

Civil War Diary of Benjamin Chambers

August 25, 1861 through February 2, 1866

Company G, 31st Indiana Volunteers

31st Regiment Infantry

Organized at Terre Haute, Ind., and mustered in September 15, 1861. Ordered to Kentucky and camp at Green River till February, 1862. Attached to 13th Brigade, Army of the Ohio, to December, 1861. 13th Brigade, 5th Division, Army Ohio, to February, 1862. 1st Brigade, 3rd Division, Army of the Tennessee, to March, 1862. 3rd Brigade, 4th Division, Army of the Tennessee, to April, 1862. 22nd Brigade, 4th Division, Army of the Ohio, to September, 1862. 22nd Brigade, 4th Division, 2nd Army Corps, Army of the Ohio, to November, 1862. 1st Brigade, 2nd Division, Left Wing 14th Army Corps, Army of the Cumberland, to January, 1863. 1st Brigade, 2nd Division, 21st Army Corps, Army of the Cumberland, to October, 1863. 1st Brigade, 1st Division, 4th Army Corps, Army of the Cumberland, to August, 1865. Dept. of Texas to December, 1865.

SERVICE. – Moved to Fort Donelson, Tenn., February 11-13, 1862. Investment and capture of Fort Donelson February 14-16. Expedition to Crump's Landing, Tenn., March 9-14. Battle of Shiloh, Tenn., April 6-7. Advance on and siege of Corinth, Miss., April 29-May 30. Phillips' Creek, Widow Serratt's, May 21. Bridge Creek before Corinth May 28. Occupation of Corinth May 30. Pursuit to Booneville May 31-June 12. Buell's Campaign in Northern Alabama and Middle Tennessee June to August. March to Louisville, Ky., in pursuit of Bragg, August 21-September 26. Pursuit of Bragg to Loudon, Ky., October 1-22. Battle of Perryville, October 8. Wild Cat October 17. March to Nashville, Tenn., October 22-November 8. Destruction of Goose Creek Salt Works October 23-24. Duty at Nashville till December 26. Advance on Murfreesboro December 26-30. Lavergne December 26-27. Battle of Stone's [sic] River December 30-31, 1862, and January 1-3, 1863. Duty at Murfreesboro and Cripple Creek till June. Action at Spring Hill, Woodbury, April 2. Middle Tennessee or Tullahoma Campaign June 23-July 7. Occupation of Middle Tennessee to August 16. Passage of the Cumberland Mountains and Tennessee River and Chickamauga (Ga.) Campaign August 16-September 22. Lee and Gordon's Mills September 11-13. Battle of Chickamauga September 19-20. Siege of Chattanooga, Tenn., September 24-October 26. Reopening Tennessee River October 26-29. At Bridgeport, Ala., October 28, 1863, to January, 1864. Regiment Veteranize January 1, 1864, and on furlough February and March, At Ooltewah till May. Atlanta (Ga.) Campaign May 1-September 8. Tunnel Hill May 6-7. Demonstrations on Rocky Faced Ridge and Dalton, Ga., May 8-13. Buzzard's Roost Gap May 8-9. Battle of Resaca May 14-15. Near Kingston May 18-19. Near Cassville May 19. Advance on Dallas May 22-25. Operations on line of Pumpkin Vine Creek and battles about Dallas,

New Hope Church and Allatoona Hills May 25-June 5. Operations abut Marietta and against Kenesaw [sic] Mountain June 10-July 2. Pine Hill June 11-14. Lost Mountain June 15-17. Assault on Kenesaw [sic] June 27. Ruff's Station, Smyrna Camp Ground, July 4. Chattahoochie [sic] River July 5-17. Vining Station July 7. Peach Tree Creek July 19-20. Siege of Atlanta July 22-August 25. Flank movement on Jonesboro August 25-30. Battle of Jonesboro August 31-September 1. Lovejoy Station September 2-6. Operations against Hood in North Georgia and North Alabama September 29-November 3. Nashville Campaign November-December. Columbia, Duck River, November 24-27. Battle of Franklin November 30. Battle of Nashville December 15-16. Pursuit of Hood to the Tennessee River December 17-28. Moved to Huntsville, Ala., and duty there till March, 1865. Operations in East Tennessee March 15-April 22. Duty at Nashville till June. Moved to New Orleans, La., June 16, thence to Texas, July. Duty at Green Lake and San Antonio till December. Mustered out December 8, 1865.

Regiment lost during service 5 Officers and 115 Enlisted men killed and mortally wounded and 5 Officers and 253 Enlisted men by disease. Total 378.

Diary Pages

Co. G 31st Regt. Ind. Vol. was organised [sic] at Bloomington, Monroe Co The Co. was raised by Henry L. McCalla who afterwards was elected by an unanimous vote Captain Silas Grimes – 1st Lt. Wm. Berry – 2nd Lt. Thomas J. Hay – 1st Sarg. [sic] Left for camp August 25th, 1861 Arrived in Camp Vigo August 26th Was the 7th company reporting in camp at Terre Haute, Ind.

The time was spent in doing Guard duty and Drilling until [sic] the Regt was filled up and organised [sic] Then it left for Evansville Ind Oct 1st remained here untill Oct 3 at which time we moved to Henderson Ky about 15 miles down the River Time was ocupied [sic] in Drilling and doing Guard duty the measles broke out hear [sic] and co G Suffered her Share Henderson is a nice town Situated in the South Bank of the Ohio River

moved from Henderson Nov 1st for Calhoun distance 40 miles arrived at Calhoun Nov the [illegible] took up camp on the north Bank of Green River While at this Camp Co G lost heavily by Sickness by Death Benjamin F Taylor Wilson L Mathers Robert Har[illegible] Benjamin H Whist[illegible] Mitler M Sutsh[illegible] Samuel Wily all Died of camp fever

Discharged Trawles Mize Samuel Anderson John C Warner Gilbert Piercefield

Our time occupied while here Drilling and doing Guard duty took Several Scouts all of no purpose one to South carlton Ky. about the 12 od Dec while at Calhoun we were brigaded with the 17th Regt Ky and 25 Ky 44th Ind Col Charles Cruft Comandg [sic] Brigade

Brig Gen Thos [sic] Crittenden Comg [sic] forces moved to South Carlton Jan 15th 1862 South Carlton is a Small Town on the South Bank of [illegible] Distance from Calhoun 24 miles our time was occupied Drilling Fortifying and Falling Timbers it being known by

Comg [sic] officer that Gen Buckner with a [illegible word crossed out] Superior force and in all Probability would disput [sic] pour right to Footing on the South Side of the River After Performing the work assigned we returned to Calhoun Jan the 21st Only Remaned [sic] here long Enoughf [sic] to Build comfortable quarters when orders Came to Prepare 3 days Rations and be Ready to move by Sunday Feb 1st at which time we Boarded B J Adams Destination unknown. arrived at Evansville on the eavening [sic] of the 10th after a few minutes Stay and a few Congratulatory Remark from the ladies [four illegible words crossed out] of Evansville we were Steaming down the Beautiful water of the Ohio Pasing [sic] our old camp at Henderson the night of the [illegible number]th arrived at Paducha [sic] on the morning of the 11th Remained But a Short time When we were ascending the Tennessee Destination Ft Henry the Place being Captured Some days Previous by Our Troops Stayed here only a Short time and we were descending the Tenn [sic] arrived at Paducha [sic] the morning of 12th on the Eavening [sic] of the 12th we were ascending the Ohio River arrived at Smithland the night of the 12th while here we hear in Probabilitty [sic] that we would See the Enemy in his full Glory at Ft Donelson for which Place we were fast Steering arriving at the landing below the Ft on the morning of the 14th heare [sic] we took up our line of march for our Position on the Battle field there had Bin [sic] Sharp Skirmishing the 14th the Gun Boats Operated on the Ft 30 minutes two Oclock [sic] P M of the 14th Our Brigade moved to the Right and took Position late in the eavening [sic] having a snow storm on the night on the 14th of Febr [sic] Co G furnished five men for Picket and throug [sic] the carelessness of the officers the were not relieved that night there [sic] names were W T Glenn Joseph Gaither A D Gray J F Johnston B P retchans

the next morning of the 15th Dawn Clear and cold Pickets were drawn [sic] in and Skirmishing commenced about day light and the Battle commenced Our Brigad [sic] was Engaged and Rpulced [sic] afterwards Rallying and in turn drove the Enemy in Side there [sic] works Co G lost one man killed his name was Richard Elkins he was Shot through the head the Regt lost 7 killed and 49 wounded Federal Forces Engaged 40,000 rebel force 20,000 darkness Closed hostilities on the 15th. All Speculated of Rumors were [illegible] that night all Speculated on the result of the movement of the following morning one was that there would be a Silmuttanious [sic] attact [sic] Early on the morning of the 16th and take the Place By a storm the 16th came in all its Splendor then and there all heart Beat high Each one wandring [sic] but none knowing what the 16th of Feb 1862 would bring about while in this verry uncomfortable Situation Col McHenry of the 17th Ky Brought the news to us that Gen Buckner had Surrendered his hole [sic] Force to Gen. Grant unconditionally

Gen Floyd and Pillow and their Command making there [sic] Escape Previous to the Surrender [illegible] Prisoners and Camp Equipage Stock and all their Supplies Fell in our hands Our Brigad [sic] was marched in Side the works and to the Ground occupied By the Prisoners after a Short Stay at this Place we were taken out Side of the work to camp for the night during the night we got orders to be Ready to move at an Early hour of the 17th at which time Rain was falling in torrents and as muddy [sic] as we ever found

in any of our travels But all were willing and and [sic] Ready and the Evening [sic] of the 18th found us at Ft Henry 12 miles by land From [sic] Ft Donelson we Remained [sic] here until [sic] 5th of march [sic] then we moved four miles up the river on the morning of the 7th we went aboard Steamer Fanny Bullet and on the 10th we were again Ascending the Tenn [sic] River arrived at Pitsburg [sic] landing

march [sic] 14th nothing of Importance Occurred until [sic] the 6th of April when Gen. Bureguard [sic] and Johnston attacked Gen. Grant with a Superior force and with Succession to the Rebels [sic] army Driving the Federals to a Position near the River But during the night of the 6th Gen. Grant Received reinforcements from [sic] Gen Buels [sic] army and on the 7th drove the Rebs in turn were Driven back and made a hasty Retreat to Corinth moved from [sic] Pitsburg [sic] landing the 8th arrived and went in camp May the 1st 1862 When there was ordered on Corinth [sic] and by Gradual approaches took Possession of Corinth 31st without any loss the Place being Evacuated on the 29th and 30th Left Corinth June the 4th in Pursuit [sic] of the Rebs moved 12 miles went to Camp Near Booneville moved on the 6th Still farther South remained until [sic] the 9th when orders came to be Ready to move by three o'clock [sic] PM Traveled [sic] until 10 P.M. Stopped [sic] for the Remainder of the night in Jacinto June the 10th continued Our march and on the 11th went into camp on the Memphis and C railroad 3½ miles from luka June 18th moved Camp one mile nearer luka and camped where Breckenridge camped Left luka June the 21st for Eastport arrived at Eastport the same day Left Eastport June the 23rd for Tuscumbia arrived at Tuscumbia June 25th left Tuscumbia June 26 for Florence [illegible word crossed out] Distance of 4 miles got to the Tennessee River 26th Commenced Crossing 27th Crossed Tenn [sic] where Gen Jackson Crossed on his way to New Orleans

arrived at Florence on the Night of the 27th left Florence [sic] 28th for Decatur [sic] Past [sic] through Rodgerville June 30th Crossed Elk River 30th camped on Round Island Creek 30th 2½ miles west of Athens July 1st in land Town in lime Stone County Ala went into camp one mile East of Athens July 1st Grand Review of the Brigade July the 3rd Grand Review of the Division at the fair Ground Near Athens [sic] July 4th Left Athens July 9th Past [sic] through Ektorton [sic] the 10th arrived R R Bridgeport 10th R R at prospect July 11th 1862 Left for Reynolds Station July 14th Passed through Pulaska July 15th and went into camp Left R station for Nashville July 18th arrived at Nashville Same day went By way of RR distance 4 miles fine Country left Nashville July 30 at 1 O'clock [sic] A M arrived at Gallatin at 6 O'clock [sic] A M Distance 28 miles By R R Left G for Nashville August 1st arrived same day Camp west of the city. Left N for Murfreesboro August 3 arrived Same Day distance 32 miles by RR Camped 1 mile South of Town on the Turn Pike Left M August 8th for McMinville arrived at Smithville August 30th continued our march from Smithville South 8 miles orders Came countermarch and we Returned to Smithville on the 11th Camped Near the Town Troops came to Smithville the 11th 21st and 8 Ky Regt 51st Ohio and on Battery Left S for Lebanon [sic] August 12th Passed through Liberty 12th camped 2 miles west of the town Orders countermarch again on Our Road to McMinville the 13th and 14th Reached

McMinville distance 50 miles But By our Countermarching we traveled 120 miles left McMville [sic] on a Southern trip August 24th in a Southerly direction traveled [sic] 12 miles and camped 25th we marched 5 miles and went into camp on the 26th we returned to McM [sic] and went in [crossed out] on Picket Left McMinville Sept 3 for Nashville Passed through Murfreesboro Sept 7th Left Nashville 8th for Gallatin left Gallatin to the North and traveled the Louisville Pike for Boling green [sic] KY Sept 15th Distance 70 miles Left BG Sept 18th for Mumfordsville Passed through 20th Passed 7½ miles South of the mamoth [sic] cave or cave city the Enemy being reported at mumfordsville [sic] we marched within 7 miles of mumfordsville on the 20th and camped took up the long march for Louisville.

on the 22nd passed through Elizabeth town on the 24th arrived at west Point 25th west Point is a Small town at the mouth of Salt River 20 miles below Louisville arrived at Louisville 26th camped left Louisville Oct 1st for Bardstown moved out 24 miles and Drew 4 months Pay arrived at Bardstown Oct 5th Rebles [sic] left on the 4th for [line drawn here in diary]

Left B on the 6th for Springfield Passed through Lendville 6th camped 2 miles from Springfield caught up with the Rebs at Perry ville Pickets Commenced fighting at 10 Oclock [sic] on the 8th of Oct and at 12 the Rebs [crossed out] Battle became General and continued So till dark Result unknowen [sic] no fighting this morning 9th up to ½ past 6 Oclock [sic] at an early hour it was discovered that the Rebs had moved towards Harrisburg for which Point we started at 7 Oclock [sic] on the 10th we were on our way to Danville had Several Skirmishes through the day camped 4 miles North of Danville the 11th two men of Co G deserted

Names John I Bender Thos Harper

on the night of the 12th we went Into camp at Danville. Remained till the eavening [sic] of the 18th Drew 2 days Rations left for Cumberland Gap Passed through Stanford 14th through Crab Orchard 15th through Mt Vernon 16th of Oct 1862 arrived at camp wildcat 17th went went [sic] into camp. Left Wildcat Oct the 19th for Richmond Road arrived Same day found the Enemy in force Succeeded in routing them without any loss on our Side and got sup astonished to find themselves covered 8 Inches with Snow Some had no Blankets Left Wild Cat 26th for Summer Set arrived 28th moved on the 30 for Columbia arrived 31st Nov 2nd on the move for [illegible] arrived 4th went into camp. moved on the 8th to Scotsville [sic] and camped Left Scotsville [sic] Nov the 10th for Gallatin arrived the 11th Left G 12 for Silver Springs While here we were payed [sic] off for 4 months Maj H L McCalla went home without leave Col Osborn taking advantage of the opportunity Prefered [sic] Charges against the Maj and had him mustered out of the Servis [sic] moved from Silver Springs 19th for 19th for Nashville Camped Stone [sic] River and camped 19th

Nov 30th Maj Gen Wm S Rosecrans assumed Command of the Army Maj Gen Buell Superseded all honor of [illegible word crossed out] to the hero of Corinth and luka we

hailed with delight the moment When Wm S Rosecrans Stept [sic] fort [sic] declaring him Self Commander of So noble an army Buel [sic] took leave in disgrace and hope he Remains So yet December 2nd left for Nashville arrived at 1 Oclock [sic] went into camp 3 miles South East of the city

Nothing Transpired worth mentioning untill [sic] about the 20th Tine was Spent in recruiting and Preparing for a Successful move [illegible word crossed out] on Bragg who was at this time at Murfreesboro and by the way was Some what troublesome [sic]. Christmas was a very dry one thing caused it to Seem So dull the 31st Ind had to go on Picket the morning of 26th orders came to us to prepare to move Immeadietly [sic] the army was in motion in Short order we moved towards murfreesboro [sic] and and [sic] before 3 oClock [sic] P.M. we came up on the [illegible] Enemy's advance at Lavergne after a Sharp Skirmish the Rebs were driven frome [sic] the place and we took up camp for the night the morning of the 27th was So cloudy and dark that it was a late hour before the army was in motion Gen Crittenden moved to Stewards creek 27th and camped 28th being Sunday there was no move. 29th found us on the move in line of Battle We had to [illegible] Stewards Creek on the 29th arrived in front of the Enemys [sic] lines of Battle. on the eavening [sic] of the 29th a few Shots were exchanged on the morning of the 30th all hands were expecting to go in to Battle Immeadietly [sic] Skirmishing kept up all day with considerable Cannonading. the morning of the 31st Dawned clear and cold heavy Skirmishing Commenced along the line Early [illegible word crossed out]

Gen McCook becoming Engaged about Sun up and was Repulsed with heavy loss in men and Artillery. Soon after the center becoming engaged but holding their ground untill [sic] the Rebs were Successful in making a flank movement which caused the center to fall Back on the Murfreesboro Pike Gen Crittendens [sic] Command Constituted the Left wing the 22 Brigade Faught [sic] her old [illegible word crossed out] fashioned Stubborn way lying down the Rebs made three Seperate [sic] and distinct Charges up on our line and not a man flinched and as often they fell back in disorder leaving many ded [sic] and the [crossed out] wounded up on the Ground. for four hours he we held them [crossed out] our ground after which we became Surrounded or nearly So it became Necessary for the Gen Commanding to order us out which was done and out we went on this Retreat Co G lost one man Killed Namely Corp [illegible word crossed out] Jacob Meadows Shot through the Boddy [sic]

the Brigade fell back crossed the R Road formed for [crossed out] Ready for action again and drove the Enemy in turn to their original Position darkness closed Hostilitys [sic] the 31st of Dec New Years Day came and with it the dredd [sic] of Battle the day was Spent By the Commander in forming his lines

Jan 2nd was Expected to fill a Noted Page in history. lines all formed everything was Ready and at 12 Oclock [sic] it was discovered that the Rebs were throwing [2 illegible words crossed out] a heavy force on our left no time was lost by the Commander to

check mate their movement and at 3 O'clock [sic] the Battle had begun and if there is any grandeur [sic] and the writer is led to believe there is

we witnessed the grandest Sceanery [sic] that Eyes Ever beheld the Battle of 2nd was fought [sic] in Plain view of the 22nd Brigade who was Supporting the 21 Pieces of artillery [sic] on an Elevated Piece [sic] of Ground all this artillery [sic] had a cross fire on the Enemy's [sic] line of Battle as they came and on and on they came Seeming to mind nothing until [sic] they Reached the open field When Everything was Ready the charge was ordered

It was at this moment the writer thought Heaven and Earth has Broke loose with all Combustible [sic] matter therein had collected and ignited Shot and Shell felt like hail stones 30 minutes ended this Scene the day was ours. Rebs fled in confusion the dead [sic] and wounded lay thicker [illegible word crossed out] here than upon any Previous Battle Ground

all Hearts were full over the victory Gen John M Palmer who was commanding Our Division ordered a charge made by 31st Ind Vols in front of our lines the gen [illegible word crossed out] led the charge Co G Stood Picket that Night. the 3rd was Spent in Burying the dead the 4 Our forces [illegible word crossed out] Occupied Murfreesboro the Rebs making a hasty Retreat towards Tullahoma Remained in camp at Murfreesboro until [sic] Jan 19th 7 miles East and went into camp at Cripple Creek fixed up winter Quarters took Several Scouts one to woodberry [sic] that was very Successful Remained here till the 24th of June. Passed off the time in drilling and Picket Duty June the 24th found the army of the Cumberland [sic] again making forward movement Bragg's [sic] army at this time was in the vicinity of Tullahoma

Moved in the Direction of Manchester passing through Bradyville 26th arrived at Manchester 29th without any resistance moved on the 30th 10 miles South of Manchester and camped Several days returning to Manchester [sic] July 8 63 and camped Nothing of naught occurred while here remained at Manchester till Aug 16th When we again took up the line of march for C reached mountain 15 miles South East of McMinville Aug 18th commenced Crossing the 18th and by the 19th all was over the 31st Ind was detailed to help out with the train

Reached Dunlap the 20 Left Dunlap for Chattanooga Sept 1st 63 Passed through Jasper 3rd Crossed the Tenn [sic] River at Shellmound the Night of the 3rd on the evening [sic] of the 5th we were again moving arriving at Chattanooga Sept 9th the Rebs having Evacuated on the 7th and 8th following the Rebs had a Skermish [sic] on the 10th Passed through Ringould [sic] the 11th found Rebs in force at Lee and Goddens mill on Sunday 13th there was Some Skermishing [sic] Near Lee and G mill frome [sic] the 13th-18th found us the 21st Army corps trying to Form a junction with the main force which was Some miles South of here on the 17th and 18th Gen Rosecrans HDQ was at crawfish Springs on the evening [sic] 18th we returned to Lee and

Gosdens mill a line of Battle early next morning the Enemy Occupying the East bank of the Chicamauga [sic] while the Federals had the west side a few Shots were fired.

Early in the morning But few expecting a General engagement at this time and Place. it became known to the Gen Comdg [sic] that Gen Bragg was aiming to cut his Retreat to Chattanooga Sharp Skermishing [sic] all the forenoon of the 19th the Battle did not become general until 2 O'clock [sic] PM at which time the 31st Ind taking her accustomed Position in the front faught [sic] bravely having 4 killed 40 wounded On the spot this Position was held till the Eavening [sic] disappeared. Only to make his appearence [sic] in Our flank and in Stronger force by this move. we were compelled to fall Back and take up a new line Still farther to the left This [wh crossed out] was our Position for the Remainder of of [sic] the Battle Sunday morning came in its usual Splendor the rose cleare [sic] and Bright Not a cloud to be Seen the Battle was renewed Early on the 20th as if it was by mutual agreement in order to make a good days work of it. Bragg trying to [illegible word crossed out] flank Rosecrans on the left but was disappointed the tide of Battle on the 20th against the federals. ground lost and everything looked Gloomy artilry [sic] was lost men were killed [crossed out] becoming Panic Stricken many going back to the Rear [crossed out] Rear. or Chattanooga 12 miles near 6 O'clock [sic] at this time we had about for the Second time was we Surrounded But was Successfull [sic] in gitting [sic] Gen Crofts [sic] Horse was killed by a Shell coming frome [sic] the Rear this Shell Passed through the Horses [sic] head then Exploded wounding 4 men of the 31st [illegible word crossed out] which were laying in line of Battle the 31st came off Double Back [crossed out] column on the center Double Quick march found the Whole army on the move to Chattanooga marched to [illegible] camped for the night all worn out and hungry 21st we took up a position On Missionary Ridge keeping that position untill [sic] night with Some Skermishing [sic] at night we fell back to Chattanooga and taking Position on Same Ground where now Stands the most formidable work in the U S Line This is is [sic] [illegible word crossed out] considerable the Strongest natural Position in the confederacy. Bragg moved up and occupied Missionary Ridge and Chattanooga valley and look out mountain all in Plain view of the federal camp Oct 3rd Rebs Opened fire on Our works frome [sic] M Ridge and Lookout mountain Shelled all day without any affect [sic] Shots falling Short the tine was well spent in fortifying day and night on the 20th news came that Gens Rosecrans McCook and Crittenden were Released [sic] of their commands Gen Grant taking Command of all the forces boath [sic] departments. On the Eavening [sic] of the 24th Orders came to be Ready to move Immadiately [sic] for Shellmound at 3 O'clock [sic] A M of the 25th the 1st Division was in motion and Succeeded in crossing the Tenn [sic] River and gitting [sic] Entirely out of Sight before daylight Hooker commenced fighting the Rebs the 28th. arrived at Shellmound 29th crossed on Pontoons same night. Left Shellmound for Bridgeport Ala Nov 3 arrived same day Distance 8 miles Since that time we have been Playing the Soldier on a Grand Scale Christmas Came for 3rd time to Some of us in the Army many have Died Some have Played Out Some [crossed out] and at home Co G had for duty on 3rd Christmas 35 men at this time there

was a man [crossed out] call for veterans for 3 years if not Sooner Discharged Co G has Quite a No Willing to face the enemy 3 years longer if Necessary

Roll of veterans David C Hunter James L Dillman James Baxter Jon A Campbell Wm J Brannon David Hackney Isaac Rush Alford Brown John I Bender Walter Clark Benj. F Chambers Nathaniel Donahoe Andrew Ekins Andrew J Fry W F Glenn Archibald Harper Thos Harper Basil P Rutcham Fredrick Landserone Phelo Marshal Wm W Ping [illegible name crossed out] Levi N Rhorer James M Robertson Robert R Strong Benj F Rily J V Levingston

Honor to whom honor is due may you all receive a good Share For Hardships are Before you and you must meet them

Names of those who were unwilling to Serve 3 years Longer

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Sargt [sic] James N Bennett Corp R W Guy Corp Wm Mitchell Hezekiah Akson Henry F Dillman Wm T Hardin James D Elaxander George Stidman Joseph T Woolry

Start For Home Jan 26th and arrived There Feb 2nd So ends the Chapter

Ben Thomas

[illegible words crossed out]

Jan 17 inst 1870 about 2 Oclock [sic] [illegible] rained and Thunder Storm continued about 1 hour

Feb the 5th 1871 Sunday thunders from about [illegible] oclock [sic] A M untill [sic] late in the Eavening [sic]

[image: photo of the Chambers family: Benjamin, his wife and two young sons]