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**RUMMEL FAMILY
CORRESPONDENCE, 1861–1879**

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COLLECTION INFORMATION

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BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCHES

Individuals figuring prominently in this collection are siblings Alexander T., Jacob, and Caroline Rummel. All three were born in Lisbon, Columbiana County, Ohio, and moved with their parents to Ostego, Steuben County, Indiana.

Alexander T. Rummel (1838–1898) was a farmer who married Almira Casebeer in 1860. In March 1862, he enlisted into Company I of the 65th New York Regiment (also known as the U.S. Chasseurs) at Cincinnati, Ohio. In October 1864, he transferred into the Veterans Reserve Corps. Alexander and his family moved to Goodland, Sherman County, Kansas, sometime in the 1870s.

Jacob Rummel (1830–1925), also a farmer, married Margaret in 1857. He served in Company H of the 74th Indiana Regiment from August 1862–June 1865.

Caroline Rummel (1843–1920) married Henry Jackman (1838–1868) in 1863. In 1876 she married Joseph Willard (1840–1880).

Sources:

Ancestry, Library Edition, accessed 16 June 2018

American Civil War Database, accessed 18 June 2018

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

This collection is comprised of forty-four letters between members of the Rummel family mostly written during the Civil War, 25 August 1861–3 June 1865. Most of the letters are addressed to Caroline Rummel. Major correspondents are Alexander T. Rummel and Jacob Rummel who write to her while serving with the Union Army, Jacob serving in the 74th Indiana and Alexander with the 65th New York. Both describe daily life and yearn for more letters and news from home. Jacob also writes that he is starting a diary and of an encounter with a local woman regarding the taking of her chicken eggs. There is also one letter from another brother, Alfred Rummel (1841–1861), who served in Company F of the 8th Illinois. Alfred enlisted in July, 1861, and was killed on 25 November of the same year.

Other letters to Caroline Rummel come from friends serving the Union Army and from cousins on the home front. A letter from Matilda Manerva Rummel in Ohio contains information that she had lost two brothers, May 1863.

The collection also contains a tintype photograph of Alexander Rummel in uniform from around 1862.

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Photograph of Alexander T. Rummel, ca., 1862

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