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Guide to MS-015:

Frederick H. Kronenberger,

Company G, 2nd Regiment New Jersey Volunteers



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Size

1 box, 0.27 cubic feet

Dates

Inclusive: 1852-1864

Bulk: 1863-1864

Provenance

Letter dated 9 December 1863, gift of William Johnson (December 2015); Remaining papers and artifacts were found in the collection.

Biographical Note

According to his Compiled Military Service Record (CMSR), Frederick H. Kronenberger was mustered into Company G, 2nd Regiment, New Jersey Volunteers Infantry in Trenton, New Jersey on December 4, 1863. He saw very little action during the brief time he was enlisted and was present at two battles; the Battle of the Wilderness and the Battle of Spotsylvania Court House. He was wounded in the knees while on picket duty May 12, 1864, at the Battle of Spotsylvania Court House and died at Fredericksburg, Virginia on May 22, 1864.

Scope and Content Note

The bulk of the collection consists of 26 letters written by Kronenberger to his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Kronenberger, and aunts and uncles Hill and Ludwig while posted at Camp Perrine, Trenton, New Jersey, in December 1863, and from a camp near Brandy Station, Virginia between January and April 1864. His letters tell about his need for stamps, hats, shirts, vests, a rubber blanket and ink. He states that he likes hard tack. He writes about visiting friends in other units, receiving letters from family and friends, sending money to his parents, sending photographs of himself and receiving photographs, and newspapers (*New York Herald*, *Sunday Mercury* and *True Flag*). He writes of enjoying baseball games between other units, pitching quoits, and hunting for rabbits and squirrels.

Several letters between, Kronenberger's parents and Miss Belle Robison, a nurse/aid at Fredericksburg, discuss the wounds Frederick sustained and his subsequent death, as does a letter from James King, Surgeon General. There is also a letter from a teacher, Anne D. Potts. Miscellaneous items include notes, poems and Charles Kronenberger's 1852 U.S. naturalization certificate. Letters and other material are arranged chronologically.

His diary was written between December 2, 1863 and May 12, 1864, beginning with his leaving New York City to join the 2nd Regiment New Jersey Volunteers, and ending with his being sent to a division hospital after being wounded. Diary entries tell about camp life, writing and receiving letters and newspapers, visiting with friends and family, working in the cook house, target practice, taking a prisoner to the guard house, and standing on picket duty. Kronenberger also used the book as an address book and to keep an account of money sent home (1863-1864) and money spent for clothing, 1864.

The collection also contains a box of artifacts consisting of Kronenberger's pen, watch, pocket knife, spoon, tie, pipe and sewing kit.

Box List

Box 1

- 1-1 Correspondence: December 14, 1863 – December 29, 1863
 - December 9, 1863, Camp Perrine, Trenton, NJ: Dear Parents [Gift of William Johnson, Acc. #2016-0070]
 - December 14, 1863, Camp Perrine, Trenton, NJ: Dear Parents and Sisters (typed copy)
 - December 15, 1863, Camp Perrine, Trenton, NJ: Dear Parents
 - December 20, 1863, Camp Perrine, Trenton, NJ: Dear Parents
 - December 29, 1863, Camp near Brandy Station: Dear Parents
- 1-2 Correspondence: January 7, 1864 – January 30, 1864
 - January 7, 1864, Camp near Brandy Station: Dear Parents
 - January 14, 1864, Camp near Brandy Station: Dear Parents
 - January 22, 1864, Camp near Brandy Station: Dear Parents
 - January 30, 1864, Camp near Brandy Station: Dear Parents
- 1-3 Correspondence: February 9, 1864 – February 19, 1864
 - February 9, 1864, Camp near Brandy Station: Dear Parents
 - February 19, 1864, Camp near Brandy Station: Dear Parents
- 1-4 Correspondence: March 3, 1864 – March 28, [1864]
 - March 3, 1864, Camp near Brandy Station: Dear Parents
 - March 12, 1864, Camp near Brandy Station: Dear Parents
 - March 12, 1864, Camp near Brandy Station: Dear Parents
 - March 20, 1864, Camp near Brandy Station: Dear Parents
 - March 28 [1864], Camp near Brandy Station: Dear Parents
 - March 31, 1863, Camp near Brandy Station: Dear Parents (year dated incorrectly)
- 1-5 Correspondence: April 1, 1864 – April 29, 1864
 - April 1, 1864, Camp near Brandy Station: Dear Aunt & Uncle
 - April 5, 1864, Camp of the 39th Regt. Garibal[] Guard: Dear Parents
 - April 12, [1864]
 - April 13, 1864, Camp near Brandy Station: Dear Parents

- April 14, 1864, Camp near Brandy Station: Dear Herman
 - April 21, [1864], Camp near Brandy Station: Dear Parents
 - April 28, [1864], Camp near Wolford's Ford: Dear Parents
 - April 29, 1864, Camp near Wolford's Ford: Dear Aunt & Uncle
 - Camp near Wolford's Ford: Dear Parents
- 1-6 Correspondence: May 3, [1864] – May 28, 1864
- May 3, [1864], Camp near Wolford's Ford: Dear Parents
 - May 17, 1864, Fredericksburg, VA: My Dear Parents (typed copy)
 - May 22, 1864, New York: My Dear Fred from "Your ...Father" (typed copy)
 - May 22, 1864, Fredericksburg, VA: My Dear Madam from Miss Bell Robison (typed copy)
 - May 22, 1864, Fredericksburg, VA: My Dear Madam from Bell Robison (typed copy)
 - May 27, 1864, Harrisburg, [Pa]: [Charles Kronenberger] from James King, Surg. Gen'l
 - n.d., To Miss Belle Robison from Charles Kronenberger
 - May 28, 1864, Telegraph to Charles Kronenberger from G. C. Caldwell, "No safe access to Fredericksburgh now."
- 1-7 Correspondence: June 5, 1864 – November 8, 1864
- June 5, 1864, Washington, DC: My Dear Friends from Bell Robison
 - Oct. 5, 1864, New York: To the hon. Mr. Ed. M. Stanton from Charles Kronenberger (Requesting permission to collect son's body.)
 - Nov. 8, 1864, Washington, D.C.: Charles Kronenberger from James M. Moore, Capt. & Asst. Q.M., "You can exhume and remove the body of Fred k. H. Kronenberger..."
- 1-8 Correspondence and other miscellaneous
- Oct. 16, 1852, Naturalization paper of Charles Kronenberger
 - March 4, 1861, New York: [To whom it may concern] from L. [H.?] Mattison, "Frederick Kroenenberger, has been in my employment a little over 10 Months and I have always found him a smart active and industrious Boy. Perfectly honest in every respect."
 - May 12, 1862, Ship Island, MS: "Dear Fred" from "Herman"
 - June 28, [n.d.], "My dear Fred" from "Your affectionate teacher, Anne D. Potts"
 - n.d., "Dear Brother, Enclosed you will find my picture which I send you as a token of love, and a gift to 17th birthday,"
 - Dec. 23, 1863, Receipt for bounty money forwarded to Charles Kronenberger
 - April 20, 1864, Poem: "A Mother's Love"
 - n.d., Poem: "The Happy Spirit", by Clara C. Kronenberger(?)
- 1-9 Photographs of Frederick Kronenberger
- 1-10 Compiled Military Service Record (CMSR), regimental history, transcription of diary, transcribed letters
- 1-11 Artifacts consisting of Kronenberger's pen, watch, pocket knife, spoon, tie, pipe, two wallets and sewing kit.

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