

# Fitzinger, George W. Letter

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## Descriptive Summary

### Unit ID

Ms.2017.039

### Unit Date

1861

### Language

English .

### Abstract

The collection consists of a single letter written by George W. Fitzinger to his cousin, James Barclay, on August 29, 1861.

### Creator

Fitzinger, George W. (8th Regiment, Pennsylvania Volunteers (3 Months))

### Extent

0.1 Cubic Feet 1 folder

### Repository

Special Collections and University Archives, Virginia Tech

## Administrative Information

### **Access Restrictions**

The collection is open for research.

### **Use Restrictions**

Permission to publish material from George W. Fitzinger Letter must be obtained from Special Collections, Virginia Tech.

### **Acquisition Information**

The George W. Fitzinger Letter was purchased by Special Collections in June 2017.

### **Processing Information**

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### **Preferred Citation**

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## **Biographical Note**

George W. Fitzinger served with Company B, Pennsylvania 23rd Infantry Regiment. He enlisted in April 1861 and mustered out in July 1861 (the 23rd Regiment, Pennsylvania Infantry was a 3 month regiment). There are no records to indicate that Fitzinger served with another regiment later, though the end of his letter suggested he was headed to Washington, DC, to join the army again.

## **Scope and Content**

The collection consists of a single letter written by George W. Fitzinger to his cousin, James Barclay, on August 29, 1861. Writing from Philadelphia, Fitzinger opens his letter with best wishes for shared family and friends. He goes on to talk about the war itself and he feels it belittles the efforts of the country's forefathers during the American Revolution. He writes of a need for men to serve: "let every man that loves his country who is able should his musket and go to the field of battle those that ar not able to go may they bea patriarch to see to the families of our brave men who leaves every thing that is near and dear to them on earth..." In addition, Fitzinger talks about recent activities of his regiment in Maryland and around Falling Waters, West Virginia.

## **Keywords**

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## **Description of Subordinate Components**

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