

Collection #  
SC2808

## WILLIAM H. HIKES CIVIL WAR LETTER, 1861

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### COLLECTION INFORMATION

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**NOTES:**

**BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH**

William H. Hikes was born in Randolph Township, Montgomery, Ohio on 12 October 1836 to John and Susan Hikes. William had four brothers and sisters: Henry C., Julia, Alfred, and Charles O. By 1860 the family was living in Washington, DeKalb County, Missouri.

Hikes mustered into the 1<sup>st</sup> Independent Battery, Ohio Light Artillery as a private on 6 August 1861. The 1<sup>st</sup> Independent Battery was organized at Camp Chase, Ohio, and served with the Army of Occupation, West Virginia in the Kanawha Valley at the time Hikes wrote his letter. Among other places, the battery saw action at Carnifex Ferry, South Mountain, Antietam, Cloyd's Mountain, and Lynchburg. Hikes mustered out as a corporal on 16 July 1864.

According to the 1880 census for DeKalb County, Missouri, Hikes was a farmer, married to Annie M. Hikes. The couple had a daughter Ettie S, born ca. 1868.

**Sources:**

Information in the collection.

Ancestry Library Edition. Available at: <http://www.ancestrylibrary.com>

American Civil War Research database. Available at: <http://www.civilwardata.com>

**SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE**

The collection consists of one letter written by William H. Hikes to his parents on 3 October 1861. Hikes mentions his battery has just left Carnifex Ferry and they are on the road to Louisburg, Virginia (later West Virginia). The battery is near Big Sewell Mountain overlooking a Confederate encampment and waiting for artillery reinforcement. Hikes states General Rosecrans just visited the battery. On the back of the letter, Hikes drew a map of his camp and the Confederate camp.

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