

**The Filson Historical Society**

**Whipple, H. George S.  
Letters, 1859-1880**

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**Size of Collection:**

.33 cubic feet

**Locator Number:**

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**Scope and Content Note**

The collection contains 93 letters, all but one written by George Whipple, living in Louisville, KY, to his fiancée/wife while she is visiting relatives and friends living in the East and Midwest. The letters, written over a span of 22 years, deal with various topics, including local attitudes and events related to the Civil War and comments on relatives and acquaintances, many whom are involved in musical groups and events. His frequent comments on domestic issues evoke an image of a devoted husband and father.

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**Biographical Note**

H. George Whipple was born ca. 1822 in Massachusetts. In 1859 he married Mary Joslyn, born ca. 1830 in Genesee County, N.Y. They had one daughter, Kittie, born in 1861. George was a musician who established a career in Louisville, KY. He taught private students and held teaching positions in the public schools. He was also employed as an organist/choirmaster by several Protestant churches in Louisville.

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**Subject Headings**

Buckner, Simon Bolivar, 1823-1914  
Cary, S. F. (Samuel Fenton), 1814-1900  
Cholera – Kentucky – Louisville  
Education –Kentucky – Louisville  
Holt, Joseph, 1807-1894  
Lincoln, Abraham, 1809-1865  
Lorimer, George C. (George Claude), 1838-1904  
Louisville (Ky.) –Description and travel  
Louisville (Ky.) – History - Civil War, 1861-1865  
Louisville (Ky.) – History  
Musicians – Kentucky –Louisville  
Racism – Kentucky – Louisville  
United States –History – Civil War, 1861-1865  
United States. Army – Recruitment, enlistment etc. – Civil War, 1861-1865  
Whipple, H. George S., b. ca. 1822  
Youths' periodicals