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R Fyan, Robert Washington, 1835-1896.
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Robert W. Fyan was a native of Bedford Springs, Pennsylvania. After studying law and being admitted to the bar, he took up practice in Marshfield, Webster County, Missouri, where he was the city attorney. At the outbreak of the Civil War, Fyan joined the 24th Missouri Infantry. He was commissioned captain of Co. B, and later was promoted to major. In 1865-1866, Major Fyan was circuit attorney in Springfield. In July 1866, he unsuccessfully prosecuted James Butler "Wild Bill" Hickok for the killing of Dave Tutt. Subsequently Fyan became circuit judge, remaining in that position until his election in 1882 as the representative of the 13th Congressional District. He served three terms in Congress before his death at Marshfield on 28 July 1896. Fyan is buried at Lebanon, Missouri.

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- 17 Apr 1862 To "Sister," from Ballou Creek, Taney County, Mo. (with typescript)
- 07 May 1862 List of clothing provided to Co. B, 24th Missouri Infantry
- 31 Sep 1862 Certificate of loss of ordnance stores on battlefield of Pea Ridge, Ark.
- Dec 1862 List of camp and garrison equipage transferred by Capt. Fyan to Capt. Curry, Co. G, 24th Missouri Infantry
- 06 May 1863 List of quartermaster's property transferred from Capt. Fyan to Lieut. Isaac D. Johnson at Pilot Knob, Mo.

- 30 Sep 1863 List of clothing provided to Co. G, 24th Missouri Infantry
- 20 Oct 1864 Receipt for effects of Capt. Uriah P. Johnson, Co. C, 24th Missouri Infantry,
killed in action at Pleasant Hill, La., 9 Apr 1864.

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