GEORGE B. DOWSMAN
LETTERS, 1862–1863

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BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

Dowsman was probably born in Ohio around 1842. In 1850 he was living in Huntington, Indiana, and later move to Plymouth, Marshall County where he enlisted in August, 1862, as a private in Company H of the 75th Indiana Regiment. He died of disease in February, 1863, at Murfreesboro, Tennessee.

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Dowsman writes to his sister, Mrs. Mary E. Bickle, from Louisville, Kentucky on 3 September 1862, and relates the panic in the city from the anticipated attack by General Bragg. He also complains of the lack of leadership in the Union Army in Kentucky at this time. The letter to his sister of 15 October discusses various marches through Kentucky. In the letter of 23 October of the same year, he writes from Frankfort, Kentucky, and describes the destruction of farm land in the state because of the war saying that if the war ended today, it would take the state fifteen years to return to its pre-war condition. In his letter of 9 November 1862 he describes the battlegrounds of Murfreesboro and Perryville. The letter of 20 January 1863 is from a camp near Murfreesboro, Tennessee to Mr. Levi Bickel describing the carnage of the battle’s aftermath.
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