

LETTER FROM  
CAPT. PETER BOWLER

Dear Mother

Nashville, Tenn  
January the 8th 1863

it is with pleasure that I write you a  
few lines to let you know that I am still  
alive and getting a long very well & as  
in the Thompsons battle I am wounded  
in the left shoulder it is only a flesh  
wound & I think it will be well soon. I  
remember is wounded in the hand he has a  
bad hand as it we was wounded yesterday  
a week ago and sent here there was only  
one of our company killed his name is  
James Mathers

there is 72 wounded I will write  
their names James Dougherty Philip West  
Elias Mathers O F Gregory F B King J Tyler  
I pray I believe I believe and I and  
date these in by me here in the  
Convent Army our regiment lost in  
killed and wounded and Training 113 and  
must all wounds our lot in killed  
I cannot write much this time I don't  
know how long we will stay here  
write soon I wish the as before so we  
have as present but I remain  
Yours affectionately  
O W Bowen

Peter Gill Brewer, son of John & William, Phil  
 Brewer died in March 23 1863 from his  
 wounds received on New Year 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. D. 27th Illinois Volunteer Infantry  
 having enlisted at Thompsonville for a 3  
 year term on August 26, 1861.

1. Brewer is "J.G." was William the son  
 of David Sawyer and his first wife Susanna  
 (Sawyer's mother). Susanna died shortly after  
 her birth and then married Susan Sawyer  
 daughter of John & William Brewer, Phil  
 John Sawyer was Peter's sister. William  
 enlisted and was mustered in on the same  
 day as Peter. He recovered from his hand  
 wound and re-enlisted as a volunteer in Co. D.  
 9th Illinois Infantry, Kamaulitah.

William "J.G." Brewer married Mary Thraft  
 daughter of William & Susan Thraft

The letter from Peter Brewer to his Mother  
 is in the files of the Jackson County  
 Historical Society. It was recorded by  
 Dennis Shingler, also a descendant of  
 Kamaulitah.

O.J. did not know that Peter did not die  
 of his wounds but of dysentery.