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SC 1410

**J. D. WILSON  
LETTER, 1864 JANUARY  
STOCKTON, IND.  
[TO] JOHN WILLIS AND WILLIAM VEACH**

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**COLLECTION INFORMATION**

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## **BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH**

J. D. Wilson traveled west, probably from Virginia, in the winter of 1863-1864. He seems to have been in search of farmland to purchase, with help from his relatives John Willis and William Veach. He went first to Xenia, Ohio, where he reported that "all the Va folks was well at that time." He then went to Owen County, Indiana, to see his uncle John Wilson-- possibly the same John Wilson listed in Blanchard's county history as an original settler of Wayne Township (1820), as a founding trustee of Little Mount Baptist Church (1824), and as surety in a law suit (1837).

Sources: Materials in collection

Blanchard, *History of Owen County* (1884), 584, 705, 711

## **SCOPE AND CONTENT**

This collection contains one item, a January 1864 letter from J. D. Wilson, temporarily in Stockton, Owen County, to his relatives John Willis and William Veach.

Wilson reports that it has been very cold; that his uncle John Wilson has land for sale at \$20-\$25 an acre for improved land and at \$8-\$10 for timber land; that Indiana land is good for growing grain but he doesn't like it as well as Ohio; that wheat is selling for slightly more than a dollar a bushel; that two of John Wilson's five sons have been killed in the war.

Apparently both the letter's writer and its recipients were Union sympathizers.

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