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ROBERT A. COGHILL – RESPONSE TO A PETITION

Seventy-eight (78) voters of Amherst County, Virginia, petitioned Robert A. Coghill to “announce himself a candidate to represent the County in the next House of Delegates.” This single-sheet broadside includes the names of the voters and Mr. Coghill’s response on 16 September 1879 in agreeing to present himself as a candidate for office.

ROBERT ALDRIDGE COGHILL (1821-1889)

Robert Aldridge Coghill was born 11 November 1821 in, Essex County, Virginia, the son of Richard Coghill and Ann Aldridge. A lawyer and politician, he served in the Virginia State Senate 1857-1865, representing Amherst County and served in the House of Delegates 1871-1882 representing Amherst and Nelson counties. Mr. Coghill died 7 March 1889, at his home in Amherst County and was buried in Winton Plantation cemetery, Clifford, Amherst County, Virginia.