



**David T. Corbin papers, ca. 1874-1884**  
**SCHS 1019.00**  
**Containers 11/110-115**

**Creator:** Corbin, David T.

**Description:** ca. 2.5 linear ft.

**Biographical/Historical Note:** Union Army officer, state senator, U.S. District Attorney in Charleston, S.C.

**Scope and Content:** Includes Corbin's political and legal correspondence (1874-1882), personal and family letters (1877-1900), and receipts (1877-1889) mostly from Charleston and New York, N.Y.

Corbin's political and legal correspondence (1874-1882) of political, legal, and business career includes information about the transition of governments in S.C. (1877), Corbin's claims to South Carolina's U.S. Senate seat, financial matters, much railroad litigation including Corbin and Stone vs. S.C., disputes between Democrats and Republicans, Corbin's failed nomination to be Chief Justice of the Utah territory, requests for political appointments, and other matters concerning the end of Reconstruction. Also includes copies of letters (1875) between Corbin and Thomas Dunn, Comptroller General of S.C. concerning litigation of Dunn vs. S.C. Railroad, and a legal argument (1885) regarding railroad litigation in Illinois. Letters are from Columbia and Charleston, S.C., Washington, D.C., New York, and elsewhere.

Corbin's personal and family letters (1877-1900) includes letters (1883-1900) from his second wife, Elizabeth Corbin, letters (1878-1881) from David Corbin to his wife, and letters (1877-1900) from other family members and friends concerning family matters, education, some references to politics, personal and social matters. Letters are from Charleston, S.C., Indiana, Illinois, Michigan, and Vermont.

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**Search terms:**

Corbin, D. T. (David Thomas), 1833-1905.

Corbin, Elizabeth.

Dunn, Thomas.

Corbin family.

Reconstruction (U.S. history, 1865-1877)

South Carolina -- Politics and government -- 1865-1950 -- Sources.

Utah -- Politics and government -- Sources.

**Container listing:**

**11/110-113 Corbin, David T., 1833-1905.**

**Political and Legal Correspondence, 1874-1882. 1 ¾ ft.**

Charleston lawyer, unseated SC senator. Correspondence of David T. Corbin with A. Blythe, F.L. Cardozo, A.J. Coe, many letters from Daniel Chamberlain, Angus Cameron, E.M. Dexter, Philadelphia; William E. Earle, G.D. Fox, John H. Fisher, J.E. Hagood, J.K. Jillson, Hiram H. Kimpton, A.G. Magrath, William Stone, Julian Mitchell, L.C. Northrup, James P. Low, Augustine Smythe, Joseph G. Taylor and James G. Thompson. Letters from Washington DC, Columbia, Charleston, New York NY, and elsewhere. Letters regarding political, legal, and business career of David T. Corbin concerning the transition of governments in SC (1877); David T. Corbin claims on the SC US Senate seat, financial matters, much railroad litigation including Corbin and Stone vs. SC, disputes between Democrats and Republicans, David T. Corbin failed nomination to be chief justice of Utah territory, requests for political appointments and other matters concerning the end of Reconstruction. Also copies of letters (1875) between David T. Corbin and Thomas Dunn, Controller General of SC regarding litigation in Dunn vs. SC Railroad. Tissue copy letter books of Corbin & Stone (1874-1876) and of David T. Corbin (1877-1887). Also legal argument in 1885 railroad litigation in Illinois. Chronologically arranged.

**11/113/11-18 Corbin, David T., 1833-1905**

**Family letters, 1877-1901. Approx 100 items.**

Charleston lawyer. Letters (1877-1886) of David T. Corbin and his wife, Elizabeth S. Corbin. Letters to David T. Corbin from his sons, brother, sisters, nieces, the mother of his son, Nathan (5/6/1877) regarding the son's docile behavior, and his female acquaintances regarding family matters, education, some mention of politics, personal and social matters and David T. Corbin's refusal to take a temperance vow (4/14/1878). Letters to Elizabeth S. Corbin from relatives and friends regarding personal and family matters. Letters from Charleston, Indiana, Illinois, Michigan, and Vermont.

**11/114/1-14 Corbin, David T. 1833-1905**

**Personal letters. 1878-1900. ½ ft.**

Charleston lawyer. Letters (1878-1900) of David T. Corbin to his fiancée and wife Elizabeth S. Corbin. Also letters (1883-1900) of Elizabeth S. Corbin to David T. Corbin. Letters (1878-1879) of David T. Corbin mostly from Washington regarding personal and romantic matters, politics, and David T. Corbin's failed nomination for the position of chief justice of Utah territory, with comments on SC politicians that supported and were opposed to the nomination. Letters (1880-1881) regarding highly personal and romantic matters with comments on the difficulty of summer separations between husband and wife; premarital sex, illegitimacy, sex roles, sexual love and opinions on adultery (7/11/1880). Brief mention of railroad litigation. Letters from Charleston with some from New York, NY. Chronologically arranged.

**11/115/1-16 Corbin, David T., 1833-1905**

**Receipts, 1877-1889. Approx 250 items.**

Charleston lawyer. Receipts of David T. Corbin for books, newspaper, and magazine subscriptions, bank deposits, taxes, tailors, grocery items, photographs, printing, clothes, livery stable space, carriages, furniture, jewelry, china and glassware, household appliances, blacksmith services, hotels and coal. Receipt mostly from Charleston and New York, NY and elsewhere. Chronologically arranged.