

**Collection #
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**PETER MYERS
COLLECTION, 1861–1865**

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COLLECTION INFORMATION

VOLUME OF COLLECTION: 1 box

COLLECTION DATES: 1861-1865

PROVENANCE: John D. Stearns, Ft. Wayne, Indiana, January, 2010

RESTRICTIONS: None

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ALTERNATE FORMATS:

RELATED HOLDINGS: Stearns, John T. *The Civil War Letters of Peter Myers, Wabash County, Indiana: Ft Wayne, IN, 2002.*

ACCESSION NUMBER: 2010.0027

NOTES:

BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

Peter Myers was born in Pennsylvania in 1834 and moved first to Preble County, Ohio, and later to Wabash County, Indiana. In September, 1854, he married Sarah Ann Dillman, who also went by Saloma/Salome (1829–1934) in Preble County and they were living in Wabash County by 1860. Myers enlisted in as a private in Company I of the 12th Indiana Regiment in August, 1862 and was killed during the taking of Atlanta in August, 1864.

Sources:

Information in collection.

American Civil War Research Database, accessed 29 July 2011.

<http://www.civilwardata.com/active/hdsquery.dll?SoldierHistory?U&1989315>

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

The collection contains six original letters and six folders of letters and documents pertaining to Peter Myers and his wife, Saloma, 1861–1880. Peter Myers was unable to write, so his letters were written by fellow soldiers. The majority of the letters were written between Peter Myers and his wife while he was serving in the Union Army during the Civil War, 1862–1864. Topics covered include local and family news, patriotism, and Peter Myers' worry of the burden his wife shoulders raising a family and keeping the house while he is away fighting. There also are letters of condolence to Saloma from the Chaplain of the 12th Indiana and from members of the family as well as information regarding her obtaining her widow's pension.

A book of the transcribed letters compiled by John D. Stearns in 2002 is located in printed collections.

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Stearns, John D., ed. *The Civil War Letters of Peter Myers*, Ft. Wayne, Indiana: 2002

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2. Click on the "Basic Search" icon.
3. Select "Call Number" from the "Search In:" box.
4. Search for the collection by its basic call number (in this case, m 1020).
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