

Alexander Hall Letters 45th Tennessee Regiment

Winchester, Tenn [sic] Feb. 6, 1863

[first part of letter is missing] I strengthened my line of skirmishes and ordered them forward under command of Lt. Col. Alexander Hall of the 45th Tenn. In the skirmishes on Friday morning Lt. Col. Hall bore himself with decided gallantry. The men and officers under him acted nobly.

Col. J.B. Palmer

2nd Brigade

Chickamauga, Tenn.

[first part of letter is missing] To the regimental Commanders and to Lt. Col. Hall of the 45th, and Major McGuire of the 32nd who respectfully commanded the skirmishes, I cheerfully accord the highest meed of praise for bravery and skill.

Reports: J.C. Brown

Brig. Gen.

Maj. R.A. Hatcher

Asst. Adj. Gen. Steward Division

Report of Brig. Gen. Jas. B. Palmer C S Army of Operation March 19, 1865

[first part of letter is missing] Skirmishes were at once thrown 300 yds. forward under command of Lt. Col. Alexander Hall of the 45th Tenn. Volunteers [unknown amount of text is missing] but the Federals effected a junction so quickly as to capture some of my men, and to cut off Col. Searcy and Lt. Col. Hall of the 45th Tenn. Volunteers, and Major Jones of the 18th Tenn. Volunteers.

These officers with fifty (50) of my men [text is missing] after having remained in rear of Sherman's Army for nine (9) days [text is missing] rejoined the brigade on yesterday with the four stand of colors of the "Tenn. Consolidation" cut off with them.

This required on their part very great adroitness, determination, courage and endurance and aside from their gallant and meritorious conduct throughout the fight, justly entitles them to the highest distinction as soldiers.

J.B. Palmer

Brig. Gen.

Maj. John J. Reeve

Asst. Adj. Gen.

Background Information on Alexander Hall

Alexander J. Hall b. 18 Nov. 1831, Nashville, Tn. Married 1st Jennie Fletcher. She died in 1864 at Fayetteville, Tn. on her way from Murfreesboro to the Confederate lines, as after the battle of Murfreesboro (Stone's [sic] River), the families of the Confederate officers were forced to leave the country occupied by the U.S. Army. [missing text] She was then very low with tuberculosis. After the 3rd notice to her, they sent some Yankee soldiers with a spring wagon, and she was placed on a mattress on the wagon, her young sister, Molly, and her small children with her. The youngest child, Robert, was only eight months old. They were unloaded 8 miles from Murfreesboro on the Shelbyville Pike. Mollie went to Col. Lytle's, which was near, and got an old negro with a farm wagon to take them further along towards the Confederate lines in Huntsville, Ala. They finally got word to her brother, who was then with the Confederate Army at Tullahoma and he sent a carriage for them. When they got as far as Fayetteville, Aunt Jennie was taken from the carriage and lived only twenty minutes. She is buried at that place.

The children of Alex Hall and Jennie Fletcher were: Frank, Fannie, Robert. The Jamison book states that they all died young.

Lt. Col. Alex Hall married Louisa Batey Jamison (Mrs. Thomas Watkins), a widow, in Murfreesboro Dec. 18, 1867. They moved to Woodruff Co., Arkansas where they bought land in October 1869.

The 1870 Arkansas Census lists Alexander and Louisa Hall, ages 38 and 28 respectfully. Alexander's two older children are listed: Franklin W. age 15 and Fannie C. age 13. I presume the baby died. Louisa's son by her first marriage is listed, Tommie Jr., age 8. A baby girl, Sallie, is listed as 8 months old. She was the first of seven daughters (no sons) born to them.

Alexander Hall died 3 June 1889 in Augusta, Ark. and was buried in Tenn. After Col. Alex Hall's death, his widow and daughters moved to Brooksville, Miss.