

WILL CUMBACK LETTER, 1868

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USER INFORMATION

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RELATED HOLDINGS: M 8, Conrad Baker (See index for several letters from Will Cumback)

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BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCHES

Conrad Baker (1817-1885) was born in Franklin County, Pennsylvania. After attending Pennsylvania College in Gettysburg, and studying law in Gettysburg, he moved to Evansville, Indiana, in 1841. In 1845-1846, as a Whig, he served a term in the Indiana House of Representatives. With the formation of the Republican party in 1854, he became an active party worker. In 1856 he ran unsuccessfully for Lieutenant Governor (with Oliver P. Morton). During the

Civil War he was colonel of the 1st Cavalry (28th Indiana) Regiment, which saw action mainly in Arkansas. He was elected Lieutenant Governor in 1864 for Governor Morton's second term, and succeeded Morton in 1867 when the latter was elected to the U. S. Senate. The following year he was reelected Governor. His term saw the establishment of a normal school at Terre Haute, a soldiers' home, and a women's prison. For the remainder of his life Baker practiced law, founding the firm of Baker and Daniels.

William Cumback (1829-1905) was born in Franklin County, Indiana. He attended common schools, Miami University in Ohio, and law school in Cincinnati. He served one term in the U. S. House of Representatives, and was a Presidential elector in 1860. During the Civil War he was paymaster of the 7th Indiana Regiment. Elected Lieutenant Governor in 1868, he resigned in 1871 to become district collector of internal revenue (1871-1883) He was a trustee of Depauw University.

SCOPE AND CONTENT

This collection contains one item, a letter from Will Cumback to Conrad Baker dated 6 January 1867. (The letter is stamp-receipted 1868, and a note on the envelope gives 1867. In view of the fact that 1868 was an election year, 1868 seems the more likely choice.) Cumback offers, in the interest of party harmony, to refrain from seeking any office on the state Republican ticket if he can be nominated an elector. (Clearly the offer was not accepted.)

CATALOGUING INFORMATION

MAIN ENTRY: Cumback, Will. (William), 1829-1905

SUBJECT ENTRIES: Cumback, Will. (William), 1829-1905

Baker, Conrad, 1817-1885

Republican Party (Ind.)

Indiana--Politics and government

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