

John H. Sacket Letter

36th Illinois Regiment, Co. H

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Written from Hospital No. 20, Summer Street, Nashville, TN

Portion of a letter from J.H. Sackett to his brother, dated January 10th, 1863

Dear Brother,

I received your letter in due time and was glad to hear from you once more and to hear that you was all well. The letter found me well and I hope that these few lines will find you enjoying the same blessing. You have in all probability before this heard of the great fight at Murfreesborough[sic] or Stone's [sic] River, 27 miles from Nashville, Tenn. We marched the next day after Christmas and skirmished until Dec. 30 when the fight began in good earnest and there was heavy artillery fighting all day. We gained considerable ground but the next morning the rebs [sic] had been reinforced from Chattanooga and they overpowered us and drove us back and ent [si our men up pretty badly. Our men fell back to the heavy cedar timber and there made a stand and fought until the 2nd of January when they evacuated Murfreesboro and left the place in our hands. [end of letter]

[Editor's Note: According to the Illinois State Archives, John H. Sacket (note only one "t") served in the 36th Illinois Regiment, Co. H. He is shown as a resident of Hebron when he enlisted. Records also indicate that Sacket died at Nashville, February 9, 1863 from wounds. His rank was Private.]