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WALTER PETER WILSON PAPERS, 1860–1864

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COLLECTION INFORMATION

VOLUME OF COLLECTION:	1 folder, 1 oversized folder
COLLECTION DATES:	1860–1865
PROVENANCE:	Francis S. Urban, Indianapolis, June, 2014
RESTRICTIONS:	None
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BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

Walter Peter Wilson (1840–1894) was born in Butler County, Ohio but moved to Wayne County, Indiana. In October, 1861, he enlisted in Company C of the 57th Indiana Regiment. He was promoted to sergeant in February, 1864, and first sergeant in August, 1865. Wilson was mustered out in December, 1865. Wilson was, by trade, an artist and later lived in Marion County and Rush County, Indiana along with his wife, Emma.

Sources:

Information in collection.

Ancestry.com Library Edition. Accessed 8 July 2014.

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The collection contains two original letters written by Wilson to his mother and photocopies of related materials. The first letter, dated 17 June was written from Indianapolis where he was working for $6.00 a week and enjoying himself and had made several sketches in the letter. The second letter was written while serving with the 57th Regiment (Pioneer Brigade Headquarters) in Murfreesboro, Tennessee. Wilson describes a package of his belongings he wants to have taken care of and relates some of his experiences of seeing Confederate prisoners.

The photocopied items include a typed transcription of Wilson's diary from 1864 describing his daily activities, a portrait of Wilson as a sergeant, a copy of his discharge papers made by the Indiana State Archives in 1961, a photograph of his tombstone and a color photocopy of a landscape and river scene painted by Wilson.

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