John Bex, Private, Co. F 65 IN Infantry, U.S.

1834  Bex was born to Achilles H. and Martha Williams Bex in Lawrence County, IN.

1850  August 15: The U.S. Federal Census enumerated in Spice Valley, Lawrence County, IN showed 16-year-old John living with his parents and siblings. His father, Achilles, was a farmer.

1859  September 13: Married Susan May in Indiana.

1860  August 7: The U.S. Federal Census enumerated in Spice Valley, Lawrence County, IN showed John (Beck), a farmer, and Susan living with their infant son “Killis.”

1861  June 7: Father, Achilles, died in Lawrence County, IN and was buried at Port Williams Cemetery.

1862  August 5: Enlisted in the U.S. Army and mustered into Co. F 65 IN Infantry.

1863  March 19: Brothers, James and Jesse Bex enlisted in the U.S. Army and were mustered into Co. F 65 IN Infantry. They were then both transferred to 120 IN Infantry. James was in Co. B and Jesse in Co. H. James was 19 and Jesse was 18.

July 11: Brother Achilles Bex enlisted in the U.S. Army and was mustered into Co. F 112 IN Infantry. This was just a few days after the Battle of Gettysburg.

It is interesting to note that Martha Bex lost her husband in June of ’61 and by July of ’63, four of her sons had joined the U.S. Army.

1864  November 30: Fought at the Battle of Franklin, his regiment positioned near the Carter family cotton gin.

1865  June 22: John mustered out of the U. S. Army.

1867  September 24: Married Mary H. Tolliver in Clay County, IL.

1870  August 19: The U.S. Federal Census enumerated in Hoosier, Clay County, IL showed John [Becks], a farmer, and his second wife Mary living with their children.

1878  April 28: John Bex died in Lawrence County, IN and was buried at Huron Cemetery.

1880  September 7: Mary Bex applied for and was granted a widow’s pension for her husband’s military service.