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List Contents of Donation Below: Copies of

1) Letter from John T. Bown ("Brown" in SRN Cemetery) to his wife & children dated "Nashville, TN June 14, 1862" (51st Ohio Volunteers)

2) webpage information on Private James C. Walker (31st Ohio Volunteer)

Nashville Tennessee June 14th 1862

Dear Wife & Children

I am in good health at present but the hot weather makes me feel weak and have not a very good appetite to eat. I eat very little this warm weather as our fat Pork dont do down very well. I received a letter from you last Monday and I was glad to hear that you was all recovering from the Measles. T. A. Reed says he has received a letter from any Moscow ladies. Ted has heard from Tom once or twice he was well at last accounts — I hope you have paid off that Ogle claim by this time a bad accident happened to some of our men this week, the Regiment went out to Columbia and coming back a Gun was fired laying down on the bottom of the Car it wounded 4 Men one of them had to have his leg cut off since, they did not belong

to our Company, it was carelessness, I was with them on the Train. I wrote a letter 3 or 4 days ago thinking Stan and was going to leave but he has stayed till to day and so I scrawled off these few lines in a hurry write Stan and soon, I have not seen Malohia to tell her that yet, John E. Smith has got to be a regular Theatre goer since he got to be a Lieutenant, I think his religion has gone under

I can write no more now

But remain

Your loving husband

John T. Bower

To Rachel E. Bower