

**Guide to  
Frederick H. Kronenberger, Company G,  
2nd Regiment New Jersey Volunteers**



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### **Biography:**

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 Notes:**

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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 1:**

**1 - 1 Correspondence: December 14, 1863 - December 29, 1863**

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)  
                         Fredericksburg, VA: My Dear Madam from Miss Bell Robison (typed  
May 22, 1864      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.