

**Collection #  
SC 3040**

**WIMMER FAMILY  
LETTERS, 1861, 1865**

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## **COLLECTION INFORMATION**

VOLUME OF COLLECTION: 1 folder (2 letters) and photocopies of historical records

COLLECTION DATES: 1861; 1865

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## **BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH**

Perry W. Wimmer, born William Perry Wimmer, was from Bellemore, Parke County, Indiana and enlisted in the 21st Indiana Regiment (1st Heavy Artillery,) in July, 1861. He was discharged for medical reasons in October, 1862. Wimmer altered his name to avoid confusion with his cousin, also named William Perry Wimmer, enlisted with him in the 1st Heavy Artillery at the same time.

James Akers was a farmer in Oxford Township, Butler County, Ohio. Sarah Akers was aunt to both Jack Akers and Perry Wimmer.

Sources:

Information in collection.

Ancestry, Library Edition, accessed 21 July 2014.

## **SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE**

The collection consists of two letters pertaining to members of the Wimmer family. The first letter was written by William Perry Wimmer to his aunt, Sarah Wimmer Akers in Butler County, Ohio, while serving with the 1st Indiana Heavy Artillery at Camp Dix in Baltimore Maryland. In the letter he reveals that his aunt and uncle were angry with his joining the Union Army since they had relatives still living in Virginia and had cousins serving in the Confederate Army. Wimmer defends his decision and give his reason for siding with the Union.

The second letter is also to Sarah Akers from another nephew, Jack Akers, also living as a farmer in Butler County, 19 February 1865. After discussing family and farming topics, he relates that one of her sister's sons fighting for the Confederacy was taken prisoner and was at Camp Morton. She was asking for William Wimmer, her brother in Parke County, to send him money. Mr. Wimmer refused until he took the oath of allegiance. If so, he could come to his house and he would let him have money, but until that happens, he would remain a prisoner.

The collection also contains photocopies relating William Perry Wimmer's Civil War record and transcriptions of both letters.

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photocopies of historical information and  
transcriptions.

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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, SC 3040).
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