

**Title:** Peck, George W. Papers

**Reference Code:** Mss-3053

**Inclusive Dates:** 1884

**Quantity:** 0.03

**Location:** Sm Mss.

**Abstract:** George W. Peck was a Milwaukee Mayor, Wisconsin Governor, and noted humorist and newspaper writer. He was born in 1840 in Henderson, New York. His family moved to Whitewater, Wisconsin in 1843, where George received an eighth-grade education before becoming a printer's devil. He enlisted in the Fourth Wisconsin Cavalry in 1863 and was discharged in 1866, at which point he returned to the newspaper trade and began developing his skills as a writer of humorous pieces. His popularity as a writer and his status as a war veteran made him a popular candidate for Mayor of Milwaukee in the 1890 election. After handily winning the mayoral election Peck was immediately tapped to run for governor in the fall elections of that year. He went on to serve two terms as governor before losing his seat to William H. Upham in 1894. Despite his political achievements, Peck was best-known as the author of "Peck's Bad Boy," a series of short stories starring the mayhem-loving Hennery Peck. He died on April 16, 1916.

**Scope and Content:** Letter dated April 1, 1884, from George W. Peck to a man concerning sending him a photo of himself. Peck also discusses his family life and childhood.

**Access and Use:** No Restrictions

**Language:** English