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**HENRY L. SEAMAN  
PAPERS, 1862–1915**

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## **BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH**

Henry L. Seaman (also spelled Seamon) was born in Benton, Elkhart County, Indiana. In August 1861, he enlisted in Company B of the 29th Indiana Regiment as a private. Seaman rose to the rank of sergeant before being mustered out in September 1864.

After the war, he returned to Elkhart County and became a farmer. In February 1865, he married Jane M. Slight. It was around this time that Seaman moved the Pipestone, Berrien County, Michigan, where he continued to farm.

Jane Seaman died on 3 November 1869, and he married Sarah Wickham on 8 May 1870. They produced four children that lived to adulthood. Henry Seaman continued moving westward, and by 1880 he and his family were living in Grant, Buffalo County, Nebraska. Around 1900, the Seamans moved once again to Los Angeles, California, where they remained until Henry's death on 3 December 1915.

### Sources:

Information in Collection

Ancestry, Library Edition, Accessed 17 September 2018

## **SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE**

The collection consists of two letters written by Henry L. Seaman to a "Dear Miss" in November and December 1862, from Bowling Green and Camp Nevin, Kentucky, while serving with the 29th Indiana Regiment. It is speculated that "Dear Miss" could have been his first wife, Jane. He writes of the regiment's movements between Bowling Green and Nashville, Tennessee. He also writes about the death of one of his comrades and the memorial service.

There are also photocopies of documents relating to Seaman's pension including a petition from 1883 for an unnamed illness, another declaration in 1912, and papers relating to his wife's widow's pension in 1915.

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