

Collection #
SC 2704

**GODFREY S. GUNDRUM
LETTER, 7 AND 8 DECEMBER 1862**

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COLLECTION INFORMATION

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COLLECTION: 1 folder

COLLECTION
DATES: 7 and 8 December 1862

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NOTES:

BIOGRAPHICAL/HISTORICAL SKETCH

Godfrey S. Gundrum joined in the 15th Indiana Infantry Regiment on 14 June 1861. He rose to the rank of commissary sergeant by the time he was mustered out. Sources indicate his family resided in Montgomery, Indiana, during the war, but that he later moved to Vanderburgh County.

The 15th Indiana Infantry, organized in Lafayette, was mustered in on 14 June 1861. It saw action in Virginia, Kentucky, and Tennessee, fighting in such battles as Shiloh, Stone's River, and Chattanooga. It was mustered out on 25 June 1864. Out of 1,220 men, 171 were killed or died of other causes, 115 deserted, and 17 were unaccounted for.

Sources:

Information in collection.

Ancestry Plus (<http://www.ancestry.com/main.aspx>), accessed 5 June 2003

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Beckwith, H. W. *History of Montgomery County, Indiana*. Chicago, H. H. Hill and N. Iddings, 1881. General Collection: F 532 .M75 1970

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

The collection contains a single ten-page letter, written over two days, from Godfrey S. Gundrum of the 15th Indiana Infantry Regiment to "Mary." He describes the events of interest in the last month or so in his regiment. This includes the punishment of a friend who had gone AWOL to see Mary, nearly being shot when sent out to meet some men thought to be Union cavalry who turned out to be Confederate forces, and receiving a favorable review from the generals on inspection.

The letter also anticipates that the regiment will soon be engaged in fighting, and the 8 December half of the letter goes into more detail concerning some recent skirmishes the regiment had recently been involved in. Godfrey indicates his desire to hear from Mary again several times in the letter, and requests a photograph of her.

The collection also includes a typed transcription of about the first six pages, apparently typed by a previous owner, with sections of interest underlined.

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