

# **OUR FAMILY TREASURY**

## **CIVIL WAR LETTERS OF CHARLES H. BASSETT**

Private/Captain  
Company E, 16th Regiment  
Wisconsin Infantry Volunteers  
(Adams County Rifles)

Transcribed and Interpreted  
by  
**G. WAYNE DOW**

**PLEASE NOTE THAT THIS PDF FILE WILL NOT DISPLAY ANY IMAGES THAT ARE A PART OF THIS ORIGINAL INFOBASE. BECAUSE THE PDF FILE THAT DOES DISPLAY ALL OF THE ORIGINAL IMAGES IS SO LARGE, IT DOES NOT GET INDEXED BY SEARCH ENGINES ON THE INTERNET. THIS PDF FILE EXISTS SOLELY TO INSURE THAT THE TEXT CONTENT GETS INDEXED BY INTERNET SEARCH ENGINES**

**TO VIEW THE PDF FILE THAT CONTAINS AND WILL DISPLAY ALL OF THE ORIGINAL IMAGES AS INTENDED, GO TO THE WEBSITE PAGE THAT THIS FILE IS LINKED TO:**

[http://www.gwdow.net/civil\\_war\\_letters.htm](http://www.gwdow.net/civil_war_letters.htm)

**AND THEN CLINK ON THE IMAGE ON THAT PAGE. THE DIRECT LINK TO THE PDF FILE THAT CONTAINS AND WILL DISPLAY ALL OF THE IMAGES IN THE ORIGINAL INFOBASE IS:**

<http://www.gwdow.net/pdffiles/civletrsi.pdf>

Civil War Letters of Charles H. Bassett  
G. Wayne Dow



**Copyright 2006 by Gerald Wayne Dow**

All rights reserved

P.O. Box 3232, Walnut Creek CA 94598-0232 USA.

**BOOK**

**#45**

**First Printing - 16 June 2006**

Printed by Xerox Solid Ink Phaser 8550DP  
on Domtar Microprint Laser 24 lb. White 108 Brightness  
Perfect bound by Bindery Solutions, Concord CA

**INFOBASE**

**Originally prepared - 1994**

**Revised - 9 October 2006**

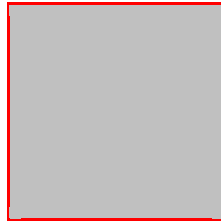
Digitally recorded on DVD+R disc  
CHAPTERS of OUR FAMILY HISTORY 1 - DVD 5  
using Folio VIEWS v 3.11.4

**Double click on the yellow note to the left for instructions.(1)**

(2)

This infobase is a sub-infobase of the infobase titled:

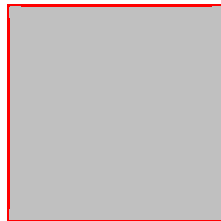
**WENTWORTH DOW CIVIL WAR DIARIES**



(3)

It is also a sub-infobase of the infobase titled:

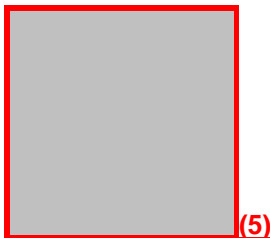
**ILLUSTRATED HISTORY OF OUR FAMILY**



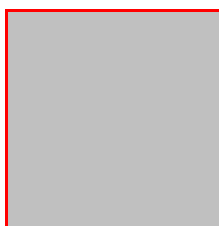
(4)

There is a sub-infobase of this infobase titled:

**CIVIL WAR MAPS and REFERENCE MATERIALS**



This infobase has also been printed in color and bound as a book (in more than one copy).  
The book version contains approximately 219 pages.



---

## **CONTENTS OVERVIEW**

(6)

INTRODUCTION  
REPRODUCED ORIGINAL LETTER PAGES and TRANSCRIPTION

March 24, 1862 - Pittsburg Landing, Tennessee  
LETTER # 1 - ORIGINAL  
Pages 1 and 2 are missing  
Page 3  
Page 4  
LETTER # 1 - TRANSCRIPTION  
Pages 1 and 2 are missing  
Page 3 [1]  
Page 4 [2]

April 11, 1862 - Pittsburg Landing, Tennessee  
LETTER # 2 - ORIGINAL  
Page 1  
Page 2  
Page 3  
LETTER # 2 - TRANSCRIPTION  
Page 1 [3]  
Page 2 [4]  
Page 3 [5]

April 27, 1862 - near Pittsburg Landing, Tennessee  
LETTER # 3 - ORIGINAL  
Page 1  
Page 2  
LETTER # 3 - TRANSCRIPTION  
Page 1 [6]  
Page 2 [7]

June 9, 1862 - Corinth, Mississippi  
LETTER #4 -ORIGINAL  
Page 1  
Page 2  
LETTER #4 -TRANSCRIPTION  
Page 1 [8]  
Page 2 [9]

July 17, 1862 - Corinth, Mississippi

Civil War Letters of Charles H. Bassett  
G. Wayne Dow

LETTER # 5 - ORIGINAL  
Page 1  
Page 2  
Page 3  
Page 4  
LETTER # 5 - TRANSCRIPTION  
Page 1 [10]  
Page 2 [11]  
Page 3 [12]  
Page 4 [13]  
September 5, 1862 - Corinth, Mississippi  
LETTER # 6 - ORIGINAL  
Page 1  
Page 2  
LETTER # 6 - TRANSCRIPTION  
Page 1 [14]  
Page 2 [15]  
September 15, 1862 - Camp Sabin near Corinth, Mississippi  
LETTER # 7 - ORIGINAL  
Page 1  
Page 2  
Page 3  
LETTER # 7 - TRANSCRIPTION  
Page 1 [16]  
Page 2 [17]  
Page 3 [18]  
October 6, 1862 - Camp Sabin near Corinth, Mississippi  
LETTER # 8 - ORIGINAL  
Page 1  
Page 2  
Page 3  
Page 4  
Page 5  
Page 6  
Page 7  
Page 8  
LETTER# 8 -TRANSCRIPTION  
Page 1 [19]  
Page 2 [20]  
Page 3 [21]  
Page 4 [22]  
Page 5 [23]  
Page 6 [24]  
Page 7 [25]  
Page 8 [26]  
December 6, 1862 - Bank of Tallahatchie, Mississippi  
LETTER # 9 - ORIGINAL  
Page 1  
Page 2  
Page 3  
LETTER # 9 - TRANSCRIPTION  
Page 1 [27]  
Page 2 [28]  
Page 3 [29]  
January 17, 1863 - Memphis, Tennessee  
LETTER# 10- ORIGINAL  
Page 1  
Page 2  
Page 3  
LETTER# 10 -TRANSCRIPTION  
Page 1 [30]  
Page 2 [31]  
Page 3 [32]  
February 24, 1863 - Lake Providence, Louisiana  
LETTER # 11 - ORIGINAL  
Page 1  
Page 2  
Page 3  
Page 4  
LETTER # 11 - TRANSCRIPTION  
Page 1 (33)  
Page 2 [34]  
Page 3 [35]  
Page 4 [36]

Civil War Letters of Charles H. Bassett  
G. Wayne Dow

April 3, 1863 - Vicksburg, Mississippi  
LETTER # 12 - ORIGINAL  
Page 1  
Page 2  
Page 3  
LETTER # 12 - TRANSCRIPTION  
Page 1 [371]  
Page 2 [38]  
Page 3 [39]

June 7, 1863 - Vicksburg, Mississippi  
LETTER # 13 - ORIGINAL  
Page 1  
Page 2  
Page 3  
LETTER # 13 - TRANSCRIPTION  
Page 1 [40]  
Page 2 [41]  
Page 3 [42]

June 19, 1863 - Vicksburg, Mississippi  
LETTER # 14 - ORIGINAL  
Page 1  
Page 2  
Page 3  
Page 4  
LETTER #14 -TRANSCRIPTION  
Page 1 [43]  
Page 2 [44]  
Page 3 [45]  
Page 4 [46]

July 14, 1863 - Vicksburg, Mississippi  
LETTER # 15 - ORIGINAL  
Page 1  
Page 2  
LETTER # 15 - TRANSCRIPTION  
Page 1 [47]  
Page 2 [48]

August 2, 1863 - Vicksburg, Mississippi  
LETTER# 16- ORIGINAL  
Page 1  
Page 2  
Page 3  
Page 4  
LETTER #16 -TRANSCRIPTION  
Page 1 [49]  
Page 2 [50]  
Page 3 [51]  
Page 4 [52]

August 7, 1863 - Vicksburg, Mississippi  
LETTER # 17 - ORIGINAL  
Page 1  
Page 2  
Page 3  
Page 4  
LETTER #17 -TRANSCRIPTION  
Page 1 [53]  
Page 2 [54]  
Page 3 [55]  
Page 4 [56]

August 21, 1863 - Vicksburg, Mississippi  
LETTER # 18 - ORIGINAL  
Page 1  
Page 2  
Page 3  
LETTER # 18 - TRANSCRIPTION  
Page 1 [57]  
Page 2 [58]  
Page 3 [59]

October 15, 1863 - Redbone Church, Mississippi  
LETTER # 19 - ORIGINAL  
Page 1  
Page 2  
Page 3  
LETTER # 19 - TRANSCRIPTION  
Page 1 [60]

Civil War Letters of Charles H. Bassett  
G. Wayne Dow

Page 2 [61]  
Page 3 [62]  
December 2, 1863 - Redbone Church, Mississippi  
LETTER # 20 - ORIGINAL  
Page 1  
Page 2  
Page 3  
LETTER # 20 - TRANSCRIPTION  
Page 1 [63]  
Page 2 [64]  
Page 3 [65]  
December 9, 1863 - Redbone Church, Mississippi  
LETTER # 21 - ORIGINAL  
Page 1  
Page 2  
Page 3  
Page 4  
Page 5  
Page 6  
LETTER# 21 -TRANSCRIPTION  
Page 1 [66]  
Page 2 [67]  
Page 3 [68]  
Page 4 [69]  
Page 5 [70]  
Page 6 [71]  
January 18, 1864 - Redbone Church, Mississippi  
LETTER # 22 - ORIGINAL  
Page 1  
Page 2  
LETTER #22 - TRANSCRIPTION  
Page 1 [72]  
Page 2 [73]  
January 25, 1864 - Redbone Church, Mississippi  
LETTER# 23 -ORIGINAL  
Page 1  
Page 2  
LETTER# 23 -TRANSCRIPTION  
Page 1 [74]  
Page 2 [75]  
May 14,1864 - Clifton, Tennessee  
LETTER # 24 - ORIGINAL  
Page 1  
Page 2  
LETTER # 24 - TRANSCRIPTION  
Page 1 [76]  
Page 2 [77]  
May 24,1864 -Huntsville, Alabama  
LETTER# 25 -ORIGINAL  
Page 1  
Page 2  
LETTER # 25 - TRANSCRIPTION  
Page 1 [78]  
Page 2 [79]  
June 16,1864 - Big Shanty, Georgia  
LETTER # 25 - ORIGINAL  
Page 1  
Page 2  
Page 3  
Page 4  
LETTER # 25 - TRANSCRIPTION  
Page 1 [80]  
Page 2 [81]  
Page 3 [82]  
Page 4 [83]  
June 25, 1864 - Allatoona Mountain, Georgia  
LETTER # 27 - ORIGINAL  
Page 1  
Page 2  
Page 3  
Page 4  
LETTER # 27 - TRANSCRIPTION  
Page 1 [84]  
Page 2 [85]

Civil War Letters of Charles H. Bassett  
G. Wayne Dow

Page 3 [86]  
Page 4 [87]  
July 25, 1864 - Atlanta, Georgia  
LETTER # 28 - ORIGINAL  
Page 1  
Page 2  
Page 3  
Page 4  
Page 5  
Page 6  
Page 7  
Page 8  
LETTER# 28 -TRANSCRIPTION  
Page 1 [88]  
Page 2 [89]  
Page 3 [90]  
Page 4 [91]  
Page 5 [92]  
Page 6 [93]  
Page 7 [94]  
Page 8 [95]  
August 20, 1864 - Atlanta, Georgia  
LETTER # 29 - ORIGINAL  
Page 1  
Page 2  
Page 3  
LETTER # 29 - TRANSCRIPTION  
Page 1 [96]  
Page 2 [97]  
Page 3 [98]  
October 3, 1864 - Atlanta, Georgia  
LETTER # 30 - ORIGINAL  
Page 1  
Page 2  
Page 3  
LETTER# 30 -TRANSCRIPTION  
Page 1 [99]  
Page 2 [100]  
Page 3 [101]  
December 22, 1864 - Savannah, Georgia  
LETTER # 31 - ORIGINAL  
Page 1  
Page 2  
Page 3  
LETTER# 31 -TRANSCRIPTION  
Page 1 [102]  
Page 2 [103]  
Page 3 [104]  
January 28, 1865 - Pocolaligo, South Carolina  
LETTER # 32 - ORIGINAL  
Page 1  
Page 2  
Page 3  
LETTER# 32 -TRANSCRIPTION  
Page 1 [105]  
Page 2 [106]  
Page 3 [107]  
March 12,1865 - Fayetteville, North Carolina  
LETTER # 33 - ORIGINAL  
Page 1  
- LETTER # 33 - TRANSCRIPTION  
Page 1 [108]  
April 10, 1865 - Raleigh, North Carolina  
LETTER # 34 - ORIGINAL  
Page 1  
Page 2  
Page 3  
LETTER # 34 - TRANSCRIPTION  
Page 1 [109]  
Page 2 [110]  
Page 3 [111]  
June 15, 1865 - Louisville, Kentucky  
LETTER # 35 - ORIGINAL  
Page 1

Page 2  
Page 3  
LETTER# 35 -TRANSCRIPTION  
Page 1 [112]  
Page 2 [113]  
Page 3 [114]  
July 18, 1865 -Madison, Wisconsin  
LETTER # 36 - ORIGINAL  
Page 1  
LETTER# 36 -TRANSCRIPTION  
Page 1 [115]  
INDEX of EVENTS, MILITARY UNITS, PEOPLE, PLACES and TRANSPORTATION mentioned in the letters  
Events  
Military Units  
People  
Places  
Transportation  
MAPS  
MAPS IDENTIFYING LOCATIONS NAMED IN DIARIES AND LETTERS  
OTHER MAPS  
MISSISSIPPI AREA MAP  
U. S. BEFORE SECESSION 1860  
RAILROAD MAP  
GEORGIA, SOUTH CAROLINA and NORTH CAROLINA

## FOREWORD

This infobase and its linked sub-infobases were initially prepared in 1994. The "Revision date" on the "information" screen under "File", above, indicates when additions, revisions, corrections etc. were last made.

## INTRODUCTION

In 1992, after completing the transcription and interpretation of Wentworth Dow's Civil War diaries in printed and microfiche form, I donated a set the the microfiche to the Juneau County Wisconsin Historical Society and the Public Library in Mauston Wisconsin. They put me in touch with Mr. Merton G. Eberlein, Historiographer, and [several letters were exchanged](#). Mr. Eberlein informed me that they had in their collection the original unit flag of Company E, the unit (regimental) roster (plaque), and copies of letters Captain Charles H. Bassett had written during the Civil War to his sister(s) in Wisconsin. He subsequently sent me [color negatives of the flag](#) and the [unit \(regimental\) plaque](#), and photocopies of Bassett's letters, which are the subject of this collection.

Charles (Charlie) Herman Bassett was a member of the same Civil War unit, a friend, and a relative by marriage of my great grandfather's oldest brother, Wentworth Dow. Bassett is [mentioned several times](#) in Wentworth Dow's [Civil War Diaries](#). After the Civil War, both Charles Bassett and his sister Mary (to whom some of these letters are written) [both](#) became in-laws of Wentworth Dow's.

The notes about people mentioned in Wentworth Dow's diaries state the following about [C. H. Bassett](#), [Cornelia Bassett](#) (also known as "Neal", a sister of Charles), and the woman who became Charles Bassett's wife following the Civil War, [Margaret Dawes](#), who was an older sister of Wentworth Dow's wife, [Mehitable \(Hettie\) Dawes Dow](#):

CAPTAIN CHARLES HERMAN BASSETT  
[RN4661]

Referred to in diaries as: C.H.B., C. H. Bassett, C H Bassett

Charles H. Bassett is mentioned frequently in the diaries. He probably was the son, or otherwise related, to the Pierz and Roxena Bassett. It was at their home where a group of women got together to make the Colors for Company E (see [The Colors](#)). Mary L. (Bassett) Wills Dawes was his sister as well as Cornelia. After the War he returned to Strongs Prairie, Wisconsin, and married [Margaret A. Dawes](#) [RN1305]. He died in 1898 on his farm, about 10 miles from Geneva, Nebraska.

It should be noted that the muster-in roll of Company E [DN1096] shows that a Jotham Bassett enlisted as a Private at Coloma, Waushara County, Wisconsin, on 17 October 1861; was married and lived in Coloma, Waushara County, Wisconsin. The diaries contain references also to other members of the Bassett family: [Delos Bassett](#) and [Doctor A. Bassett](#).

#### CORNELIA (NEAL) M. (BASSETT) WILLIAMSON

Referred to in diaries as: Cornelia M

Cornelia M. Bassett was the daughter of Roxena and Pierz Bassett and a sister of Charles H. Bassett and Mary L. (Bassett) Wills Dawes. She married a Williamson, perhaps the George Williamson mentioned in Wentworth's diaries. She was among the group of women who made the Colors for Company E (see [The Colors](#)).

#### MARGARET A. (DAWES) BASSETT [RN1305]

Referred to in diaries as: M. Dawes, Marge, Marga and Marga Daws

Margaret Dawes was a younger sister (6 years) of James M. Dawes and an older sister of Hettie Dawes (less than 2 years). She was born 15 May 1841 in Cutler, Washington County, Maine, and went to Wisconsin with her family when she was 5 years old. Her father died when she was about 12 years old. In 1863, she was 22 years old, 11 years younger than Wentworth. After the Civil War, she married Captain Charles H. Bassett and they lived for four years on the Pierz Bassett farm in Strongs Praire, Town of Monroe town line. They moved to Nebraska where they owned a farm about 10 miles from Geneva. When her husband died in 1898, Margaret sold the farm and moved to Geneva. They had one adopted daughter; she married a rich member of the Thorp family, who was a gambler who followed the race tracks, and she died young after a very unhappy life. When Margaret grew older her brother Pratt [RN1306] went to live with her for a short time. She then sold her home in Geneva, Nebraska, and they both moved to Chili, Wisconsin, to live with their widow sister, Mehitable (Hettie) Enone (Dawes) Dow. Margaret died in Chili and is buried in the Chile Cemetery near the Dow family lot. [SOURCE: Newsletter of Descendants of William Dawes (Who Rode) Association]

Charles H. Bassett entered the Civil War as a Private and completed it as a Captain.

These letters, when read together with Wentworth Dow's diaries, give another insight to many of the same events that Charlie and Wentworth went through as shared experiences. In addition to serving as a supplement to Wentworth's diaries, they serve as a substitute to the missing fourth diary of Wentworth Dow's that has been lost over the years. The letters cover the period missing from the diaries - that from the fall of Savannah through discharge in Louiseville and return to Wisconsin. As readers of these letters will note, Charlie Bassett was probably the last member of the unit to complete his Civil War service - he was the last man at Camp Randall, Wisconsin, completing the unit's paper work.

Most of these letters were addressed simply to "Dear Sister"; some are addressed "Dear Sister and Parents" or "Dear Sister and Father". One or two are addressed "Dear Sister Mary", so it is assumed that some of these letters were sent to Charles's sister [Mary](#). Mary was married, first, to Sergeant John P. Wills, who is describe in the notes on people mentioned in Wentworth Dow's diaries as follows:

SERGEANT JOHN P. WILLIS  
[RN4708]

Referred to in diaries as: not mentioned

John P. Wills was a color bearer for Company E. He married Mary Bassett [RN1309] on the day he went into the Army. He was shot during the Battle of Shiloh and was carried from the field by Captain Charles H. Bassett [RN4661] and James Marion Dawes [RN1303], but due to a forced retreat he died in the hands of the enemy two hours later.

Following the war, Mary married James Marion Dawes, who is described in the notes on people mentioned in Wentworth Dow's diaries as follows:

JAMES MARION DAWES  
[RN1303]

Referred to in diaries as: J. Dawes, J. M. Dawes, Ja. M. Dawes, Jame M Dawes, and James Dawes

James Dawes was an older brother of Irene V. and Mehitable Enone Dawes. He was born 29 March 1835 in Marion, Maine, and went to Wisconsin with his family when he was 15 years old. His father, Joshua Pratt Dawes, died in 1852 when James was about 18 years old. In 1855 James, the oldest male in the family, went to the government land office in Steven's Point and bought 120 acres in section 25, Town of Monroe, for \$1.25 per acre. The family moved their log cabin to the new land; Mehitable, James' mother, lived there until 1880. James was a great-grandson of William Dawes, The Patriot, who rode with Paul Revere. In 1859, James followed the gold rush to California where he worked for a mining company. He returned two years later and on 1 October 1861 enlisted (at age 26) in Company E, 16<sup>th</sup> Wisconsin Infantry Volunteers which his cousin, William F. Dawes was recruiting, one week after Wentworth Dow enlisted. After serving for some time after the Battle of Shiloh, James became disabled with chronic diarrhea and chronic exema in the feet and legs (dark streaks up to his knees) from sleeping on the wet ground. He was discharged (5 August 1862) and went home (see diary entry). After he recovered from the exema in 1864, he again headed west to the California gold fields, with his neighbor William Sinclair, James furnishing the wagon and William the mule team. James later returned to

Wisconsin and on 13 November 1867 married Mary L. (Bassett) Wills [RN1309][note references in diaries to other members of the Bassett family], the widow of Sergeant John P. Wills [RN4708]. John Wills was killed at the Battle of Shiloh and was carried from the field by Captain Charles H. Bassett and James M. Dawes. Due to a forced retreat he died in the hands of the enemy two hours later. Mary Bassett had married John Wills on the day he went into the Army and she never saw him again. James built a frame house and a large timber frame barn (used for thrashing beans and buck wheat and rye for flour) on the north 40 acres of his farm; to the north, on the next 40 acres was the Dawes school. James M. and Mary had seven children. James died 4 October 1883, and Mary in 1887 in Monroe, Wisconsin. James was a farmer and a very close friend of Wentworth Dow's in Strongs Praire/Monroe, Wisconsin. Wentworth was six years older than James and was a boarder in James' household up to the time the Civil War began. James became Wentworth's brother-in-law after the war. There are more references in the diaries to Wentworth writing and receiving letters from James Dawes than any other person.

The following is known about Charles' sister Mary:

MARY L. BASSETT (RN=1309)

AKA: Mary G.

SEX: F

Born: Nov 12, 1838

At: NY USA

FATHER: PEREZ BASSETT (RN=1321)

MOTHER: ROXANNE ? (RN=5326)

NUMBER OF MARRIAGES: 2

Married to: JOHN P. WILLS (RN=4708)

On: Sep 12, 1861

At: OXFORD MARQUETTE WI USA\*

Status: (Widowed)

Remarried to: JAMES MARION DAWES (RN=1303)

On: Nov 13, 1867

At: FRIENDSHIP ADAMS WI USA\*

Status: (Widowed)

NUMBER OF CHILDREN: 7

1: ALVA P. DAWES (RN=1310)

2: FRANK E. DAWES (RN=1311)

3: JAMES LINCOLN DAWES (RN=1318)

4: CHARLES H. DAWES (RN=1319)

5: ARTHUR L. DAWES (RN=1320)

6: ELLA M. DAWES (RN=3601)

7: HARRY E. DAWES (RN=3602)

Died: Aug 13, 1887

At: MONROE ADAMS WI USA\*

BURIAL PLACE: 14 AUG 1887 MONROE ADAMS WI USA

RESIDENT OF: STRONGS PRAIRIE and MONROE ADAMS WI USA

Notes

- (1: DN 651-census 1880 Monroe Adams WI p.8 age 42)
- (2: DN1020-Genealogical notes of Una Sara Dow)
- (3: DN1715-Descendants of William Dawes Newsletter p.9.)
- (4: DN1715-Descendants of William Dawes Newsletter p.39.)
- (5: DN2725 p.39-Marriage registration:says name is Mary G. Bassett.)
- (6: DN2725-Military, pension, medical records of John P. Mills and James Marion Dawes.)
- (7: DN2725 p.47-Marriage registration.)
- (8: DN2725 p.49-signature.)
- (9: DN2725 p.114-death affidavit)
- (10: DN 647-census 1870 Monroe Adams WI p.7, age 30)

Although it is obvious that some of the letters addressed to "Dear Sister" were sent to Mary, it is also apparent from what is said in some letters (i.e. calling the sister "Neal") that some of the letters addressed "Dear Sister" went to [Cornelia](#).

There are 36 letters that I was given copies of - two of the letters are obviously missing one or more pages. They span the period from approximately March 24, 1862 through July 18, 1865.

Variances in the readability of the letters due to ink bleeding and fading, the age of the paper, and the very poor copies that I was provided make parts of these letters difficult to read and interpret. The copy pages have been reproduced to increase contrast and readability as much as possible. The transcription pages are interleaved with the reproductions of the original letter pages.

Entries have been transcribed verbatim, in most instances. The transcription pages have been annotated with interpretations by the transcriber. These annotations and interpretations of abbreviations or illegible items are enclosed in brackets "[ ]". Letters or words that could not be read or interpreted are substituted by dashes "---".

Charles Bassett was a much better speller than Wentworth Dow, but he had the habit of not using much punctuation, like periods at the end of sentences and after abbreviations and titles (which I have added where they clearly belong) and not capitalizing the the first letter at the beginning of some sentences (which I have added)

Following the original and transcription pages of the last letter is a compilation containing the names of people, companies, transportation used, military ranks and military units, as well as the location of places mentioned in the diaries. The reader can use the Search facility of this program can be used to find the instances of each item listed..

Identifying notes, maps and other records about the people and events mentioned in the letters can be found in the [Wentworth Dow Civil War Diaries](#) and in the [Civil War Maps and Reference Materials](#).

Notations throughout to RN numbers and DN numbers refer to record numbers and document numbers in Volume 1 of the Gerald Wayne Dow FAMILY HISTORY RESEARCH (Family History Library, Salt Lake City, FHL film-reel call numbers: #1597790 through #1597798).

Any misinterpretations or errors in the transcriptions, indices and notes are solely the transcriber's.

As a companion to these letters, readers should also see the [Civil War Diaries of Wentworth Dow](#). The dates of the letters below that are highlighted in green serve as jump links to the diary entry for the same date.



## **REPRODUCED ORIGINAL LETTER PAGES and TRANSCRIPTION**

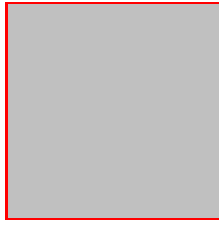
### **March 24, 1862 - Pittsburg Landing, Tennessee**

[From the contents of pages 3 and 4, it is surmised this letter was written within several days after March 23, 1862, the day of Umbarger's death is mentioned in Wentworth's diary. The location this letter was written from is Pittsburg Landing, Tennessee]

#### **LETTER # 1 - ORIGINAL**

**Pages 1 and 2 are missing**

Page 3



Page 4



## LETTER # 1 - TRANSCRIPTION

Pages 1 and 2 are missing

Page 3 [1]

cattle, horses, mules etc. We then started down the river. Reached Cairo [Illinois] Monday morning. Stayed there until towards night and then started up the Ohio River. Arrived at Paducha [Paducah, Kentucky] Monday morning. This place is in Kentucky at the mouth of the Tennessee River and a very pretty place it is too. Here we went ashore and marched through town to an open space where the regt was formed in hollow square and were introduced to Col. Ogleby of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Ill Cavalry who made us a short speech giving some good advice about what we should do to preserve our health etc. We then went back to the boat but did not leave till 10 P.M. We then passed up the Tennessee River stopping occasionally at some small town. Fort Henry [Kentucky] and Savannah [Tennessee] among the rest. We are now 9 miles above Savannah and near the south line of Tenn. There is as near as I can learn between 90 & 100 regiments at this point. How long we shall stay here I cannot tell. Rumor says that there is a battle expected a few [miles] back from here, near the junction of the railroads. It is also rumored that the Rebels are leaving that point as they have

Page 4 [2]

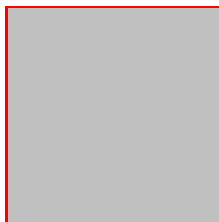
many others. We are attached to Gen. Mc Arthur's Brigade. The 81<sup>st</sup> Chicago & 12<sup>th</sup> Ill. and Burges Sharp Shooters with us constitute the Brigade. We have lost one man in our company since we landed. It was James Umbarger that lived near Burgets. The disease was the quick consumption which was seated before we left Camp Randall [near Madison, Wisconsin]. As for war news, we left that at Camp Randall. We know but very little what is going on now. I want you should tell father that I omitted the heading of his letter when I commenced it and afterwards forgot it untill after it had gone. I am very sorry about it. I want you should write about his cancer, whether it troubles him much and what he is going to do about having it doctored. It troubles me a great deal. But I have written a good while and at a great inconvenience as you will see by the writing. John [Wills] says tell them that I am well and send my best respects. Delos [Bassett] is well and has written home today. You must write often. You don't know how I want to hear from you. Direct to Co. E 16<sup>th</sup> Regt W. V. Pittsburg [Pittsburg] Landing Tenn Via Cairo. My love to you all. From your affectionate brother.  
C. H. Bassett

---

**April 11, 1962 - Pittsburg Landing, Tennessee**

**LETTER # 2 - ORIGINAL**

Page 1



Page 2



Page 3



## LETTER # 2 - TRANSCRIPTION

### Page 1 [3]

Pittsburg Landing Apr 11<sup>th</sup> /62 [1862]

Dear Sisters & Parents

I now take the opportunity of writing to you again. You will no doubt hear of the battle fought here on the 6<sup>th</sup> April and 7<sup>th</sup> but perhaps not of the sad news I am obliged to write. Although we know that we here are all liable to fall, it is just as bad to part with ones friends here as anywhere, and poor Mary [*Mary Bassett Wills*], how will she surrve it. May God bless and sustain her. John [*Wills*] was one of the first to fall. He was shot through the body. He did not die instantly. I went with him to the tent, which was about thirty rods, where I was obliged to leave him or be taken prisoner. He told me to go, that he should die anyway, but Oh it was hard and had it not been for doing all I could to repel the Rebels I should have remained. We were camped on the frontier and were attacked by surprise and they were so strong that we were compelled to retreat before the other forces could [*be*] brought to --. It was a hard battle. It was one continual roar of musketry and canon all the first

### Page 2 [4]

day sometimes seeming to go in favor of one side and then of the other but at length night fall came dark and cloudy and the firing [*firing*] ceased. We were obliged to lay on the ground without anything over us - our blankets, overcoats, knapsacks and all their contents being taken by the enemy. But that night we were reinforced by General Buell [*Buell*]. The next morning it commenced again but that day we gained the victory, driving the rebs three or four miles beyond where they attacked us the day before and taking a good many prisoners. Our regiment was not brought into action, Buels [*Buell's*] forces taking the lead the third day. We came back to our camp where we have remained ever since. I would have written before but our officers told us that letters would not go at present. Our Colonel and Lieut. Colonel were wounded but are likely to recover. The woulded are most likely sent to Savannah [*Savannah, Tennessee*]. Edwin Knight was the first one of our company to fall. He was shot through the body but lived until Monday knight [*night*]. The rebels took him & one of our tents and dressed his wound, but he could not live. One or two of our men who came back befre [*before?*] the regiment were with him when he died. Henry Ely received a slight

### Page 3 [5]

wound in the knee. There were six of our Company killed and two more are missing, either killed or taken prisoner. William Hastings died Wednesday morning with the typhoid fever. The 18<sup>th</sup> regt arrived here Saturday night and were in the fight on Sunday. Their loss is very heavy. Col. Alban was badly wounded and has since died. Lieut. Col. Beal was also wounded and their Maj. killed. Capt. Compton of the Rapids company was killed. Capt. Mille of the Taycheedah [*Wisconsin*] company was killed and Lieut. Colman dangerously wounded. A great many are missing. Elisher Alexas and Silas Clark among the rest. Wille Bassett was not hurt. Mr Tiffany is sick. What the movements are not I do not know. There is no fighting going on now that I know of. The cavalry are out scouting all the time but I cannot learn where the rebels are. There are fresh troops coming and going on every day. We have just received news that Memphis is taken. I hope the war will close soon. My hope [*health?*] is good now. I am gaining every [*day*] yet there is considerable sickness in camp. It is very muddy here. It has rained every night this week. I am writing on my knee and

---

**April 27, 1862 - near Pittsburg Landing, Tennessee**

**LETTER # 3 - ORIGINAL**

Page 1



Page 2



**LETTER # 3 - TRANSCRIPTION**

**Page 1 [6]**

Camp near Pittsburg [Landing] Apr 27<sup>th</sup> .62 [1862]

Dear Sister

As I have a few spare moments I thought I would write you a few lines. I received your letter of the 7<sup>th</sup> on the 15<sup>th</sup> and it was a welcome -- , I assure you but, as I had written to you a few days before I thought I would not answer you then. Accordingly, it is Sunday and it is a pleasant one too. We have moved about two miles inland of where we were when I wrote last. We have a very nice camp ground here. It is a dry strip of land between two small creeks and covered with trees which are nicely leaved [*leafed*] out and making beautiful shade which is very inviting today. It is as warm as the middle of June would be in Adams Co. [*Wisconsin*]. The army here is all advancing towards Corinth where we have been expecting to have another hard battle but the news is now that the rebels are leaving there as fast as possible. I suppose they intend to keep us chasing them up until we are all disabled by sickness. Capt. Dawes and Ebenezer Cameron are quite sick and Tom Dunbar is quite [*sick*] as well. Henry Hastings I think will not live. He has the same fever that William had. My health is good

**Page 2 [7]**

so far. The boys - those who are not sick - begin to liven up considerable yet there is vacancy especially [*especially*] with me that reminds me, and will as long as I am in the service, that there is one that is missing. It seems so lonely. I long to get through with this and home once more but when that will be, if ever, we cannot tell. I hope it will be soon. Delos' health is good. We had divine services this forenoon for the first time since the battle. There was one woman present and her voice sounded very odd as she assisted in singing the hymns. There are some women in almost every regiment. There was 15 in ours but they all went to Savannah [*Tennessee*] at the time of the fight and but one has returned. There has some of our wounded been sent north but not as many as would have been if Gov. Harvey had not been drowned; that was a hard stroke on his men. I think that the 16<sup>th</sup> regt would have gone to Madison [*Wisconsin*] to guard prisoners if he had lived. His body has not been found yet. Silas Clark of the 18<sup>th</sup> has been found but Brig Gen. Smith, Elisher Alexander, Herbot Whitney, and Wallace Campbell, that used to live in Monroe [*Wisconsin*], are among the missing yet. Mr. Tiffany is getting quite -- [*smart?*]. But we are going to have dress parade this afternoon and I must close. I rec'd Mary's letter, written at the same time as yours. Alas for her little did she think when writing it that he would not live to receive it but you must be of good cheer and write often [-- *do?*]. From your affectionate brother.  
C. H. B. Direct as usual.

**June 9, 1862 - Corinth, Mississippi**

**LETTER # 4 - ORIGINAL**

Page 1



Page 2



**LETTER # 4 - TRANSCRIPTION**

**Page 1 [8]**

No. 1

Camp No. 10 Corinth June 9, 62 [1862]

Dear Sister

I rec'd your letter dated May 12<sup>th</sup> on the 5<sup>th</sup> but have been so busy since that I have delayed answering it until now. on the 6<sup>th</sup> we were ordered to move to Corinth and on the 7<sup>th</sup> I started for Hamburg Landing to help load the teams with provision for the regt and did not get back until last night. I am well at present. I think that some of my letters must have been lost for I have answered all of your letters and some besides. I rec'd Mary's [*Mary L. Bassett Wills*] letter and answered it and sent one at the same time which came here for John [*John P. Wills*]. Hereafter I will number my letters commencing with this one. It would no doubt [*be*] useless for me to undertake to write any news concerning the evacuation of Corinth as you have read all the particulars before this time. I took the liberty the next day after the evacuation of strolling off out here and taking good view of the place where we expected to witness another great battle. This place is about as large as New Lisbon [*New Lisbon, Wisconsin*] but there are but few inhabitants here now and they have returned since the evacuation. It seems to be the opinion of our

**Page 2 [9]**

officers that we will remain here some time but how [*long*] that will be I don't know. We are camped about half a mile from town in quite a pleasant place. If we should stay here two or three weeks I think the fruit will suffer some as there is any amount of blackberrys that have already turned red and the boys have commenced stewing green apples and peaches. There is no end to them. I sent a Memphis paper to father which I found in Corinth the next day after the rebs left. I wish you would write whether he gets it or not. Some say that they abstract all secesh papers from the mail. The Paymaster is in these parts somewhere and we have been expecting to get two months pay soon but don't know but we shall slip up on it for my part. I don't care much about it any way. Winter wheat is ripe. I saw some yesterday that was cut and shocked up. I have no news to write so I guess I will close. I saw William Bassett today. He's well. His wife writes that Mrs. Houglin is dead. Fayette Burgette is sick in the hospital or gone home. I have not heard from Tom & Del lately. George Delos and Henry Ely are here and well. Write often.

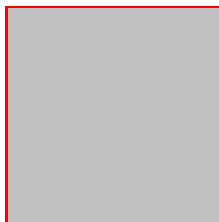
From your unworthy brother

C. H. Bassett

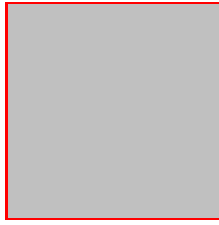
**July 17, 1862 - Corinth, Mississippi**

**LETTER # 5 - ORIGINAL**

Page 1



Page 2



Page 3



Page 4



**LETTER # 5 - TRANSCRIPTION**

**Page 1 [10]**

Camp near Corinth Miss

July 17<sup>th</sup> /62 [1862]

Dear Sister

I rec'd your letter No 1 on the 14<sup>th</sup> was very glad to hear from you once more and that you were all well and I am very happy that I can say the same of myself. Things are going on about the same as usual here. The 8<sup>th</sup> Wis Battery and 15<sup>th</sup> regt are camped about four miles from here. Alen & Whit have been over here & Delos, George, Dow, and myself have been over there. They are as tough as bears and Alen is hog fat. Their Capt is as mean as ever and hasn't

**Page 2 [11]**

a friend in the whole battery. In your letter [*you said*] that Capt Dawes was going to start the next week, but Hank Ward got one from his folks at the same time dated the 7<sup>th</sup> of July which said that he was not going to start until he got a letter from Col Allen. I am afraid that he will put it off to [*too*] long. James Dawes is failing all the time. I hope he will get discharged soon. Del Dunbar is not able to do anything. But I suppose that we shall have our regt filled up before a great while. I hope they will not get here until after the warm weather is over. I saw Sam Bassett yesterday he is in the 26<sup>th</sup>

**Page 3 [12]**

Mo regt. They are camped about five miles from here. Mr. Whitney and Rob Mullen have got back to their regt. They said that Lorinda Bishop had been taken down the second time and that she was quite low when they came away. Mr. Tiffany has been offered his discharge but will not accept it. Mr. Prescott is quite sick. Albert Gates is very low. It does not seem to make much difference how many there is sent away, there is about so many sick anyway. But it will not be many months before the hot weather will be over and then I am in hopes it will be more healthy. You must not

**Page 4 [13]**

be alarmed about my enlisting in the regulars, for did I not tell you more than once that I did not enlist for the sake of being a soldier but because I thought it was my duty to do what I could to put down the rebellion and you can see that there is none to [*too*] many men. But when the war is once ended I shall be as anxious as any one to get home and Delos has not more idea of joining the regulars than I have. But I shall have to close my letter and scour my gun for it rained last night. I guess that Curt has forgot to answer my letter. Please give my respects to elder Pikes folks and say that I will try and write to them soon.

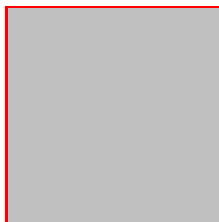
[----] & faithful brother.

C. H. Bassett

**September 5, 1862 - Corinth, Mississippi**

**LETTER # 6 - ORIGINAL**

Page 1



Page 2



**LETTER # 6 - TRANSCRIPTION**

**Page 1 [14]**

Camp No 10 Corinth Miss

Sept 5, /62 [1862]

Sister Mary

Yours of the 27<sup>th</sup> came to hand this morning. It was cheerfully [*cheerfully*] rec'd here. I assure you I am sorry that I can not say that I am well, but I am not. I have got the diarrhea [*diarrhea*] but not very severe and I am in hope I shall get over it soon. The rest of the boys from the Praire [--] [*Strongs Praire, Wisconsin*] are well except Delos. He remains about the same what might be called comfortably sick. He is not doctoring any now and cannot do anything on account of his back. [George Hacston](#) from Necedah has arrived here safe and looks much better than he did the last time I saw him. I did not think he could

*[there appear to be a page or pages missing at this point]*

**Page 2 [15]**

not turn out and drive them away before they do any damage. Iif guns are scarce let them have mine. I do not think the rebs intend to molest us here at present, but they seem to be busy in attacking other places that are not very strongly guarded. But they do not succeed in cutting off our railroad communication to Columbus yet. There was a new Regt. arrived in Corinth last night from Mich [*Michigan*]. I am afraid that if our forces do not gain the day in Virginia we shall see some hard times yet before we get through, but we must hope for the best. The old maxim is the darkest time of night is just before day and I think it is rather dark just now. But it is growing dark and I must close. With my best wishes for you all. I bid you good bye.

C. H. Bassett

herd [heard] John Pike had a letter from [--] to him a good man.

---

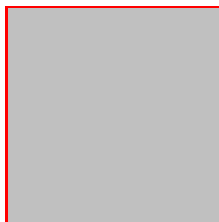
**September 15, 1862 - Camp Sabin near Corinth, Mississippi**

**LETTER # 7 - ORIGINAL**

Page 1



Page 2



Page 3



**LETTER # 7 - TRANSCRIPTION**

**Page 1 [16]**

Camp Sabin [Camp No. 11] Sept. 15<sup>th</sup> /62 [1862]

Dear Sister

Yours No 9 was rec'd this morning. It was gladly accepted and found me in good health. I am very much pleased to hear that the indians are not dangerous up there although I had thought all the time they were not. I have not been in another battle yet and I hardly think I shall be very soon, but there has been a small one within 20 miles of us and the 8<sup>th</sup> Wis. were in it and had some of their men taken prisoners. As near as I can learn there was no great loss on either side. I do not think they intend to attack the place at present. The citizens

**Page 2 [17]**

around here say the rebels do not like to fight western men as well as they do those from the east, and I begin to think myself that those eastern troops are not worth much by the way they are letting the rebels come in around Washington. Things look quite dubious to me just at present but they say the darkest time of night is just before day. I hope it will be day break soon. I saw Allen the other day at Corinth. He was on his way to Cousville H Q. He looks rather poorly. I think he will get a discharge. I hope he will at least. I am afraid he will not get well unless he goes home. Albert Gates died last week at the division hospital and by the neglect of big men.

**Page 3 [18]**

I do not want to be a Gen in the American army. I am afraid I should have too many mens lives to answer for. I think they had better send Poet Webster into the army a while, he could give satisfices [*certificates*] of disability to men who need them. I had a letter from James Dawes today. He says he is getting along finely and am glad to heare [*hear*] it. Tell Nette Pettis that I shant cry much about those black eyes, for onion are worth \$2,00 a bushel down here and cant afford it. And furthermore if I remember right there is more than one pair such in Adams Co and Curt cant have them all. Tell here that there are those who do not forget those that are fighting for their country. No more at present.

C.H.B.

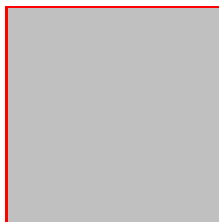
Be a good girl and waite for the war [*to end*] and by and bye we'll all take a ride.

---

**October 6, 1862 - Camp Sabin near Corinth, Mississippi**

**LETTER # 8 - ORIGINAL**

Page 1



Page 2



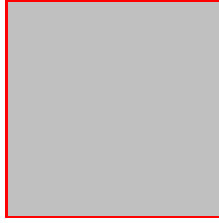
Page 3



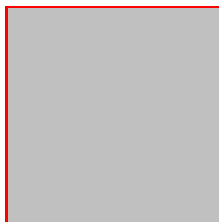
Page 4



Page 5



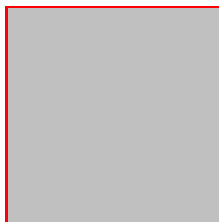
Page 6



Page 7



Page 8



## LETTER # 8 - TRANSCRIPTION

### Page 1 [19]

Camp Sabin Oct 6<sup>th</sup> /62 [1862]

Dear Sister & Father

I am once more allowed the privilege of addressing a few lines to you to let you know that I have passed through another battle and came out unhurt. I will give you the particulars as near as I can. It was reported on Wednesday the 1<sup>st</sup> that the rebels were advancing on our front from towards Showallah [*Chewalla, Tennessee*]. That night about sun down Co. E were ordered out under the command of Lieut. Niles to stand grand guard on a certain road 1/2 mile in advance of the picket line, but we saw no signs of any rebs. The next night the Regt was called out about half past ten, marched up the railroad about 2 miles where we lay until morning. We were than ordered back to camp, but before we got to camp we heard cannon in front but quite a distance off. About 8AM it commenced nearer at hand and at 9 we were ordered out again. We crossed over to the right of the railroad and went about 1 mile when we came to where they were at it. We wheeled into line in the rear of

### Page 2 [20]

18<sup>th</sup> Wis. who were lying down as we were ordered to do. We were on the left of the battery which was firing [*firing*]. Our Regt. was commanded by Maj. Reynolds, the Col. being in command of the brigade and Gen M<sup>c</sup> Arthur haveing [*having*] command of the whole front. He (M<sup>c</sup> Arthur) soon called for two Companies of the 16<sup>th</sup> to go out as skirmishers. C & B [*Companies A and B*] were accordingly sent out. In about half an hour, the Gen. called for the Maj. and wanted to know if he had got a Co. [*Company*] he could depend on. He said that the Capt. of Co. B had run before there was a gun fired. The Maj. told him that he would send E [*Company E*] cole [*ole*] Co. and could depend on the officers and men both. So we went out where we [*were*] ordered to, deployed as skirmishers & began to peak for buttinuts. They soon informed us where they were by firing [*firing*] a volley at us, which killed Ira Dimick, one of our best men. We did not run, however, but returned the compliment with good effect. But the rebs greatly outnumbered us and kept advancing. We stood our ground until the Regt behind us commenced firing [*firing*] which we did not like very well, for the balls went whiz, whiz, whiz from both

### Page 3 [21]

ways much faster than we could dodge our heads. We were ordered to retreat to the reserve and did so. But the rebs kept pressing on with so strong a force that the whole line was soon obliged to fall back. We soon formed another line but could not hold it long. We fought in this way all day sometimes driving the rebs & and getting drove back ourselves in turn. The rebs gradually gaining ground until our forces were all drawn in to a small circle around Corinth. Night now came on and the firing [*firing*] ceased. Although we had been driven from our camps as at Shilo [*Shiloh*] we had left nothing for the rebs except the tents. All our knapsacks and provisions haveing [*having*] been put aboard the wagons & hauled to town. And as soon as we had stoped for the night our Quartermaster was on hand with one wagon loaded with provision and another with water, and although we had to lay without Coat or blanket we were neither dry nor hungry. About four the next morning the rebs commenced shelling the town with a battery which they had planted during the night. The shells passing directly over our heads.

### Page 4 [22]

This however was soon stopped by the seige guns in our forts and the infantry made a charge and took their battery and four hundred prisoners and a gun which they took from us the morning before. Gen McArthur's command being on the left, we accordingly took our position there. About 9 AM the rebs made a charge on our batteries which showed more desperation than bravery, they came up almost in solid column one Regt after another. Those in the rear filling up the front ranks as they were mowed down by scores by the grape & canister shot from our batteries. Our infantry also poured volley after volley into them. They pressed on however until they reached the fort. The men falling as fast as they raided it; and they were then obliged to retreat. This was their last attempt. They now commenced leaving as fast as possible. This engagement was on the right so that we were not in it. Our Regt had two Companies, D & H, skirmishing on the left, the ballance [*balance*] of us laying as reserve. About 2 PM Gen. McArthur came up and ordered the skirmishers to come in. He then told us that he knew he had used us more than was our share but the reason he had done so was because

**Page 5 [23]**

he could depend on us, and he also said that if we did not want to fight we should not be a fighting Regt nor under a fighting Gen. He was alluding however to Gen. Rosecrans who was in command of this post. He (McArthur) then asked us if we were willing to follow him and the rebs a while. We gave him three cheers and told him we were. Oh he is a good man as well as a brave one. I have esteemed him very highly from the first and the more I see of him the better I like him. He has been our Gen. first as brigadier & then as division ever since the evacuation of Corinth. But I must follow the rebs again. We started out with a part of the 21<sup>st</sup> Mo [*Missouri*] and went about five miles, picking up five or six butternuts who had got left behind. Here we captured a lot of hospital tents with about four hundred of their wounded, forty nurses and three Surgeons. It now being about eight PM and quite dark the Gen. said we would not go any farther. This suited me amazing well for I was as near bushed as I want to be. The Gen. sent a dispatch to Corinth for troops, which made their appearance soon  
You can add to the list I sent you:

Ira Dimick Killed at the Battle of Shiloh Oct 3rd 1862

George P. Sheldon Killed at the Battle of Shiloh Oct 3rd 1862

**Page 6 [24]**

after daylight next morning. He then told us we had done our part and as we were very much fatigued we might go back to camp and we did so. We found our tents as we had left them. All that I am minus is a coat & rubber blanket. Those I left by the side of a tree on the 3<sup>rd</sup>. Dow left his by the same tree to keep them company, but we could not find them when we went back to the tree yesterday. We have not ascertained [*ascertained*] the loss of our Regt as there is a great many who got scattered and will return again. We have buried two of our Co. Ira Dimick & George P. Sheldon. Perry B. Proper is wounded. Lieut. Niles and Ira P. Sands who married the widow Dawes' daughter were sun struck but are doing well now. J. B. Keyes was wounded and I am afraid taken prisoner as we cannot hear anything from him. There are four more we cannot find or hear from, they are Sergt W. C. White, P. B. Norton, Corp A. Myat and John Kelly. Delos & Henry Ely were not able to go out. The rest are all wright [*right*] except Lieut. White. He fell and hurt his back but is here with us. The most of them fought bravely. George Williamson is our color bearer. Oh he is

**Page 7 [25]**

pluck to the back bone. He would stand and wave the old flag defiantly at them and although there is many bullet holes in the flag, George escaped without a scratch. He receives the praise of every one

who saw him. **Capt. Dawes** the same. He is a brick. The men are all proud of him, even those who used their influence to get rid of him when he was unable to be with us. It does me good to hear them acknowledge their disappointment. Our Maj. too is praised for his bravery although there is certian set who have done their best to injure him. The Union loss is not known but judgeing [*judging*] from what I have seen it must be small, not more than an eighth as large as the rebels. If killing, wounding, driveing [*driving*] the enemy, following them up and takeing [*taking*] them prisoners is gaining a victory, we have certainly gained it this time. There has [*been*] as many as five hundred prisioners passed here today and the latest news tonight is that our men have captured their whole artillery and wagon train, and are still pursuing and cutting them to pieces. The rebel Genls. commanding the attack were Price, Vandorn & Villifigue. The latter was one who attempted to plant the flag on the fort and fell with a

**Page 8 [26]**

score of bullet holes through his heart & body. **Dow** has a piece of his coat and pants. The negroes have plenty of employment burying rebs, and it is a great relief to our soldiers too. The rebs must be hard up for provision as a great many of their haversacks have nothing but ears of corn in them. They knew there was a large supply of provision in Corinth and they expected to get it, but thank God they did not. They got on to the Columbus railroad and burnt one bridge, but it was repaired so that we got our mail this morning, which brought me your letter dated Sept 28<sup>th</sup>. I was happy to hear from you. My health is good, but I feel rather old. I do not like to hear bullets whistling around my head, or see my comrades fall dead by my side, but when one sees men from his own state who were bayoneted after being wouDED, I tell you it is enough to make him delight in drawing a fine sight at the butternut villians. But I must close for this time. You will no doubt get the news of this battle before you do this letter. I am thankful that I have come out alive. Poor **John** [*Wills*], I am afraid, we shall never see him again. He was a good boy and a brave soldier.

Good bye for this time. From your unworthy brother

C. H. Bassett

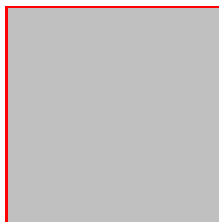
I get stamps in every letter.

---

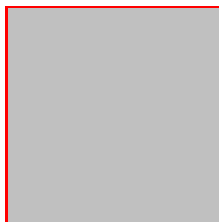
**December 6, 1862 - Bank of Tallahatchie, Mississippi**

**LETTER # 9 - ORIGINAL**

Page 1



Page 2



Page 3



**LETTER # 9 - TRANSCRIPTION**

**Page 1 [27]**

Camp on the bank of Tallahatchie [*Tallahatchie River, Mississippi*]

Dec 6<sup>th</sup> 1862

Dear Sister

It is with pleasure that I now attempt to address a few lines to you in answer to yours of the 29<sup>th</sup> which found me enjoying life as [*much as*] possible under the existing circumstances. We had first arrived at Abbeville [*Abbeville, Mississippi*] (a small town on the Miss. Central railroad) after a muddy, rainy march, but the rebs had skidaddled at our approach and we were all feeling well over it. Co.'s E & G and all the carpenters in the Regt were detailed yesterday to repair the railroad bridge across the Tallahatchie river which the rebs **burned** when they left. So we

**Page 2 [28]**

struck tents and moved down here last night and have been at work on the bridge today. We shall probably be here two weeks. We came from Grand Junct. [*Grand Junction, Tennessee*] by the way of Holly Springs [*Mississippi*] which is decidedly the prettiest place I have seen in Dixie. It is an old settled country here, and I have seen several splendid plantations. Gen. Grant's army, except M<sup>c</sup> Arthurs' division, have gone on and are now twenty miles from here following Price. Where he will let them overtake him is more than I can tell. I suppose you are haveing [*having*] cold weather up in Wis. [*Wisconsin*] but it don't seem so to me. We have had nothing like winter here yet. I understand that the drafted men in do not choose to come

**Page 3 [29]**

into the old Regts but I am not disappointed any. I expect Mr. Pikes folks dont think much of their bager or they would not think of calling that name. Tell them they may expect to have trouble with him if they do. I wish this plaguey war was ended so that I could see you all once more. Neal [*Cornelia*], I do want to go home. How is father's cancer, is he going to have it doctered this winter, does he keep Jimmy the colt yet, does [*he*] grow any. It is getting late and I cant think of any news to write so I will close. With much love to you all. May I ever remain your affectionate brother.

C.H.B.

I sent my likeness, did you get it.

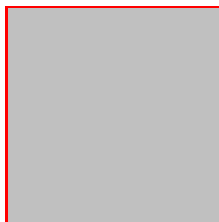
**January 17, 1863 - Memphis, Tennessee**

**LETTER # 10 - ORIGINAL**

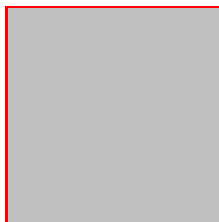
Page 1



Page 2



Page 3



**LETTER # 10 - TRANSCRIPTION**

**Page 1 [30]**

Memphis Tenn Jan 17<sup>th</sup> 1863

four AM

Dear Sister

The snow is nearly a foot deep and the thermometer about sixty below zero, or Jerusalem I dont know which, but I guess both. Anyhow its tarnation cold. We arrived at this burg last Monday night, every [everyone] has been drunk since we got here. No [north ?] camp-guard soldiers go to town and stay as long as they please. We got two months pay yesterday. Expect to start for Vicksburg today. We go on a steamboat. Henry Ely, Charley Prescott, Mc Dougle, T. F. Wheeler and E. L. Babcock are discharged.

**Page 2 [31]**

They all start for home today except Babcock. He has hired out to the sutler(7) for forty dollars a month and board. If was free I could get sixty to work for uncle Sam and stay here in town, but that don't do me a good now. I can't send any money home now for fear it will be another six months before we get paid again, and I can't get along without a little money. We [are having] hard times at the best. The clothing for this army was taken or destroyed at Holly Springs [*Mississippi*] and we have not been able to draw any since. Consequently, I am obliged to buy some to make me comfortable. I expect the hardest is yet to come. We are none of us pleased with the idea of going to Vicksburg but we have

**Page 3 [32]**

got to go. There is [are] many of us no doubt will never return but we must all hope for the best. I have not had a letter from anyone since I wrote you before. My health is good. It is very uncomfortable writing and Henry [*Ely*] can tell you all the news so I will close. When I write again I shall probably be up the Yazoo river [*Mississippi*], somewhere in the rear of Vicksburg. Until then, I remain, with much love to you all, your unworthy brother.

C. H. Bassett

**February 24, 1863 - Lake Providence, Louisiana**

**LETTER # 11 - ORIGINAL**

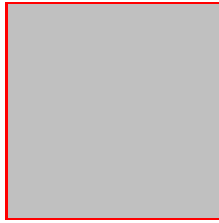
Page 1



Page 2



Page 3



Page 4



**LETTER # 11 - TRANSCRIPTION**

**Page 1 [33]**

Lake Providence La Feb. 24<sup>th</sup> /63 [1863]

Dear Sister

After waiting several days longer than I ought to have done I sit down to write an answer to your letter of Feb. 1<sup>st</sup>. It was a good long one to. I do like to get long letters. I was glad to learn that you are all well and that you had got a new stove to warm up the old shanty and cook. It must be much more convenient than the old one. Although there are a good many sick here, my health is good yet. I have left the commissary and I suppose you will want to know why. Well, at the time we were at work on the Tallahatchie bridge [*Tallahatchie River, Mississippi*], there was a certain number of men detailed from each Regt in the Division for pioneers for this Division and as they wanted all the mechanics they could get I was detailed with the rest. I have charge of the detachment from the 16<sup>th</sup> Regt, so I don't have to work unless I have a mind to. (Well, Neal [*Cornelia*], will say 'I guess he dont work much then'). Well I guess

**Page 2 [34]**

your are about wright [*right*]. We have not been called on till now. We have got a going [*working*] steamboat on dry land, hunting for water. It is a small one, not as large as some of the - - [*schooners?*] that used to run on Lake Winnebago [*Wisconsin*] and we are drawing it from the river to the lake. I expect they are going to use her to clear the trees out of the Tensas river [*Louisiana*], before they let the water through into the lake. We have got her about half way over but we're hindered most of the afternoon today on account of a fire breaking out on the street we were passing through. It hurt eight or ten buildings and we tore down three more to keep it from going further, but it is all recesh and we dont cry any over it. The best of it is we found a recesh flag nicely put away in a trunk in one of the houses. There was a family living in the house. The man pretended to be Union and the government has been furnishing him provision. I don't know whether he will get any more or not. Maj. Reynolds carried the flag to headquarters, all except on corner which the boys would have. I got a small piece which

**Page 3 [35]**

I will enclose in this letter. Tell Pete Gleason that Uncle Sam don't want any men to work for him who haven't got spunk enough to enlist. That's enough for him to know about it. Aaron Simmons was with the Regt when they landed here but was not able to do anything. I have not seen him since as they are encamped about three miles from here. Tell Dora [*Ledora White Dawes*] that I shall not blame her any because I do not get 1<sup>st</sup> Lieut's Commission for I don't think she could say anything to hinder or help it if she tried. All I cared about it was I did not want anything said about it because there was no prospect of my getting it. The weather is very warm and pleasant here now. Peach trees are in blossom and I will send you some which I picked the other day. Del and George says give them my respects. There is no war news to write. Gen. Logan's Division landed here yesterday from Memphis. Oh, I like to have forgotton to tell you that C. H. Bassett is third Sergeant and George Williamson fourth and color Sergeant. I believe that is all for this time, so good night. -- [*Trite?*] from your affectionate brother.  
C.H.B.

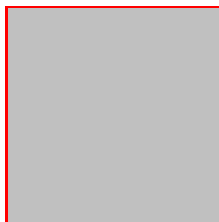
**Page 4 [36]**

I got trimming in an old store today if you have got anything you hate you can put it on, for its scesh.

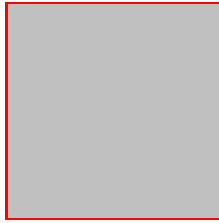
**April 3, 1863 - Vicksburg, Mississippi**

**LETTER # 12 - ORIGINAL**

Page 1



Page 2



Page 3



**LETTER # 12 - TRANSCRIPTION**

**Page 1 [37]**

Camp near Vicksburg [*Mississippi*] Apr 3<sup>rd</sup> /63 [1863]

Dear Sister

I rec'd your kind and welcome letter of March 19<sup>th</sup> day before yesterday in the morning. It was the 1<sup>st</sup> day of April, but the letter was no April fool. It found me as well as ever with the exception of a slight cold which I think will soon leave me. Well about 10 AM the 1<sup>st</sup> we were ordered to pack knapsacks and get ready to move, but the boat we were to go on did not come that day. So we did not start until yesterday about noon. The boat which was furnished for our transportation is the Odd Fellow, so I suppose we all belong to that Order now. Well we run down below here a waise [*ways*] last night and reported to Gen. Grant for further orders. This morning we came back up here and landed and pitched tents within eighty rods of where we camped when we first came down from Memphis in the winter. There seems to be no other way to put down the rebellion, only by digging canals. And they are digging one here, from the river to some bayou. I don't [*know*] what one, but if you recollect, I wrote about being in a

**Page 2 [38]**

skirmish at a small town called Richmond [*Louisiana*] when we were down here before, and that there was a bayou which prevented us from getting into the town, well I suppose that is the bayou into which this canal is going to empty and furthermore I expect that we shall march out there in a day or two to work on this bayou. But I can tell better about the latter when I write again. The Co. are still at Lake Providence [*Louisiana*]. The 8<sup>th</sup> Wis. are here but I think there is no one in the Regt that I am acquainted with so I have not been to see them. I don't think they intend to attack Vicksburg at present. I expect there will be a great slaughter when they do. I do not know whether it will happen so that we will take an active part in it or not, but if we do I think we all understand it as well as the most of them. But it is getting late and I must close. You must not think strange of the wonderful scrawl I have made for I sit on the ground and write on a board in my lap. Oh, Dear me, I wonder if Mother Buchanan will think as much of John's 2<sup>nd</sup> wife as she did of his first! Well that is just my luck and I suppose I shall be

**Page 3 [39]**

obliged to submit if it does not break my heart. After all I think I will be a pretty good match. John is a good fellow and I know Yarahan [?] is a good girl. Neal [*Cornelia*], you must be a good girl and keep up your spirits. The war will not last always and the soldiers are not all going to be killed. But if I do not live to get home again I shall have died in a good cause. Write all the goings on. I want to know everything. Have you heard anything from Era Lamb lately. Good bye for this time. With much love to you all I remain.

C.H.B.

Direct to

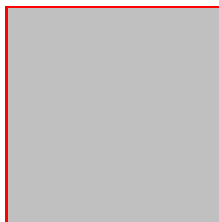
C. H. Bassett  
Pioneer Corps  
6<sup>th</sup> Division  
17<sup>th</sup> Army Corps  
Pioneer P. Pioneer Corps

---

**June 7, 1863 - Vicksburg, Mississippi**

**LETTER # 13 - ORIGINAL**

Page 1



Page 2



Page 3



**LETTER # 13 - TRANSCRIPTION**

**Page 1 [40]**

At the seige of Vicksburg

June 7<sup>th</sup> 1863

Dear Sister

Yours of the 24<sup>th</sup> came to hand this morning. Was very glad to hear from you again. Things are the same as they were when I wrote last to [Cornelia](#). Our men are fortifying all the time. We built a fort last night for four guns which is within thirty rods of the rebel breastworks and there are some nearer than that. I think that Grant can oblige them to surrender whenever he chooses. There was a Maj. came over to our lines night before last and he said they (the rebels) could not hold out longer than tonight

**Page 2 [41]**

that they had nothing to eat except some peas and a small portion of Corn, but I dont pay much attention to such stories. Yet I believe they are our prisoners and the longer they hold out, the less it will cost Uncle Sam for their board. I am very glad to hear that you have rec'd your bounty, you haven't told me what kind of a house pa is building or where he is going to set it. If I should live sixteen months longer I might want to know where to find you. I rec'd a letter from [Capt. Dawes](#) the other day. He wants me to come back to the Co. again, and I dont know but I shall try and go after Vicksburg is taken. I can't think of

**Page 3 [42]**

anything more to write except that I am quite sleepy. I hope we shall get through working nights before long for it is too warm here to sleep day times. You must not think strangely if my letters are not very clear for I sweat all the time and the dust is ankle deep all over the country. Hoping [*hoping*] to hear from you again soon and that the last half of my three years will not seem as long as the first. I will bid you good day and go to sleep. Ever and truly you affectionate brother.

C. H. Bassett

**June 19, 1863 - Vicksburg, Mississippi**

**LETTER # 14 - ORIGINAL**

Page 1



Page 2



Page 3



Page 4



**LETTER #14 - TRANSCRIPTION**

**Page 1 [43]**

In the rear of Vicksburg

June 19<sup>th</sup> 1863

Dear Sister

I have been waiting several days in hopes that I should get a letter from you but I have given up the idea of getting any more letters at present. There was quite a large mail last night but nothing for me. I think I must be forgotten or else there is a mistake somewhere. We have not moved camp or changed our business since I wrote you last. The siege of Vicksburg which was commenced a month ago yesterday is still continued. The position of our army is nearly the same, the only change that I can

**Page 2 [44]**

perceive is that our army is a little nearer the rebel fortifications than they were at first. In fact, we cannot get much nearer in some places without going into them. Our business of late has been mostly making fascines and gabions (what in the world are them). Well they are to build forts with, and when I get home I will tell you how they are made. It is reported that our forces have had a fight at Black River [*Big Black River, Mississippi*] with Joe Johnson and whiped him severly. Hope it is true. I think we have got troops enough in the rear to whip him or any other rebel Gen that makes his appearance there, and as for old Pemberton and his army in Vicksburg we can keep them there

**Page 3 [45]**

as safe as anywhere else. I have not heard anything from the 16<sup>th</sup> Wis. in long time. Guess they are disbanded and gone home, and I shall go too if I dont get some letters soon. My health continues good. I am Brigadier Gen. No, not that, but, I am acting Lieutenant and Commanding 1<sup>st</sup> Brigade of the 6<sup>th</sup> Division Pioneer Corps. Our Lieut. was ordered back to his Co. on account of his Capt. being killed, and there was one detailed from the same Regt in his place. This last one did not suit all hands and the cook very well, so the Capt. went over to Gen. Mc Arthurs and told them he did not want such a man, and that I could get along well enough without a Lieut. So accordingly in about an hour

**Page 4 [46]**

Mr. Lieut rec'd an order to turn over his command to me and report to his Co. again, which he did very reluctantly. How long it will remain so I cannot tell. The boys are rejoicing greatly over it and they work much better than they did before, but I guess you say (what is all that to me) and I wont write any more. What has become of Curt & Billie Woock. I don't hear from them at all. I hope you are not sick again but I am afraid there is something the matter. So write often one and all. With much love to you and pa and Ma to. I am your affectionate brother.

C. H. Bassett

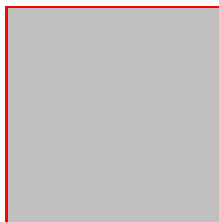
**July 14, 1863 - Vicksburg, Mississippi**

**LETTER # 15 - ORIGINAL**

Page 1



Page 2



**LETTER # 15 - TRANSCRIPTION**

**Page 1 [47]**

Vicksburg July 14<sup>th</sup> 1863

Dear Sister

Yours of the 21<sup>st</sup> was duly read and I will take time to answer it! Was very glad to hear from you. If you have had the smallpox I think the folks must all belong to the church up there by the way they desert their friends on the account of a little misfortune. But let them go, they may chance to know the real value of a true friend at some future day. We are now encamped by the side of the railroad in the outskirts of the city. The 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Brigade of the Pioneer Corps have moved out near Black River to work at the bridge which the rebs burnt when we were driving them into Vicksburg and I was left here to work in the shop, which would suit me first rate if there was nothing to do, but there is the darndest lot of old broken down cars here that ever stood upon iron rails, and I have to see to repairing them all up besides numerous other jobs which happen along. I have in the 1<sup>st</sup> Brigade, fourteen practical mechanics, and the ballance [*balance*] I keep saving wood for the engines when I have nothing else for them to do. The cars commenced running to Black River on the 10<sup>th</sup> and I had the pleasure of going out and back on the first train. There is a Regt of Engineers here (they were somewhere else until after the surrender however) who do not look very good naturedly at us for some reason but known to themselves. I inquired of one of them today what they they were doing. He replied that they were filling up the forts and rifle pits which we built during the siege. Good for them. I am glad they are

**Page 2 [48]**

doing their share of the shoveling. I must take a few whiffs at my segar [*cigar*] which Mich has brought me. It appears that the fourth of July has been made memorable at other places as well as here. I believe the back bone of the rebellion is nearly broken, and the most of the citizens here think so too. Report says there is going to be a big fight at Jackson soon, but I guess we have got Yanks enought there to whip old Johnson. I heard some cannonading this evening but could not tell where it was. There are a good many people in this town who belong to the upper class and are also strong receshionists and as their money is worthless since the surrender, they are oblige [*obliged*] to draw some of old Abe's [*Abraham Lincoln's*] hard breads and bacon, which does the boys much good. -- - -- It is late. Bed time and I must close hoping [*hoping*] the war will close within three years. I am you unworthy brother.

Herman

Are you going to marry C. H. P.

**August 2, 1863 - Vicksburg, Mississippi**

**LETTER # 16 - ORIGINAL**

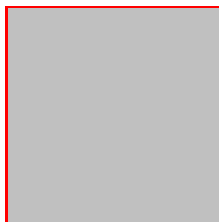
Page 1



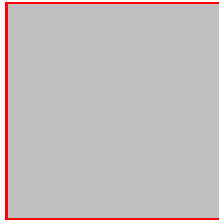
Page 2



Page 3



Page 4



**LETTER #16 - TRANSCRIPTION**

**Page 1 [49]**

Vicksburg Aug 2<sup>nd</sup> /63 [1863]

Dear Sister

Again I have an opportunity of writing to you. I am well and as happy as I possible can be as long as I remain a soldier. I am still at work in the shop. I think I shall be a car builder by trade when I leave the service if they should happen to build a railroad through Strongs Praire [*Wisconsin*]. You just tell them not to be in a hurry about the cars, for you brother is [*a*] Master mechanic in the car shop at Vicksburg, Miss., and will be at home in time to superintend the work for them. Well,

**Page 2 [50]**

Neal [*Cornelia*], I am no more a Brigadier Gen., for there was a Lieut detailed this other day to Command our Brigade, and I am very glad of it, for it takes a great deal of care and responsibility off from my hands, for which I was receiving no extra pay. But for my good behavior, the Capt. gave ma a leave of absense for five days to go up and see the Regt. But I was unluckey as usual. There was no boat going up that would land me at that place, so I can't go. You want to know how I enlisted. Well, it was for three years unless sooner discharged. And when my three years are up you

**Page 3 [51]**

may look for Charley home if he is alive. I was over to the 11<sup>th</sup> Regt day before yesterday. Saw Sam Quaw and Tabron Dickerson. Lieut. Mix has resigned and gone home. There is a report here the 16<sup>th</sup> Regt are coming down here. Hope it is true for I think this a much healthier place than where they are. I am very glad you had a good time on the fourth [*Fourth of July*]. The account was very interesting to me, but the music must have been splendid. I would liked to have heard it, for it is no treat at all to hear a brass band here, the instruments of which cost a thousand dollars, and the sound

**Page 4 [52]**

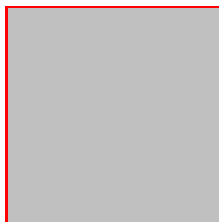
of a drum and fife are a necessary evil nothing more. I hope you had a pleasant visit with Sally and Maggie Dawes. Guess Maggies' a pretty good girl ain't she. When you see Billy again just tell him if he can get the girls out of his mind long enough to write me a letter he would oblige me very much. Give my respects to Mira and ask her if uncle Pitcher has not given up the idea of having her for a neighbor yet. I rec'd yours of the 19<sup>th</sup> yesterday. Guess I'll write as often as once a month. Adieu. Yours affectionately,

Herman

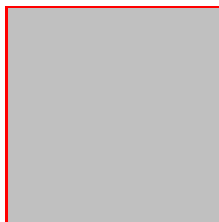
**August 7, 1863 - Vicksburg, Mississippi**

**LETTER # 17 - ORIGINAL**

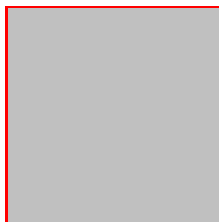
Page 1



Page 2



Page 3



Page 4



**LETTER #17 - TRANSCRIPTION**

**Page 1 [53]**

Vicksburg Aug 7<sup>th</sup> 1863

Dear Sister

Yours of the 26<sup>th</sup> is just received and I hasten to answer it. My health is still good, and I hope yours is also. Things are going on here the same as usual. The 16<sup>th</sup> Regt are here (or about 1-1/2 miles from here). They came down yesterday. I have been with them all day. They are sadly used up. Co. E has lost eleven men since I left them but none of them are missed as much by me as George Williamson. I did not know he had been sick until this morning when they told me he was

**Page 2 [54]**

dead. I had expected to see him, if I did any of them, but so it is. Those we think will live the longest are very often the first to be taken away. Those who are left are nearly all sick. They only report eight Privates for duty, and only forty eight in the whole Regt. But think they will be much healthier here. If they are not there will be no 16<sup>th</sup> Wis. Regt in a short time. I was over to the 26<sup>th</sup> Mo. Regt last evening and saw Sam Bassett. He says Mary Eliza has got a son. I would give a sixpence to see it, wouldn't you. I am very glad to hear that there is no danger of the indians doing

**Page 3 [55]**

any more damage up there for it is quite enough to fight the south without having "war" at home. Well, Neal [*Cornelia*], I suppose that I can enlist again after the 25<sup>th</sup> of next month and get the four hundred dollar bounty. What think you. Had I better do it or not. It is only for three years, you know, and that will soon pass off. But I should not think that Jim Dawes would enlist for he must know that he can not have good health in the south and soldiers are not likely to be wanted anywhere else at present. Tell Curt that I do not feel disposed to give citizens my reason for all that I do or do not, so he can rest easy about Gen. Grant's hair until further

**Page 4 [56]**

orders. I guess I have writen [*written*] nonsens [*nonsense*] enough, and I can't think of anything else to write, so I'll just stop and go to bed. From you wayward brother.  
C. H. Bassett

**August 21, 1863 - Vicksburg, Mississippi**

**LETTER # 18 - ORIGINAL**

Page 1



Page 2



Page 3



**LETTER # 18 - TRANSCRIPTION**

**Page 1 [57]**

Vicksburg Miss

Aug 21<sup>st</sup> 1863

Dear Sister

Yours of the 4<sup>th</sup> found me as well as usual and I hope that by the *[time]* this reaches you, you *[will]* be entirely clear of the effects of the smallpox. There hope *[has]* nothing new transpired here lately except that the steamer City of Madison was blown up day before yesterday. She was lying at the wharf and was nearly loaded with ammunition for New Orleans, and a box of percussion shell was accidentally dropped *[dropped]*, a shell exploded and in less than two minutes the boat had sunk. There was from sixty to one hundred lives lost.

**Page 2 [58]**

I have rec'd a letter from Jerome. He has been in several battles since the first of March but has got a whole hide yet. Their Regt is mounted and they expect to go to Texas this fall. Wish I was going with them. The 16<sup>th</sup> Regt (what there is left of them) are about a mile and a half from here. Co. E has buried thirteen men since I left them. Twenty seven are going home on sick furloughs, so you can guess how many there is left. The other Co.s are nearly the same. Capt. Dawes will probably be at home by the time you get this and he will tell you all about it. Did you ever now *[know]* a little boy by the name of Jack Swift. Well he is here in my tent - he belongs to the 18<sup>th</sup> Wis. The southern climate does not agree with him very well. Looks rather slim.

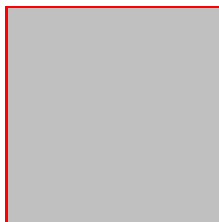
**Page 3 [59]**

You tell Dora [*Ledora White Dawes*] that it was not my fault that I was not at Lake Providence [*Louisiana*] to bother her, for although I am sadly out of practice I think I could have helped her considerable if she had any sewing or knitting work around. Well, Neal [*Cornelia*], I like living in Vicksburg very much. Guess I'll come down here and live after the war is over. Only think what pleasant winters - hardly cold enough for a frost, but I believe I'll go up north and have a sleigh ride first. There is no news so good bye for the present. From that naughtly brother.  
Charley

**October 15, 1863 - Redbone Church, Mississippi**

**LETTER # 19 - ORIGINAL**

Page 1



Page 2



Page 3



**LETTER # 19 - TRANSCRIPTION**

**Page 1 [60]**

In the field  
Near Redbone Church Miss  
Head Quarters Co. E 16<sup>th</sup> Wis  
Oct 15<sup>th</sup> 1863

Dear Sister

I rec'd yours of the 21<sup>st</sup> a few days since. Was glad to hear from you again. You need not be afraid of getting any of that paper. It was not you, but some others, that I had reference to for I know that you write often and very regular, and I guess that I get them all, but they are frequently a good while getting here. You will see by the heading of this letter that I am with old Co. E again. I came here yesterday. The Col. of the Regt got me back by furnishing

**Page 2 [61]**

a man in my place but the Capt of the Pioneer Corps and Col. Coolbaugh who is Superintendent of the Rail Road objected to the change and they are now trying to get me ordered back, but I hope they will not succeed. I tell you it seems like coming home to get back to the Co. once more, yet it is awkward business for me to drill the Co. as I have been away from it, in the Commissary department and Pioneer Corps almost a year, but I guess that I can learn it again after a while. We are twelve miles from Vicksburg and four miles from Warrington. There are no troops here except the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wis Cavalry and our Regt. They say there

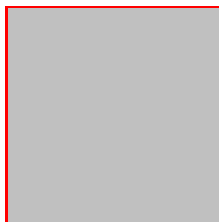
**Page 3 [62]**

are rebs around here. We have to get up and form in line of battle at five O'clock in the morning. They are also looking out for an attack at Vicksburg. The boys in the Co are all looking well. I only reported one sick this morning and he is not sick enough to be in the hospital. My health is good at present. I shall have to close for it is almost time for Dress Parade. Direct to Co. E., 16<sup>th</sup> Regt Wis Infy 1<sup>st</sup> Brigade, 1<sup>st</sup> Div, 17<sup>th</sup> Army Corps. Good bye for the present. I remain you affectionate Brother.  
C. H. Bassett

**December 2, 1863 - Redbone Church, Mississippi**

**LETTER # 20 - ORIGINAL**

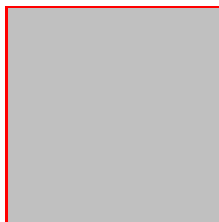
Page 1



Page 2



Page 3



**LETTER # 20 - TRANSCRIPTION**

**Page 1 [63]**

Camp of 16<sup>th</sup> Wis.

Redbone Miss Dec 2<sup>nd</sup> 1863

Dear Sister

I rec'd yours of Oct 30<sup>th</sup> night before last. It was just a month on the road. There must [*be*] something the matter somewhere with the mail. We a jogging [*jogging*] along here the same as usual, all feeling well and doing well. O. H. Wirt of Friendship [*Wisconsin*] returned a few days ago. Lieut. White of Buroak Prarie is here looking as natural as ever. I wish he held his old place in the Co. again but that cannot be. I suppose that Sergt. Mortin, alias, Paddy Miles, is at Necedah before this time. Hope he will be sucessful in getting recruits but do

**Page 2 [64]**

not expect it. Capt Dawes has been detailed to attend a general Court Marshal at Vicksburg, and as there are a great many cases (not Fred Cases) to be tried, he will probably be there nearly all winter. Lieut. Rowe is acting Adutant [*Adjutant*], and your humble servant is playing Capt in Command of Co. E and will be until Lieut. Pierce returns, which I expect will not be a great while. We are very anxious to hear who is drafted in Adams Co. [*Wisconsin*]. We have already heard from Juneau [*County*] and are very glad to know that two of the Lewis boys and Park Ayers are drafted, and would like to hear that Dan Toby, Marion Hammond and the like are drafted from Adams. This is getting to be a pretty

**Page 3 [65]**

cold country. We have frost almost every night. I sent twenty dollars the other day by Capt. [*Dawes*] He expressed it with his to Dora [*Ledora White Dawes*], and father can get it from there. There will be some charges to pay on it as Capt. said he did not pay them here. Lieut. Col. Fairchild is in town. I don't expect he will be with the Regt any more unless it is filled up. I think he expects to be promoted ere long, but he may be disappointed. Maj. Reynolds is in command of the Regt. Our latest papers (Nov 25<sup>th</sup>) contain no news of any great importance. Del was on picket last night and has gone to bed, and as I can't think of anything to write, I guess I will follow his example. So good night, be a good girl and keep your nose clean. Ever your affectionate brother  
C.H.B.

**December 9, 1863 - Redbone Church, Mississippi**

**LETTER # 21 - ORIGINAL**

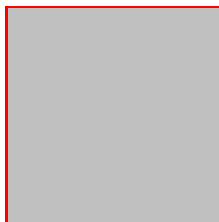
Page 1



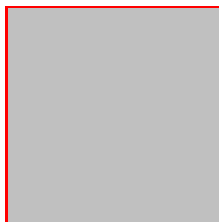
Page 2



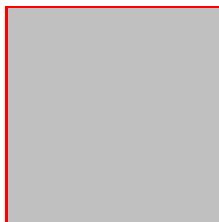
Page 3



Page 4



Page 5



Page 6



## LETTER # 21 - TRANSCRIPTION

### Page 1 [66]

Camp of 16<sup>th</sup> Regt Wis. Vol.

Redbone Miss Dec 9<sup>th</sup> 1863

Dear Sister

I recd yours of Nov 12<sup>th</sup> last night and another dated Nov 1<sup>st</sup> this afternoon but I think you say it was election day, and our election day was the 3<sup>rd</sup>, but it don't make any difference. I have got them both and they came according to the bible: the first last and the last first. My letters begin to come along again a little faster than they did a while ago. I am enjoying good health now. I guess the ague found [me] to [too] hard a customer. It had not visited me lately. Capt. is in town yet, and

### Page 2 [67]

Lieut. Pierce has not returned yet, and we are to have a general inspection tomorrow, of arms, accoutrements, knapsacks, tents, Camp and every thing else. I tell you what it is. I dread it, but it has got to be did [done]. I expect to make some blunders, but commissioned officers make mistakes sometimes - that's some consolation. There is a great excitement here again about reenlisting in the veteran service. I don't know what our Regt. will do about it yet. The bounty which is offered will no doubt induce a good many to try it. As for myself, I hardly know what to do. If there is three fourths of the Regt. enlist they will hold their organization and all go home

### Page 3 [68]

together, and have thirty days furlough in the state with transportation furnished both ways by Government. If they done this, those who did not enlist would be assigned to duty in other Regts until the expiration of their term of service. Now what shall I do. Shall I see the rest all (or nearly all) get the four hundred and two dollars bounty, and go home and have a good visit, and if the war closes within a year, be discharged as soon as I can, while I stay here and drag out another year under some officer I know not who. I wish I could see father and talk with him about it. I want to go home to stay, and I want to encourage reenlistment, for I think it would discourage the rebels greatly to know that

### Page 4 [69]

they had got to fight the old army as well as a new one. It is my opinion that it would not add six months to my term of service, for Saphrooms Dickinsons idea of getting home forty days sooner on account of not receiveing [receiving] any furlough is all a humbug. He will find that if they want him they will keep him sixty days over his time. The fourteenth Wis. [14<sup>th</sup> Wis.] have nearly all enlisted and are going to start for home next week. So said a mustering officer that was here today. Now, Neal [Cornelia], which way shall I go. I recollect what you told me to expect in black and white but if I do enlist you will have a chance to give to me in plain english verbably.

### Page 5 [70]

I received a letter the other day from Serane. He says that the Veteran service don't trouble their Regt much, but I presume they had not rec'd the late order in regard to it, as it came here only a few days ago.

I don't hardly think I could have guessed who your visitor was for I did not know that he was in that part of the country. Is that the best you can do for a beau now days. If it is I am sorry. I think I have divined his object. Being aware that it would soon be leap year, he wished you to know that he was still in the market and would expect a call, but I hope

**Page 6 [71]**

there will be no serious difficulty in decideing who shall take preference. I am glad to hear that Mr. Yocum is elected Superintendent for Crops and I lectioniered for him hre in the Co. and the boys laughed at us because we only got one vote for him besides our own, but now the laugh is on our side of the house. Maj. Reynold's wife and daughter have arrived at Vicksburg and he has gone after them. Gen. U.S. Grant has scouped old Brigg and we are all feeling good over it. Ex Lieut. White started for home Monday morning. When I write again I shall probably know whether I am a Veteran or not. I don't know but -- [*Mate?*] has forgotten me but I guess not. With much love I remain  
Charley

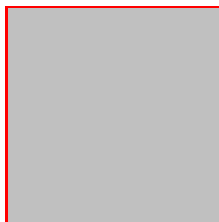
**January 18, 1864 - Redbone Church, Mississippi**

**LETTER # 22 - ORIGINAL**

Page 1



Page 2



**LETTER #22 - TRANSCRIPTION**

**Page 1 [72]**

Camp of 16<sup>th</sup> Regt. Wis. Vol.

Redbone Miss Jan 18<sup>th</sup> 1864

Dear Sister

I have been writing all day and all the evening. Am tired enough to quit, but I am going to scribble a few lines to you first for I suppose you are anxious to know when we coming home. Well I can't tell you yet. We have been waiting the last ten days for our Muster-in Rolls and they came tonight, so we can make them out tomorrow and then we are ready for the Mustering Officer. As soon as we are mustered, we shall be ready for the Paymaster. When we get through with him, then hurrah for home. If we have good luck I think we can get started in a week or ten days, but it is all Military and thereby very unsafe to make any calculations. It takes an awful sight of paper to get a Regt out of the service and into it again. I am sure I shall be glad when it is done, for I begin to hate the sight of a blank paper of any kind. I receive your letter of the 27<sup>th</sup> of Dec., night before last, and I am to get another for I have heard that the weather was colder up there about New Years than it ever was before, and you wrote that you had gone to Fonddulac [*Fond du Lac, Wisconsin*]. I am afraid you had a serious time to stay alone,

**Page 2 [73]**

but I hope you did suffer. It makes me think that perhaps I did not consider how much I was needed at home, when I reenlisted, but I did think of home, and seriously too, yet I could [*not*] bear the idea of submitting to the taunts and sneers which I knew very well would be thrown at me. However I will not pretend to deny that I had a great anxiety to see the war ended before I left the service, but I have great faith that it will close within a year. Dora's health is quite poor. The climate here does not seem to agree with her. She don't like it because she don't get any letters. She has not received a letter since she has been here. I received a letter tonight from Sergt. Martin. He wrote that he had not seen any of our folks yet but expected [*to*] that night as there was going to be a ball at Necedah [*Wisconsin*], perhaps he did - perhaps not. There is a dance about two miles from here tonight but I don't go. The news is that this Army Corps is going to Mobile soon, but as we are going home it does not affect us any. I guess I have writen enought for this time. I shall probably write again before we start. Hoping [*hoping*] to see you all soon. I will close. With much love, I remain your affectionate brother.

Charley

**January 25, 1864 - Redbone Church, Mississippi**

**LETTER # 23 - ORIGINAL**

Page 1



Page 2



**LETTER # 23 - TRANSCRIPTION**

**Page 1 [74]**

Camp of 16<sup>th</sup> Regt Wis. Vol.

Redbone Miss Jan 25<sup>th</sup> 1864

Dear Sister

I am disappointed by not receiveing any letters tonight but it does not stop me from writing. We are all disappointed because we can't go home at present. Gen. Sherman will not allow any more troops to be sent home before the first of March (or the twenty second of February, I believe the order says) on account of there being a force of rebels reported on the other side of Black River. I understand there is an expedition going out to get in the rear of them but I guess we are not going with them as we have not received any marching orders yet. We have had several serious accidents happen in Co. E within the last week. First George A. Hacston was promoted to Hospital Steward, Second Riley Hammond broke his arm, Third Charles H. Tracy was married to Miss Laura Clark, a young lady who lives about three miles from here, Fourth Jacob Gundlach accidently shot his hand by taking hold of the bayonet of his gun to raise it out of a ditch where it was standing. The hammer caught a root in the side of the bank and discharged the piece. Dora don't get any better, nor any letters yet. I guess you had better write to me again for it may be some time yet before we go home and I shall want to hear from you.

**Page 2 [75]**

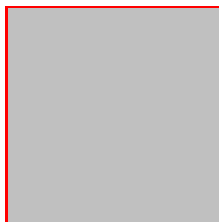
I wonder why Mary don't write. I have not received a letter from her in a long time. Jim Shanks got letter tonight saying that Marion Hammond was married but did not say who he married. I would like to know. No more at present. Write soon to your unworthy brother.

C. H. B.

**May 14, 1864 - Clifton, Tennessee**

**LETTER # 24 - ORIGINAL**

Page 1



Page 2



**LETTER # 24 - TRANSCRIPTION**

**Page 1 [76]**

Head Quarters Co. E 16<sup>th</sup> W. V. V. [*Wisconsin Veteran Volunteers*]

Cliffton Tenn. May 14 /64 [1864]

I have just been relieved from Picket. Received and read your letter of May 1<sup>st</sup> which is the first news I have had from home since I left. We have had no news of any kind since we came here until today. There was a fleet of boats came up this morning. They brought the mail and a very few papers, which contain a partial account of Grant's late battles and confirm the news of the rebel Gen. Forest. The 12<sup>th</sup> Wis. came up in the boat but I have not seen them yet. I think from the orders we are receiving that we shall march in a day or two. My health is very good now. I have not had a shake since we left Cairo [*Illinois*]. This is the most lonesome place we have ever been in. I shall not be sorry when we leave it. I think Elijah has bravely. Don't you girls feel a little cheap to be outdone by a widdow [*widow*] with four children. Tell Louise that Susy is well and that it wouldn't do her any more good to bother me while reading your letter than it would me to step into her school some day. Tell her when she and Anetrem gets married to save Susy a piece of the wedding cake. Del and Riley were not in that scrape at Milton Junction [*Wisconsin*]. The reason he had not been to Cam [*camp?*] was because he was stoping at a tavern up in town. There was some of our Co. in the scrape but none

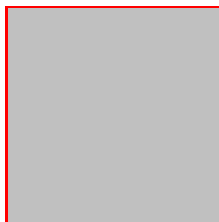
**Page 2 [77]**

of the old Friendship Co. were among them. The mail is going out in ten minutes so I must close until another opportunity. The Col. has got a Madison [*Wisconsin*] paper which says that Rowe is Capt., Bassett 1<sup>st</sup> Lt. and Scribner 2<sup>nd</sup> Lt of Co. E. No more now. I am etc.  
Charley

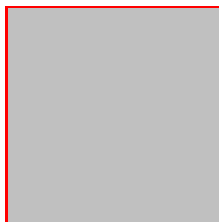
**May 24, 1864 - Huntsville, Alabama**

**LETTER # 25 - ORIGINAL**

Page 1



Page 2



**LETTER # 25 - TRANSCRIPTION**

**Page 1 [78]**

Head Qrs. Co. E. 16<sup>th</sup> Wis.

Huntsville, Alabama May 24, 1864

Sister Mary

We arrived here yesterday at 2 P.M. We left Clifton on the 15<sup>th</sup> and have marched every day but one, since we laid over one day at [Pulaski](#) [*Tennessee*]. Have a very pleasant time to march. There has been but one rainstorm since we started until today. We have had quite a hard shower this morning. I received your letter yesterday. I am not feeling very well today. I had the ague again yesterday. It came on when I was within five miles of here. Until then have felt first rate. My feet did not get

**Page 2 [79]**

sore at all. I find it much easier to carry a sword than it is to carry a gun and knapsack. I received a first Lieut Commission the day we left Clifton. I don't know how long we shall remain here, but I presume not more than a day or two. We expect to go to Atlanta to reinforce Gen. Sherman. If we do, we have got to march two hundred miles to march yet. I should like very much to stay here through the summer, as it is a very pretty town, and there is a beautiful spring creek running each side of our Camp. The Maj. got a letter from [Dora](#) yesterday which said that I am -- [*able?*] [*there appear to be additional pages of this letter that are missing*].

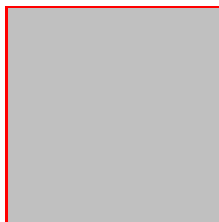
**June 16, 1864 - Big Shanty, Georgia**

**LETTER # 25 - ORIGINAL**

Page 1



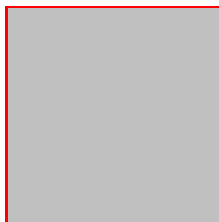
Page 2



Page 3



Page 4



**LETTER # 25 - TRANSCRIPTION**

**Page 1 [80]**

In Rifle Pits

Near Big Shanty, Ga.

June 16<sup>th</sup> 1864

Dear Sister

As I have paper and pencil with me and nothing to do I will scribble a little and send to you. Let me see. I believe I was on Guard duty in the Div train when I wrote last. Well I was relieved from duty there day before yesterday. Yesterday morning the 16<sup>th</sup> [we] were ordered to occupy the Rifle Pits in front of our Camp. They (the Rifle Pits) were rather poor protection but my keeping our head low, the balls passed above them. There was

**Page 2 [81]**

considerable shooting done on both sides and very little harm done on either until afternoon when a general engagement was brought on all along the line. The Brigade on our left advanced about half a mile driving [driving] back the rebs and taking some prisoners. There were five hundred taken by the 17<sup>th</sup> Corps, about twenty of them by our Regt. I think there are no rebs in our immediate front this morning. There was a Company of them came in and gave themselves up the other night - officers and all. I saw about two hundred of those who were

**Page 3 [82]**

taken yesterday. They told me they were all taken at Vicksburg and that their officers had taken their paroles away from them and forced them to do duty or be shot. We expected to advance this morning but have received no orders yet. [Paddy Miles](#) arrived just in time to get into the fight. There was only one man of the 16<sup>th</sup> wounded yesterday. Our Generals don't seem to be in any hurry at all. It's my opinion that they are trying to get in Johnson's rear but I suppose they won't tell me what they are going to do. Co. E is remarkably

**Page 4 [83]**

healthy. No one sick but [Riley Hammond](#) and he is here with us. Here comes Gen. Blair. I guess we will get some orders now, so good bye. Be a good girl.  
C.H.B.

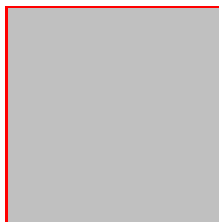
**June 25, 1864 - Allatoona Mountain, Georgia**

**LETTER # 27 - ORIGINAL**

Page 1



Page 2



Page 3



Page 4



**LETTER # 27 - TRANSCRIPTION**

**Page 1 [84]**

Camp on the Altona [*Allatoona*] Mountain [*Georgia*]

Ga. June 25<sup>th</sup> 1864

Dear Sister

I received your dated May 26<sup>th</sup> several days ago. We are still before the enemy. We have advanced about two miles since I wrote you before. We have had no fighting to do yet. We are now occupying the breast works which the rebs built on the top of the Mountain, but they left them without a fight. There is a Mountain on our right which they still hold. There was no fighting yesterday at all. I hear that Gen. Hooker was crossing the Chatahoochie River [*Chattahoochee River, Georgia*]. If it is true, the rebs

**Page 2 [85]**

will be getting out of this on the double quick time before long. The 16<sup>th</sup> has not had an opportunity of gaining any Glory yet in this campaign and I am in hopes they will not have. We are now the largest Regt in the Div. and I wish we might remain so. The men are generally very healthy. So far we have had good water and plenty of it. Our Brigade was out on a reconnaissance day before yesterday. We marched about two miles to the left and front. We saw a few rebs, but they skeedaddled soon enough to keep out of danger, so we did not get into a fight

**Page 3 [86]**

that time. I received a letter from Almiron night before last. Haven't answered it yet but will in a few days if possible. Now Neal [*Cornelia*], I want you to sit down and see if you can think of any one that was at Point Bluff on the third of this month who is acquainted with me. Now then I suppose you will ask what I want to know that for. Well I'll tell you, if you won't say anything about it. I received a package which as put up and mailed at Point Bluff on the third. The packing contained fine thread, silk buttons, thimbal etc., all very useful and by me highly appreciated, and I would like to know who could be down there that was thinking of me.

**Page 4 [87]**

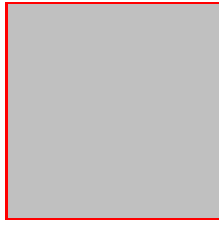
I hope this fight will be over before long, so that we can get paid off. I don't think there [*is*] fifty Dollars in money in the Regt. The rebs who are taken here are more discouraged than any I have ever seen before. I believe the Confederacy is almost ready to fall. I hope I shall live to see it tumble. That's all. Yours with much love.

Lieut. Bassett

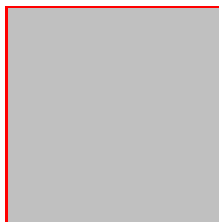
**July 25, 1864 - Atlanta, Georgia**

**LETTER # 28 - ORIGINAL**

Page 1



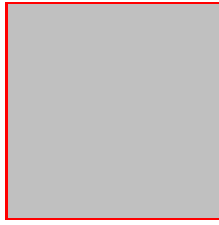
Page 2



Page 3



Page 4



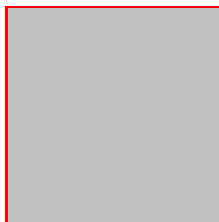
Page 5



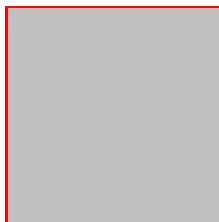
Page 6



Page 7



Page 8



**LETTER # 28 - TRANSCRIPTION**

**Page 1 [88]**

In the field near Atlanta [*Georgia*]

July 25<sup>th</sup> , 64 [*1864*]

Dear Sister

I have not had an opportunity of writing since the 8<sup>th</sup> and I suppose you are anxious to know the reason. At that time we were on the Chattahoochie [*Chattahoochee*] River. We left there the 15<sup>th</sup>, went around by the way of Marietta and crossed the river at Roswell. From there we came to Decatur [*Decatur, Georgia*], a small town on the railroad running east from Atlanta. From there we advanced on the south side of the railroad towards Atlanta - found the enemy about 4 P.M. the 20<sup>th</sup> and drove back their skirmishers about half a mile. That night we lay in line of battle in a

**Page 2 [89]**

ravine - during the night we could hear the rebs at work building breastworks on the hill in front of us. The next morning at 8 O'clock we were ordered forward. The 12<sup>th</sup> Wis. (they are now in our Brigade) were [*on*] our left. We crossed the ravine and halted. Then came the order "fix bayonets - charge bayonets - forward - double quick - march" and away we went up the hill - over the breastworks, and over rebels that were pleading for mercy, and after those that were taking [*taking*] leg bale for security. But as our Regt. was ahead of those on the right and left, Gen. Force ordered us to fall back and occupy the breastworks, which we did. In coming

**Page 3 [90]**

back to the breastworks a spent ball struck me on the leg just below the knee and came near tripping me up, and caused me to limp a good deal for a day or two. But all were not as lucky, especially in Co. E. There were three killed, and twelve wounded. Col. Fairchild - in jumping over the breastworks - hurt his leg which was shot at Shiloh. A short time afterwards Lt. Col. Reynolds received a severe wound in the thigh by unnecessarily exposing himself. Since then, Major Dawes has been in command of the Regt. The next day (22<sup>nd</sup>) the rebs tried to retake the ground by attacking us on the left.

**Page 4 [91]**

The troops on our left were driven back so that the rebs charged us from the same way that they did us the day before. It was almost impossible to keep our boys from firing, but we succeeded in doing it until the enemy were within four rods of us. Then we ordered them to fire and a more effective fire could not be given. Almost every one of our boys had two balls in his gun and everyone took good aim. Those who were left fell back, but they were not many. Four times they tried us in the same way and each time with the same result and at night they retired leaving  
My hands are dirty; we are laying in the ditch

**Page 5 [92]**

the dead and part of the wounded on the field. Co. E lost one man killed and one wounded. Since then there has been no fighting on this part of the line except by the pickets and artillery. We lost some good

Guns on the 22<sup>nd</sup>. Gen. Force was wounded in the head and probably will not live. Gen. Mc Pherson was killed. The number of killed on the whole line I know nothing about on either side. There were some prisoners taken from the Brigade on our left, but not as many as we took from them. It was a hard fight - much the hardest- the 17<sup>th</sup> Army Corps

**Page 6 [93]**

has seen since it left Cairo [*Illinois*]. Although you may not see our names mentioned in the papers, Gen. Liggett (our Division commander) says that Regts never fought better or with more determination than the 16<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> did both days. The prisoners we took on the 21<sup>st</sup> said that their Brigade had never been driven back before, and that they heard a great deal about the 17<sup>th</sup> Army Corps and their fighting qualities, and had been anxious to meet them but he reckoned they had seen enough of them now. Gen. Force was wounded when the engagement first commenced the 22<sup>nd</sup> and Col. Bryant being the senior Col. in the Brigade the

**Page 7 [94]**

command devolved upon him. I presume he is capable of filling the place, but we all feel his [*Gen. Force*] loss very much. He was highly esteemed by the officers and men. I have just got your letter [*of*] the 8<sup>th</sup>, the first one I have had since the 6<sup>th</sup>. Hellen is gone. I feel bad - bad - bad. But I can fight just as well as ever. I will now give you a list of the killed and wounded in our Co.

Killed 21<sup>st</sup>

Asa M. Stoddard

Hugh G. Lamison

Wounded 21<sup>st</sup>

Sergeant H. L. Stone	Severe
Sergeant I. P. Sands	Severe
Sergeant C. B. Stone	Severe
Corporal O. Hugoboom	Mortal-Died

**Page 8 [95]**

Private M. W. Burdick	Slight
Private E. J. Bonnel	Slight
Private J. W. Craig	Severe
Private E. H. Halverson	Slight
Private H. Rigger	Slight
Private M. Ryan	Severe
Private J. Smith	Slight
Private J. Schaller	Severe
Private F. Wolff	Severe

Killed 22<sup>nd</sup>

Private E. L. Chapman

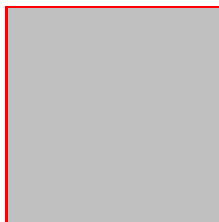
Henry Rigger was wounded on both days. We expect another fight here, both armies are fortifying within eighty rods of each other. Riley Hammond [*is*] quite sick. The rest of the Praire [*Strong's Praire, Wisconsin*] boys are all well. I have got Curt's letter. Tell him I'll answer as soon as I have time. No more. With much love to all I am

C.H.B.

**August 20, 1864 - Atlanta, Georgia**

**LETTER # 29 - ORIGINAL**

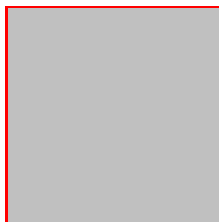
Page 1



Page 2



Page 3



**LETTER # 29 - TRANSCRIPTION**

**Page 1 [96]**

In the field Ga.

August 20<sup>th</sup> 1864

Dear Sister

The railroad has been cut by the rebs, so there has been no communication for several days, but the cars came up last night and I think the mail will go out today. It came in last night but has not come to the Regt. yet. I expect to get two, three, [or] several letters. I have not had one from you this month. There has been no change in the program since my last [letter]. There is once in a while a man wounded by a stray bullet. The most of them from Co. E. On the 17<sup>th</sup>, J. B. Schnerdisch was wounded

**Page 2 [97]**

in the left arm, and W<sup>m</sup> Price [*William Price*] through the left hand. On the 18<sup>th</sup>, **Richard Fay** was shot through the middle finger of the left hand. The total loss of the Co. in Killed and wounded since July 20<sup>th</sup> is twelve-three. There is but a small squad of us left. It rained whole waters last night but is pleasant this morning. **Jim Shanks** was doing well the last I heard from him. Maj. Dawes and the rest of the Praire [*Strongs Praire, Wisconsin*] folks are well. I am going back to the wagons today and see if I have got any clean clothes. John Hyer was here yesterday, but I was on Picket and did not see him. You say perhaps Etta Shoor sent my package. Well perhaps she did but

**Page 3 [98]**

I don't hardly believe it. However, I suppose I shant find out. I can't think of anything to write today so I'll quit. Tell Louise that Suzy is well and sends his compliments. I am etc. your brother in the trenches.  
C. H. Bassett

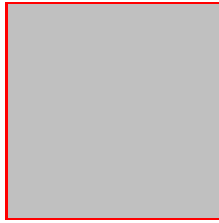
**October 3, 1864 - Atlanta, Georgia**

**LETTER # 30 - ORIGINAL**

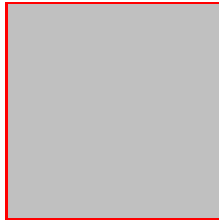
Page 1



Page 2



Page 3



**LETTER # 30 - TRANSCRIPTION**

**Page 1 [99]**

Camp 16<sup>th</sup> Wis. Infty [*Infantry*]

Near Atlanta, Ga.

Oct 3<sup>rd</sup> 1864

Dear Sister

It is now ten days since we have had any mail and I don't know when this will get through. But it is Sunday night, and there is no meeting, nor any girls to go and see, so I must write or go to bed and I am not sleepy. You see the rebs have cut the railroad, away up above Chatanooga [*Chattanooga, Tennessee*] somewhere, but I guess the Yanks will have it patched up again before many days. We have all sorts of news here. There is a rumor today that old Hood is in our rear with two Army Corps but it [*doesn't*] scare us any for I think that is where Gen. Sherman would like to find him. The second and third Divisions of the 17<sup>th</sup> Corps have been ordered away somewhere. I presume to find out where the Johnnies are. The citizens

**Page 2 [100]**

have all been sent away from Atlanta, so there is nothing but soldiers there now. The prisoners who were taken from Sherman's army during the campaign have all been exchanged. The Paymaster has not given us a call yet. We are having a good deal of talk here about [*the*] election. There are not a great many Mc Clellan men here, but some of them do a good deal of blowing. Capt. Rowe is one of them. He gets very mad at me sometimes, but I guess he gets pleased again, he knows he can do as he likes about it, for old Herman [*Charles Herman Bassett*] don't turn out for any of them. It rains every other evening every day, and every other morning, and is raining now as hard as it can pour down. I am afraid that Dora [*Ledora White Dawes*] will be disappointed about Will's [*Captain William F. Dawes*] coming [*coming*] home next winter, for I don't think [*he*] has got any better excuse for resigning that I have. But I have great faith that they will let us all go in less than a year, if Lincoln is reelected. Cap [*Captain*] and me have got a nigger who has been with Hood's army, and he says that

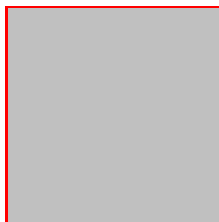
**Page 3 [101]**

the rebel soldiers think if Lincoln is elected again for President they might as well give up, but if Mc Clellan is elected they expect peace on their own terms. Now I am very much of their opinion, but I think that little Mc [*Mc Clellan*] will be so far behind at the end of the race, that he will ashamed to come up at all, at least I hope so. We had a great review day before yesterday. The troops look first rate and there are lots of them left yet. A few of our men are haveing [*having*] the argue, but the most of them are very healthy. I have had no symtoms of the argue yet, and hope I never shall have again. It is very dull here. There is no Mississippi full of steamboats, no Vicksburg Theatre, no chance to get outside the Picket line and ride around the country, nor any thing else to liven a fellow up. I am afraid I shall get homesick if we stay here a great while. But, hoping [*hoping*] I may have an opportunity soon to get sick of home, I will bid you good night. From  
C. H. Bassett

**December 22, 1864 - Savannah, Georgia**

**LETTER # 31 - ORIGINAL**

Page 1



Page 2



Page 3



**LETTER # 31 - TRANSCRIPTION**

**Page 1 [102]**

Savannah, Ga.

Dec 22<sup>nd</sup> 1864

Dear Sister

Since I wrote you last there has been quite a change in our situation. Yesterday morning about 6 O'clock we were ordered to get ready to move immediately. As we had been contemplating a charge many supposed that the time had now come for us to make it, but all were happily disappointed. We marched out onto the main road and started towards Savannah [*Georgia*] and as there was nothing to stop us we came into the City. The particulars you can find out by asking [Maj. Dawes](#) as he has gone home a citizen. Six other Officers of the Regt have gone with him. Capt. Rowe

**Page 2 [103]**

is one of them. I could not go with them because I reenlisted. We were marched through the City yesterday, and after we went into camp I took a horse and rode through it again. It is a pretty City. A great portion of the inhabitants are left here, I suppose because they could not get away. At sundown tonight there were two of our steamboats at the wharf and thirty more in sight. I think Gen. Sherman has come out a little behind this time but perhaps not. We were all willing to take the place without a fight, even if the rebs did get away. I can't tell how long we shall remain here. I have heard that our Division is going to garrison the place, but it is Camp rumor and not reliable. The Maj. and the rest of the Officers were mustered out [*the*] night before last, consequently I had the pleasure of

**Page 3 [104]**

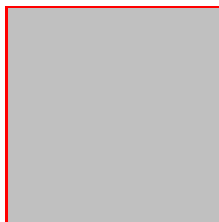
commanding my own Company when we marched in the City. If you want to joke Maj. [*Dawes*] just ask him if he wouldn't like to have been at the head of the Regt when they marched through the City. I intended to have written this letter so as to send it by him, but he started about noon today and I had no place this forenoon where I could write. The wind blew so cold from the northwest that I could not write out of doors. I have not seen the Ocean yet but if we remain here long I intend to. I am in hopes that we shall be able to get some Oysters for Christmas. I suppose you will have a merry time somewhere, at least I hope you will. No more at present. Write often to Charley

---

**January 28, 1865 - Pocotaligo, South Carolina**

**LETTER # 32 - ORIGINAL**

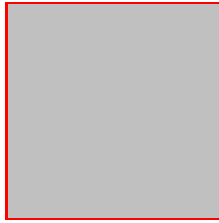
Page 1



Page 2



Page 3



**LETTER # 32 - TRANSCRIPTION**

**Page 1 [105]**

Pocotaligo S. C. [*South Carolina*]

January 28<sup>th</sup> 1865

Dear Sister

At last we have rec'd mail. Night before last I rec'd yours of Jan 1<sup>st</sup> and today I rec'd one from the Maj. [*Dawes*] dated the 13<sup>th</sup>. We have not moved yet but are expecting to every day. The weather is very cold for this country. There is ice three eighths of an inch thick. I expect we shall have a hard time on the anticipated campaigns as it will be cold and very likely stormy weather and as [*far as*] I can find out we have got a very swampy country to pass through. However we expect to go through it, no matter how bad it may be. We expect also to accomplish the object for which we started. For that homely looking man Sherman is going with us. I am glad to hear that the veterans are going to get the local bounty. I suppose that Pa will get mine.

**Page 2 [106]**

Almiron wrote that Sant Robinson was drafted. Did he go. So our Dealie has been sick has she. Well I am glad to learn that she is out of danger, any how, if she don't write to me any more. If she don't write to me I presume she does to some other soldier and that will do just as well. By the bye, have you heard from Jerome lately. He was sick the last time he wrote to me, and would like to know whether he has got well or not. Perhaps you can inform me. And then you may ask Louise if she will be kind enough to give me John B. Keyes' Post Office address. I have not heard from him since I was home on furlough. I should have written to him long ago but did not know where to direct. I rec'd a letter and a photograph today from Billey Price, the secesh boy who enlisted in our Company just before we went home last winter. He was wounded in the hand when we were in front of Atlanta and had to have his arm taken off just below the elbow. He is now at the Harvey Hospital in Madison [*Wisconsin*].

**Page 3 [107]**

I send the photograph home for safe keeping. He is a brave little soldier and we miss him very much in the Co. The other two are members of the Co. and are with us now. I don't know that I shall ever have a chance to get my picture taken but I guess I shall run against [*into*] an artist one of these days. There is nothing here in these fine woods to write about so good night. I am very affectionately.

C. H. Bassett

**March 12, 1865 - Fayetteville, North Carolina**

**LETTER # 33 - ORIGINAL**

Page 1



**LETTER # 33 - TRANSCRIPTION**

**Page 1 [108]**

Fayetteville N. C. [*North Carolina*]

March 12<sup>th</sup> 1865

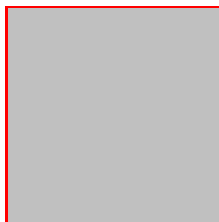
Dear Sister

I have got five minutes to let you know that I am here and well. A boat is here from Wilmington and is going back immediately. We have got another march to make before the campaign is ended, probably about sixty miles. The rebs have not fought us much yet. The 16<sup>th</sup> have not lost a man. More next time.  
Charley

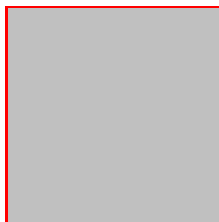
**April 10, 1865 - Raleigh, North Carolina**

**LETTER # 34 - ORIGINAL**

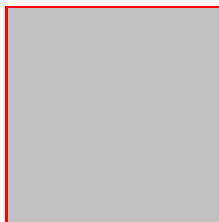
Page 1



Page 2



Page 3



**LETTER # 34 - TRANSCRIPTION**

**Page 1 [109]**

Raleigh, N. C. [*North Carolina*]

April 20<sup>th</sup> 1865

Dear Sister

I presume you think I have neglected writing when I had an opportunity. Well I think so too. I might have written again at Goldsboro [*North Carolina*], but I had a great deal to do while I was there. While we are on the march we have no chance of doing any business at all, so that when we do stop we must improve every moment. However I should have written again if I had known we were to move so soon. I suppose you have heard all the glorious news; that is, the surrender of Lee's army to Grant and Johnston's to Sherman, the downfall of the

**Page 2 [110]**

Confederacy and the restoration of Peace. But while we are rejoicing over all of this we receive a dispatch that President Lincoln is murdered. This casts a gloom over all and for the last two days nothing else has been talked of. At the time we received the news, Gen. Sherman was capitulating with Gen. Johnston but they had not completed their arrangements and many and I believe a majority of the soldiers expressed a desire that he (Sherman) would not allow Johnston to surrender but would move on and annihilate his army. You will find Gen. Sherman's order announcing the assassination in the paper which I shall enclose with this. We had no fighting since we left Goldsboro. There was ninety Drafted men came for the 16<sup>th</sup> just before we left

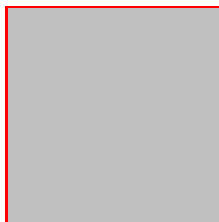
**Page 3 [111]**

Goldsboro. I got six of them. Everybody is well. We have a very nice camp and every thing fixed up comfortable. Raleigh is a very nice City and as it was surrendered without any fighting, but very few buildings have been burned. Our Gens tell us that we will soon be on our road home. Won't it be a happy day to us all when we get there. I can hardly realize that it is so. I rec'd your letter of March 16<sup>th</sup> today. I have not answered Mary's letter but will in a day or two if we don't move. I hope they pay us before we go. I have got twelve months due me. [Jim Shanks](#) has promised to take up that note, but if he does not before I get my pay I shall do it myself. No more tonight.  
C. H. B.

**June 15, 1865 - Louisville, Kentucky**

**LETTER # 35 - ORIGINAL**

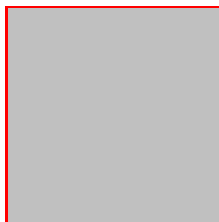
Page 1



Page 2



Page 3



**LETTER # 35 - TRANSCRIPTION**

**Page 1 [112]**

Camp 16<sup>th</sup> Wis. Vet. Infty. [*Veterans Infantry*]

Louisville, Ky [*Kentucky*] June 15<sup>th</sup> 1865

Dear Sister

I wrote a letter the night before we left Washington but did not get a chance to mail it so it has been some time I suppose since you have heard from me. Neither have I heard from you in quite a while. I presume you are expecting me home, but we have not started yet and have no idea when we will start. We are all very anxious to go home but [*the*] Government don't seem to be inclined to discharge us yet. We are to be paid in a few days to the 30<sup>th</sup> of April and then I hope they will let us know what they are going to do with us. All men whose term of service expired before the 1<sup>st</sup> October were

**Page 2 [113]**

discharged before we left Washington. The Drafted men (28) were discharged from this Co. The Organization of the 32<sup>nd</sup> Wis is broken is broken up. The men who were not discharged were transfered to this Regt. 28 of them are in this Co. They are all from Fond Du Lac County [*Wisconsin*], but they are all strangers to me, except Cor. Hawes. Probably you recollect him - he lived near the four mile House and married Sybil Martin. Wallace Crofoot is in Co. A. We had a very pleasant time coming from Washington. Was three days and two nights on the cars [*railroad*] coming to Parkersburg Va. Stayed there over night and then took the steamboat and come down the Ohio River to this City. Louisville is a very nice place. We are camped about a mile and

**Page 3 [114]**

a half from the City on a high ridge nicely shaded with large beech trees. But the large fields of grain that are on every side of us look the most home-like of any thing I have seen in a long time. Oh I wish they would let me go home in time for harvest but I am afraid they will not. There are a great many soldiers who will desert if they are not discharged soon. I suppose that Capt. Marsden and Lt. Pierce and the most of their Co. are at home by this time. There is no news and I feel much more like going home than writing. Letters go very quick from here. I will let you know when we are ordered home so don't stop writing. No more at present  
Charley

**July 18, 1865 - Madison, Wisconsin**

**LETTER # 36 - ORIGINAL**

Page 1



**LETTER # 36 - TRANSCRIPTION**

**Page 1 [115]**

Madison, Wis

July 18<sup>th</sup> 1865

Dear Sister

I wrote you a letter Sunday evening after we arrived in Camp Randall [*Madison, Wisconsin*], but after working all day yesterday and today, giving the men passes to go home, signing the pay rolls - turning over my guns and Camp and Garrison Equipage - now that I have got time to stop and think I find the letter is still in my pocket, so I will write another. We had a very pleasant journey and a splendid reception here at the Capitol [*of Wisconsin*]. My men have all gone home except four. I wish I could go too, but I can't until we are paid. I am in hopes that will be next week but I can't tell yet. I suppose you will see the boys that have gone and they will tell you all the news. I am glad I have [*am*] so near home once more. I am boarding at a private house. It seems so nice to live among civilized folks once more. One can almost forget what he had passed through in the last three years and yet almost every moment there is something to remind him of the change. I am too tired and sleepy to write any more, so good night. I shall be home as soon as I can get there.

Charley

## INDEX of EVENTS, MILITARY UNITS, PEOPLE, PLACES and TRANSPORTATION mentioned in the letters

(Note: The "page numbers" shown below on the right of each reference refer to numbers shown in square brackets "[ ]" following the letter page number in the heading of each letter transcription page. For example, the first entry below, " assassination ...110", refers to the heading of Letter # 34 - Transcription, Page 2 [110]. You can use the search (query) function to search either for "110" or "assassination" to locate the reference.)

### Events

Assassination .....	110
Ball struck me .....	90
Battle .....	1, 3, 6, 7, 8, 16, 19, 23, 26, 62, 88
Battle of Shiloh .....	21, 23
Building breastworks .....	89
Buried .....	24, 58
Cannonading .....	48
Court Marshal .....	64
Dance .....	73
Diarrhea.....	14
Discharge .....	12, 17, 112
Dress parade .....	7, 62
Election day .....	66
Enlist .....	13, 35, 55, 67, 68, 69
Evacuation of Corinth. ....	23
Found a recesh flag.....	34
Fourth of July.....	48, 51
Frost .....	59, 65
General inspection.....	67
Glory .....	.85
Ice .....	.. 105
Memphis is taken.....	5
Order "fix bayonts.....	89
Oysters for Christmas .....	104
Received a package .....	86
Retreat.....	3, 21, 22
Shot his hand.....	74
Siege of Vicksburg.....	43
Smallpox .....	47, 57
Snow .....	.30
Surrender of Lee's army .....	109

---

## Military Units

11th Regiment .....	51
12th Illinois Regiment .....	2
12th Wisconsin Regiment .....	76, 89, 93
14th Wisconsin Regiment .....	69
15th Regiment .....	10
16th Regiment Wisconsin Infantry, 1st Brigade, 1st Division, 17th Army Corps.2, 7, 20, 33, 45, 51, 53, 54, 58, 62, 66, 72, 74, 82, 85, 93, 108, 110	
17th Army Corps .....	39, 81, 92, 93, 99
18th Wisconsin Regiment .....	5, 7, 20, 38, 58
1st Brigade .....	45, 47
21st Missouri Regiment .....	23
26th Missouri Regiment .....	11, 12, 54
2nd and 3rd Brigade of the Pioneer Corps .....	47
2nd Illinois Cavalry .....	1, 61
32nd Wisconsin .....	113
6th Division .....	39
6th Division Pioneer Corps. ....	45
81st Chicago .....	2
8th Wisconsin Battery .....	10, 16
Burges Sharp Shooters .....	2
Cavalry .....	5
Co. A .....	20, 113
Co. B .....	.20
Co. D .....	.22
Co. E 16th Regt. Wisconsin Volunteers2, 19, 20, 27, 38, 53, 58, 60, 62, 64, 74, 76, 77, 78, 82, 90, 92, 96	
Co. G .....	.27
Co. H .....	.22
Commissary Department .....	61
Friendship [Wisconsin] Company .....	77
Gen. Logan's Division .....	35
Head Quarters Co. E 16th Wisconsin .....	60
Pioneer Corps .....	39, 61
Regiment of Engineers .....	47
Taycheedah [Wisconsin] Company .....	5
Veteran Service .....	70
Wisconsin Veteran Volunteers .....	76

---

## People

Aaron Simmons .....	35
Albert Gates .....	12, 17
Alen .....	10, 17
Almiron .....	86, 106

Anetrem .....	76
Asa M. Stoddard .....	94
Billey Price.....	106
Billie Woock .....	46
Billy .....	52
Boys from the Praire .....	14, 95, 97
Brig. Gen. Smith .....	7
Brigg .....	71
Burgets .....	2
butternuts .....	20, 23
C. H. P.....	48
Capt. Compton .....	5
Capt. Marsden .....	114
Capt. Mille .....	5
Capt. Rowe .....	100, 102
Capt/Major William F. Dawes [RN4600]6, 11, 25, 41, 58, 64, 65, 66, 90, 97, 100, 102, 104, 105	
Carpenters.....	27
Charles H. Tracy .....	74
Charles Herman Bassett [RN4661] .....	51, 100
Charley Prescott, .....	30
Col. Allen [RN4677] .....	11
Col. Alban .....	5
Col. Bryant.....	93
Col. Coolbaugh .....	61
Col. Fairchild .....	90
Col. Ogleby .....	1
Corp. Hawes .....	113
Corp. A. Myat .....	24
Corporal O. Hugoboom .....	94
Curt .....	13, 18, 46, 55, 95
Dan Toby .....	64
Dealie .....	106
Del .....	9, 35, 65
Del Dunbar .....	11
Delos .....	7, 9
Delos Bassett .....	2, 10, 13, 14, 24
Dora [Ledora White Dawes] [RN4601] .....	35, 59, 65, 73, 79, 100
Dow [Wentworth Dow] [RN 909] .....	10, 24, 26
Drafted .....	28, 110, 113
E. L. Babcock .....	30, 31
Eastern troops .....	17
Ebenezer Cameron .....	6
Edwin Knight .....	4
Elder Pikes .....	13
Elijah .....	76
Elisher Alaxander .....	5, 7
Era Lamb .....	39
Etta Shoor .....	97

Father [RN1321] .....	29, 65
Fred Cases .....	64
Gen. Blair.....	83
Gen. Buell.....	4
Gen. Force.....	89, 92, 93, 94
Gen. Forest.....	76
Gen. Grant.....	28, 37, 40, 55, 76
Gen. Hooker .....	84
Gen. Hood .....	99, 100
Gen. Johnston .....	110
Gen. Liggett.....	93
Gen. Logan .....	35
Gen. Mc Arthur' .....	2, 20, 22, 23, 28, 45
Gen. Mc Pherson.....	92
Gen. Rosecrans.....	23
Gen. Sherman .....	74, 79, 99, 100, 103, 105, 109, 110
Gen. U.S. Grant.....	71, 109
George .....	9, 10, 35
George A. Hacston .....	14, 74
George P. Sheldon .....	23, 24
George Williamson .....	24, 25, 35, 53
Gov. Harvey.....	7
Hank Ward.....	11
Hellen .....	94
Henry Ely.....	4, 9, 24, 30, 32
Henry Hastings .....	6
Henry Rigger .....	95
Herbot Whitney .....	7
Hugh G. Lamison.....	94
Indians.....	16, 54
Ira Dimick.....	20, 23, 24
Ira P. Sands [RN4665].....	24
J. B. Schnerdisch.....	96
Jack Swift .....	58
Jacob Gundlach.....	74
James Dawes [RN1303] .....	11, 18, 55
James Umbarger .....	2
Jerome .....	58, 106
Jim Shanks .....	75, 97, 111
Jimmy .....	29
Joe Johnson .....	44
John.....	38, 39
John B. Keyes .....	24, 106
John Hyer .....	97
John Kelly .....	24
John Pike.....	15
John Wills [RN4708] .....	2, 3, 8, 26
Johnnies .....	99
Johnson.....	48

Johnstson .....	109
Lee .....	.109
Lewis boys.....	64
Lieut. Col. Beal .....	5
Lieut. Col. Fairchild .....	65
Lieut. Colman .....	5
Lieut. Mix .....	51
Lieut. Niles.....	19, 24
Lieut. Pierce.....	64, 67, 114
Lieut. Rowe .....	64, 77
Lieut. White .....	24, 63, 71
Lorinda Bishop.....	12
Louise .....	76, 98, 106
Lt. Col. Reynolds .....	90
Ma [RN5326] .....	46
Maggie Dawes [RN1305].....	52
Maj. Reynolds .....	20, 34, 65, 71
Marion Hammond .....	64, 75
Mary Eliza .....	54
Mary [Mary Bassett Wills] [RN1309] .....	3, 7, 8, 75, 111
Master mechanic .....	49
Mate .....	.71
Mc Clellan .....	100, 101
Mc Dougle .....	30
Mechanics .....	33, 47
Mich.....	.. 48
Mira .....	.. 52
Miss Laura Clark .....	74
Mother Buchanan .....	38
Mr. Tiffany .....	5, 12
Mr. Pikes .....	29
Mr. Prescott .....	12
Mr. Whitney .....	12
Mr. Yocum.....	71
Mrs. Houglin .....	9
Mustering Officer .....	72
Neal [Cornelia].....	29, 33, 39, 40, 50, 55, 59, 69, 86
Negroes.....	26, 100
Nette Pettis .....	18
O. H. Wirt.....	63
P. B. Norton.....	24
Pa [RN1321] .....	41, 46
Paddy Miles.....	63, 82
Park Ayers.....	64
Paymaster .....	9, 72, 100
Pemberton.....	44
Perry B. Proper .....	24
Pete Gleason.....	35
Pioneers .....	33

Poet Webster .....	18
President Lincoln .....	48, 100, 101, 110
Price .....	25, 28
Private E. H. Halverson .....	95
Private E. J. Bonnel .....	95
Private E. L. Chapman .....	95
Private F. Wolff .....	95
Private H. Rigger .....	95
Private J. Schaller .....	95
Private J. Smith .....	95
Private J. W. Craig.....	95
Private M. Ryan.....	95
Private M. W. Burdick .....	95
Quartermaster .....	21
Receshionists .....	9, 34, 36, 48, 106
Richard Fay .....	97
Riley Hammond .....	74, 76, 83, 95
Rob Mullen .....	12
Sally.....	52
Sam Bassett .....	11, 54
Sam Quaw.....	51
Sant Robinson .....	106
Saphrooms Dickinsons.....	69
Scribner .....	77
Serane.....	70
Sergeant C. B. Stone.....	94
Sergeant H. L. Stone .....	94
Sergeant I. P. Sands [RN4665] .....	94
Sergt W. C. White .....	24
Sergt. Martin .....	73
Sergt. Mortin .....	63
Silas Clark .....	5, 7
Superintendent for Crops .....	71
Superintendent of the Rail Road .....	61
Surgeons .....	23
Susy or Suzy .....	76, 98
Sybil Martin .....	113
T. F. Wheeler.....	30
Tabron Dickerson .....	51
Tom .....	9
Tom Dunbar.....	6
Uncle Pitcher .....	52
Uncle Sam.....	31, 35, 41
Vandorn.....	25
Villifigue .....	25
Wallace Crofoot.....	113
Wallce Campbel .....	7
Western men .....	17
Whit .....	10

Widow Dawes' daughter .....	24
Wille Bassett .....	5, 9
William Hastings .....	5, 6
William Price .....	97
Yanks .....	48, 99
Yarahan .....	39

---

## Places

Abbeville, Mississippi.....	27
Adams Co., Wisconsin .....	6, 18, 64
Allatoona Mountain, Georgia .....	84
Atlanta, Georgia.....	79, 88, 99, 100, 106
Big Black River, Mississippi.....	44, 47, 74
Big Shanty, Georgia. ....	80
Buroak Prarie, Wisconsin .....	63
Cairo, Illinois .....	1, 2, 76, 93
Camp No. 10 (Mississippi).....	8, 14
Camp No. 11 (Mississippi).....	16
Camp Randall (near Madison, Wisconsin).....	2, 115
Camp Sabin (Mississippi) .....	16, 19
Capitol [of Wisconsin] .....	115
Chattahoochee River, Georgia .....	84, 88
Chattanooga, Tennessee .....	99
Chewalla, Tennessee .....	19
Clifton, Tennessee .....	76, 78, 79
Columbus, Kentucky .....	15, 26
Corinth, Mississippi .....	6, 8, 9, 10, 14, 15, 17, 21, 23, 26
Cousville H Q. ....	17
Decatur, Georgia .....	88
Division hospital.....	17
Dixie .....	.28
Fayetteville, North Carolina .....	108
Fond du Lac, Wisconsin .....	72, 113
Fort Henry, Kentucky.....	1
Four mile House (Wisconsin).....	113
Friendship, Wisconsin .....	63
Goldsboro, North Carolina.....	109, 110, 111
Grand Junction, Tennessee.....	28
Hamburg Landing, Tennessee .....	8
Harvey Hospital in Madison , Wisconsin .....	106
Holly Springs, Mississippi .....	28, 31
Huntsville, Alabama.....	78
Jackson, Mississippi .....	48
Juneau County, Wisconsin .....	64
Lake Providence, Louisiana.....	33, 38, 59
Lake Winnebego, Wisconsin .....	34
Louiseville, Kentucky .....	112, 113

Madison, Wisconsin.....	2, 7, 77, 115
Marietta, Georgia.....	88
Memphis, Tennessee .....	5, 9, 30, 35, 37
Michigan (State of) .....	15
Milton Junction, Wisconsin .....	76
Mississippi River .....	101
Mobile, Alabama .....	73
Monroe, Wisconsin .....	7
Necedah [Wisconsin].....	14, 63, 73
New Lisbon, Wisconsin .....	8
New Orleans, Louisiana.....	57
Ocean (Gulf of Mexico) .....	104
Ohio River .....	1, 113
Paducah, Kentucky .....	1
Parkersburg, Virginia .....	113
Pittsburg Landing, Tennessee .....	2, 3, 6
Pocotaligo, South Carolina .....	105
Point Bluff, Wisconsin .....	86
Pulaski, Tennessee .....	78
Raleigh, North Carolina .....	109, 111
Rapids (Wisconsin) .....	5
Redbone Church, Mississippi .....	60, 66, 74
Richmond, Louisiana .....	38
Roswell, Georgia .....	88
Savannah, Georgia .....	102
Savannah, Tennessee.....	1, 4, 7
Shiloh, Tennessee.....	21, 90
Strongs Praire, Wisconsin .....	14, 49, 95, 97
Tallahatchie bridge .....	33
Tallahatchie River, Mississippi.....	27, 33
Tennessee River .....	1
Tensas River, Louisiana .....	34
Texas (State of).....	58
Vicksburg, Mississippi.....	30, 31, 32, 37, 38, 40, 41, 43, 44, 47, 49, 53, 57, 59, 61, 62, 64, 71, 82, 101
Virginia (State of).....	15
Warrington, Mississippi .....	61
Washington, D.C .....	17, 112, 113
Wilmington, Delaware .....	108
Wisconsin (State of) .....	28
Yazoo River, Mississippi.....	32

---

## Transportation

boat .....	37, 57, 76, 108
cars (railroad) .....	47, 113
Columbus Railroad .....	26
Mississippi Central Railroad .....	27
steamboat Odd Fellow.....	37
railroad .....	1, 15, 19, 26, 47, 49, 88, 96, 99, 113
schooner .....	34
steamboat .....	30, 34, 101, 103, 113
steamer City of Madison .....	57
wagon .....	97

---

## MAPS

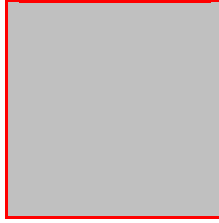
---

### MAPS IDENTIFYING LOCATIONS NAMED IN DIARIES AND LETTERS

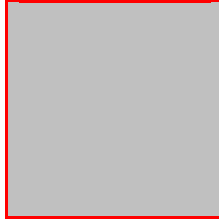
---

### OTHER MAPS

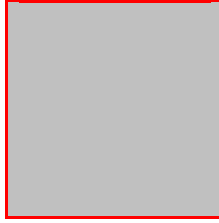
**MISSISSIPPI AREA MAP**



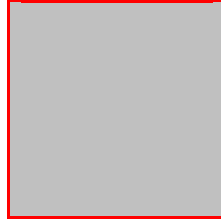
**U. S. BEFORE SECESSION 1860**



**RAILROAD MAP**



**GEORGIA, SOUTH CAROLINA and NORTH CAROLINA**



**END OF INFOBASE**

## Endnotes

### 1 (Note)

Other than infobase titles and initial headings, text highlighted in color usually represents a link point to a related item that can be accessed by double-clicking the left mouse button anywhere in the colored text area. [Blue highlighting](#) brings up a linked object (graphic) or scanned image of a document or picture. [Red highlighting](#) brings up a jump link to another area of text in the infobase or to a specific point in a related but different infobase. [Violet highlighting](#) brings up a pop-up box of explanatory material. **BOLD BLUE HIGHLIGHTING** usually brings up another program or takes you to another infobase.

Click [HERE for Quick Help and instructions](#) on how to use this FOLIO VIEWS program that is located in the Appendix of another infobase.

Use the icon  with the word "Contents" in the tool bar at the top of the screen to access the hyperlinked Table of Contents of this infobase.

### 2 (Note)

DN3224

### 3 (Note)

The name of this linked infobase is CIVIL WAR DIARIES of WENTWORTH DOW. Its DOS file name is CIVDIARY.NFO and it can be found on OUR FAMILY TREASURY-DISC J and DVD5.

### 4 (Note)

The name of this linked infobase is ILLUSTRATED HISTORY OF OUR FAMILY. Its DOS file name is HISTORY.NFO and it can be found on OUR FAMILY TREASURY-DISC A and DVD 1&2 and DVD 5&6.

### 5 (Note)

The name of this linked infobase is CIVIL WAR MAPS and REFERENCE MATERIALS. Its DOS file name is CIVMAPS.NFO and it can be found on OUR FAMILY TREASURY-DISC J and DVD5.

### 6 (Note)

This "Contents Overview" is for use with .PDF file version only. If viewing the infobase (.NFO) version, click on "CONTENTS" in the tool bar above for direct jump links to each topic.

### 7 (Popup)

The American talent for improvisation turned quickly to improving camp life. "All the appliances of home life which are possible...are being introduced into our encampment," a New York chaplain reported. "... A weekly newspaper, a photographic establishment... a temperance league and a Christian Association."

Regiments ran their own lending libraries, staged theatricals, built churches, kept menageries of pets and mascots, bought delicacies from licensed sutlers, whose tents were often known as "Robbers Row."