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SC 1225

**SILAS PUMPHREY  
LETTER, 1817 MAY 5  
DEARBORN COUNTY, IND.  
[TO] JACOB ZELLER, HAGERSTOWN, MD.**

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## BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

The Pumphrey family settled in Fayette County, Indiana, around 1812. Silas Pumphrey (fl. 1817-1824) married Rachel Mills (fl. 1817-1819), daughter of Levi Mills. Silas and Rachel had at least one son, Levi Mills Reason Pumphrey. According to the letter in this collection, he and Rachel also had a daughter. She was born in March 1817, but died the following month.

Barrows states that Silas Pumphrey, Sr., purchased ten acres and laid out a cemetery in Fayette County on 8 October 1851 (p. 544). It is likely that he was the Silas mentioned above.

Sources: Material in the collection.

Barrows, Frederic I. (ed.). *History of Fayette County, Indiana* (1917). p. 544.

## SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

This collection consists of one letter, dated 5 May 1817, from Silas Pumphrey to Jacob Zeller, near Hagerstown, Washington County, Maryland. Pumphrey wrote the letter in Dearborn County, Indiana, but it was mailed at Brookville (Franklin County). In the letter, Zeller is asked to collect Pumphrey's rents and deposit them in a bank. Appended to it, is a note from Zeller stating the amount deposited.