George W. Pearce letters
S1044

This finding aid was produced using the Archivists' Toolkit
July 29, 2015
Describing Archives: A Content Standard
# Table of Contents

Summary Information ................................................................................................................................. 3  
Historical Note ........................................................................................................................................ 4  
Scope and Contents ................................................................................................................................. 4  
Arrangement ............................................................................................................................................. 4  
Administrative Information ...................................................................................................................... 4  
Controlled Access Headings .................................................................................................................. 5
### Summary Information

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Repository</th>
<th>Rare Books and Manuscripts</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Creator</td>
<td>Pearce, George W., 1819-1865</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Title</td>
<td>George W. Pearce letters</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Date</td>
<td>1864</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Extent</td>
<td>0.01 Cubic feet 1 folder</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Language</td>
<td>English</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

#### Preferred Citation

George W. Pearce letters, Rare Books and Manuscripts, Indiana State Library
Historical Note

During late summer 1864, George W. Pearce wrote three personal letters (September 20, 22, and 29) to his sister, E. L. Haus of St. Louis, Missouri, while serving as a prisoner of war from Camp Morton, 13th Division, Indianapolis, Indiana. Mentioned in the letters are the names of his wife, Augusta Virginia, and children, Mary Elizabeth, Sarah Henrietta, and John Houston. Also mentioned in the letters are a brother Daniel, nephew Fred, and Richard (last names not provided).

In February 1862, Indiana Governor Oliver Morton agreed to accept up to 3000 Confederate prisoners at Camp Morton. Within a few weeks, Camp Morton reportedly housed 3700 prisoners, and by July 1864, the number had climbed to 4900. By April 1, 1865, the number of prisoners at Camp Morton had declined to 1,408, and with General Lee’s surrender on April 9, 1865, all remaining prisoners were released.

A Confederate prisoner listed only as G. W. Pearce is among Confederate Soldiers who died at Camp Morton and were buried at Crown Hill Cemetery, Indianapolis.

Source: http://freepages.history.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~indiana42nd/campmorton.htm

Scope and Contents

This collection includes copy of three personal letters from George W. Pearce, a Confederate Civil War Prisoner, on September 20, 22, and 29, 1864, regarding family matters.

Arrangement

This collection is arranged by subject.

Administrative Information

Publication Information
Rare Books and Manuscripts

Conditions Governing Access
This collection is open for research.

Conditions Governing Use
Legal title, copyright, and literary rights reside with Rare Books and Manuscripts, Indiana State Library, Indianapolis, IN. All requests to publish or quote from manuscripts must be submitted to Rare Books and Manuscripts.

Custodial History
This collection was received by Rare Books and Manuscripts as a donation from Mrs. R. F. Longer during May 1967.

Accruals
No further additions are expected.

Processing Information
Collection processing completed 2015/06/18 by Linda Gellert. EAD finding aid created 2015/06/18 by Linda Gellert.

Controlled Access Headings

Corporate Name(s)

- Confederate States of America.

Geographic Name(s)

- Camp Morton (Ind.)

Subject(s)
• Correspondence
• Prisoner of war
• United States--History--Civil War, 1861-1865--Military life