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**JACOB W. BARTMESS  
LETTERS, 1862–1865**

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## BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

Jacob W. Bartmess, according to family legend was a circuit rider before and after his military service in the Civil War; his letters also indicate that he combined farming with blacksmithing. When the war commenced he and his family were living at or near New Corydon, in Northeastern Jay County, Indiana, near the Ohio line.

Bartmess volunteered for service in the fall of 1862, and was assigned to Company C, 8<sup>th</sup> Calvary (39th Regiment). He served mainly in Tennessee, also in Georgia and North Carolina, and was mustered out in July 1865. Though he clearly did not like military service, he as a staunch supporter of the Union cause.

Sources: Collection

## SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

This collection, filling one manuscript box, consists of over 100 letters from the period 1862-1865 detailing Bartmess' activities while in the Union Army during the Civil War. Most of the letters are to his wife and were written from Tennessee, Georgia, and North Carolina.

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