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**WILLIAM H. PETERS  
LETTER, 23 MARCH 1863**

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## **BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH**

William H. Peters (1834–1867) was a mechanic in Washington County, Indiana, prior to enlisting as a second lieutenant in Company B of the 66th Indiana Regiment in July 1862. He was promoted to first lieutenant in October 1862, and to captain in May 1865.

Peters was wounded in the arm at the Battle of Bald Hill, Georgia, in July 1864. After recovering, he was sent to New York City, where he became ill with typhoid pneumonia. Peters was then returned to his regiment as Savannah, Georgia, in January 1865, where he contracted tuberculosis and chronic diarrhea, an ailment from which he never fully recovered. Peters was granted an invalid pension in March 1867 and died in December of the same year.

Peters was twice married. He married his first wife, Priscilla Yeargain or Yeger (1839–1860) in May 1856. They had one daughter, Sallie, who went to live with relatives in Missouri when her mother died. In July 1865, Peters married Sarepta Stratton (1843–1934), and they had one son, William, who was born in January 1867.

### Sources:

Ancestry, Library Edition, accessed 26 November 2018

American Civil War Research Database, accessed 26 November 2018

## **SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE**

Peters writes to H. Everman (sp.?) while serving with the 66th Indiana Regiment in Corinth, Mississippi, 23 March 1863. He discusses the regiment's inactivity at present, a lack of communication as to how the war is progressing, doing picket duty, and experiencing good health.

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