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Summary Information

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Biographical Note

John Upfold Pettit was born on September 11, 1820, in Fabius, Onondaga County, New York. His father was George Pettit; his brother was Milton Howard Pettit. He attended Hamilton College (Clinton, New York) and Union College (Schenectady, New York), graduating in 1839. Pettit moved to Wabash County, Indiana, and was admitted to the bar in 1841. He married Julia Brenton in 1858, with whom he had six children. He served as Colonel in the 75th Indiana Regiment. In 1863, he helped organize the Soldiers' and Sailors' Orphan Home in Knightstown, Rush County, Indiana. Pettit was a law professor at Indiana University (1869-1870); U.S. Consul to Maranham, Brazil (1850-1853); and Judge, 11th Circuit Court (1853-1854), 22nd Circuit Court (1873), and 27th Circuit court (1873-1879). Pettit was elected as a U.S. House of Representative (1851-1861), serving as Chairman of the Committee on Expenditures in the Post Office Department. Pettit served as Speaker of the State House of Representatives in 1865. John Upfold Pettit died on March 21, 1881, in Wabash, Indiana. He is buried in Falls Cemetery.

Sources:

Rebecca A. Shepherd; Charles W. Calhoun; Elizabeth Shanahan-Shoemaker; Alan F. January, comp. A Biographical Directory of the Indiana General Assembly. Volume 1, 1816-1899. The Select Committee on the Centennial History of The Indiana General Assembly, 1980.

Biographical Directory of the United States Congress, 2005. (<http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/GPO-CDOC-108hdoc222/pdf/GPO-CDOC-108hdoc222.pdf>)

Scope and Contents

This collection includes original letters, 1840-1853, addressed to his brother, Milton Howard Pettit, including several while serving as American Consul at Maranham, Brazil, 1850 to 1853. Also included is Pettit's 1979 publication, "Answer to the Toast, The Old Psi Upsilon".

Arrangement

This collection is arranged by subject.

Administrative Information

Publication Information

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Controlled Access Headings

Corporate Name(s)

- United States. Congress. House of Representatives.

Geographic Name(s)

- Maranhao (Brazil)

Personal Name(s)

- Pettit, Milton Howard
- United States. Army. Indiana Infantry Regiment, 75th (1862-1865)

Subject(s)

- Correspondence
- United States--History--Civil War, 1861-1865--Personal narratives