

Corporal Peter Bower files

Nashville, Tenn [sic]

January the 8th 1863

Dear Mother

it is with pleasure that I write you a few lines to let you know that I am still alive and getting a long [sic] very well I was in the Murfreesboro Battle I am wounded in the left shoulder it is only a flesh wound i [sic] think it will be well soon. T. Baucker is wounded in the hand he has a bad hand of it we was wounded yesterday a week ago and sent here there was only one of our company killed his name is James Marten

there is 77 wounded I will write their names Jesse Daurgthy Phillip Wolf Elias Warthen OF Wipkey FB King J Tyler T Gray R Clare D Crain and I and Tab there is 6 of us here in the Convalescent Camp our regiment lost in killed and wounded and missing 113 and most all wounded our Col is killed

I cannot write much this time I don't know how long we will stay here Write soon Direct the [sic] as before so no more at present but I remain

Your efectionate [sic] son

PW Bower

History of Peter Bower

Peter Will Bower son of John and Juliann Will Bower died on March 23 1863 from his wounds received on New Years [sic] Day of that year. Peter was 24 years old. He was 5 feet 6 inches tall, had fair complexion, dark eyes and sandy hair. He was serving as Corporal in Co. H. 27th Illinois Volunteer Infantry having enlisted at Murphysboro [sic] for a 3 year term on August 26, 1861.

T. Baucker or "Tab" was William the son of David Baucker and his first wife Lucretia Talbott Baucker. Lucretia died shortly after his birth. David then married Susan Baurer daughter of John and Juliann Baurer. Thus Tabs [sic] stepmother was Peters' sister. William enlisted and was mustered in on the same day as Peter. He recovered from his hand wound and re-enlisted as a veteran in Co. G. 9th Illinois Infantry Consolidated. William "Tab" Baucker married Mary Graff daughter of William and Rosann Imhoff Graff.

The letter from Peter Bower to his Mother is in the files of the Jackson County Historical Society. It was presented by Bernice Wingerter, also a decendent of Conrad Wells.

P.S. Did I not hear that Peter did not die of his wounds but of dysentery?

Mom

NOT SURE... hmmm