, 1914-1918

## Collection Inventory

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Correspondence, 1907-1914	1	6
Correspondence, 1915-1921	1	7
Correspondence, 1922-1926	1	8
Correspondence, 1927-1937, undated	1	9
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1913 Indiana flood documents, 1913	2	1
Agriculture documents, 1898-1922	2	2
Agriculture documents, undated	2	3
Agriculture history documents, 1900-1916, undated	2	4
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Agriculture "The Grange" documents, 1915-1918?	2	6
American Secular Union & Freethought Federation plus related materials, 1913-1916 and undated	2	7
Art and artists documents, 1898-1916, undated	2	8
Art and artists songs, 1910-1916, undated	2	9
Authors' biographies, 1923 and undated	2	10

Authors' works, 1876-1925, undated	2	11
Authors' works, Benjamin Parker, "The story of an old highway" documents, undated	2	12
Authors' works, Cottman, documents 1898-1927 and undated	2	13
Authors' works, Logan Esarey, documents 1916-1917	2	14
Carrie Nation and Temperance documents, 1850-1922 and undated	2	15
Cincinnati, Ohio Fall Festival documents, 1901	3	1
Madison, Indiana "City 'neath the hill" documents, undated	3	2
Civil War, Libby Prison documents, 1880-1886	3	3
Duels documents, 1882 and undated	3	4
Education and schools documents, 1849-1925 and undated	3	5
Forestry documents, 1900-1915 and undated	3	6
Fort Wayne, Indiana history documents, 1923	3	7
Indiana biographies, 1886-1926 and undated	3	8

"Indiana: Facts not generally known about our state" documents, 1913-1917 and undated	3	9
Indiana Centennial and pageants documents, 1915-1916	3	10
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Indiana Historical Commission documents, 1922-1924 and undated	3	16
Indiana history, miscellaneous documents, 1881-1925 and undated	3	17
Indiana Pulaski Sesquicentennial Commission celebration documents, 1929	3	18
Cottman, "Origin of the word, "Hoosier" documents, 1884-1902, undated	4	1
Indiana State Library documents, 1904-1915 and undated	4	2
Indianapolis history documents, 1874-1927 and undated	4	3

Indianapolis history manuscript (pages 4-21), undated	4	4
Indianapolis Public Library documents, 1872-1917	4	5
Indians documents, 1882-1927 and undated	4	6
Indians, John T. Campbell article, 12/26/1906-1/2/1907	4	7
Indians, Pendleton, Indiana murder documents, 1824-1926	4	8
Industrial documents, 1900-1902	4	9
Jeffersonville, Indiana history documents, circa 1791-1898	4	10
Madison, Indiana, Jenny Lind tour documents, 1883-1905	4	11
John Clark Ridpath signature, undated	4	12
Local government documents, 1905-1916 and undated	4	13
Local history documents, 1879-1923 and undated	4	14
Lynchings and whitecaps documents, 1882-1906, undated	4	15
Madison and Jefferson County, Indiana documents, 1903-1930 and undated	4	16

Miscellaneous documents, 1904-1924 and undated	4	17
Notes, 1925 and undated	4	18
Organizations: Ball State University "Hoosieroons" documents, 1916 and undated	4	19
Organizations: Indiana Federation of Art Clubs documents, 1931	4	20
Organizations: Indiana Historical Society documents, 1914-1923	4	21
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Nature Study Club of Indiana articles of incorporation and by-laws, 1913-1914	4	23
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Politics and politicians documents, 1882-1902	5	3
Prohibition Party documents, 1902-1902 and undated	5	4
Railroads documents, 1849-1929 and undated	5	5
Religion: Church histories documents, 1881-1922 and undated	5	6

Religion: Miscellaneous documents, 1911-1931 and undated	5	7
Religion: Unitarian publications, 1837-1924 and undated	5	8
Reminiscences, 1882-1929	5	9
Reminiscences, undated	5	10
Reminiscences: George W. Julian documents, 1882-1883	5	11
Reminiscences: Limpus family documents, 1919	5	12
Roads documents, 1915-1917 and undated	5	13
Social work documents, 1880-1917 and undated	5	14
State of Indiana documents, 1816-1924 and undated	5	15
T.A. Howard documents, 1883	5	16
World War I, American Red Cross documents, 1919 and undated	5	17
World War I, United War Work Campaign documents, 1919	5	18
	<b>Box</b>	<b>Object</b>
"Friendly Letters I like to remember" scrapbook, circa 1880-1930	6	1