Peter Harmon Couch, Private, Co D, 8th East TN Infantry U.S.

1843  Couch was born in Greene County, TN to parents John and Margaret Couch.

1850  November 27: The U.S. Federal Census enumerated in Greene County, TN showed 7-year-old Peter living with his parents, John and Margaret Couch, and siblings. His father was a farmer.

1860  June 14: The U.S. Federal Census enumerated in Hawkins County, TN showed 17-year-old Peter living with his parents, John and "Peggy" Couch, and siblings. His father was a farmer.


***Captain of Co. D 8th TN Infantry is Alfred Couch, Peter's uncle.***

May & June: Company Muster Roll. Present. Remarks “Appointed as Corp.”


September & October: Company Muster Roll. Present. ***Peter was noted as a Private, not a Corporal.***

***Couch's father John dies sometime late 63 early 64, and his brother William was listed on Company Muster Roll as "Absent." Possibly both brothers left without permission and were demoted.***

November & December: Company Muster Roll. Present.


March & April: Company Muster Roll. Absent. Remarks “Absent sick at Knoxville since 28 Apr/64”

May to August: Company Muster Roll. Absent. Remarks “Absent sick in Hosp since Apr 28/64”

September to December: Company Muster Roll. Present.

November 30: Fought in the Battle of Franklin.

1865  January to April: Company Muster Roll. Present.


1866  September 13: Peter Couch married Casander Long.

1870  August 30: The U.S. Federal Census enumerated in Hawkins County, TN showed Peter, a farmer, and Casander living with their 1 year old son Isaac. Peter was listed as being literate.

1878(abt)  Peter Couch died. He was only 35 years old.
1879  October 16: Casander applied for a widows' military pension.

1880  June 17: The U.S. Federal Census enumerated Hawkins County, Tennessee showed a widowed Casander Couch living with her children: Isaac, age 11, Mary, 8, John, 5 and Lillia, 2.