

# Family Group Sheet

24 Aug 2003

## Husband Henry LONBERGER

Birth	10 Dec 1809	Bellefonte, Centre Co., Pa.
Death	25 Feb 1849	West Point, Tippecanoe Co., Ind.
Burial		
Marriage	23 Feb 1832	Huntington Co., Pa.
Father	George LOHNERBERGER (1784-1875)	
Mother	Katha Rina (Catharina) SPANGLER (1790-1838)	

## Wife Margaret KISSELL<sup>1</sup>

Birth	1812	Pa.
Death		Ind.
Burial		
Father		
Mother		
Other spouse	Robert TAYLOR ( - )	
Marriage	5 Nov 1851	Tippecanoe Co., Ind.
Other spouse	Mr. MELTON ( - )	
Marriage		

## Children

### 1 M George LONBERGER

Birth	1834	Pa.
Military	4 Sep 1861	Co. I, 39th Ill. Inf.
Death		
Burial		
Marriage		

### 2 M William S. LONBERGER

Birth	Sep 1834	Pa.
Death	1 Jan 1901	VanBuren Twp., Fountain Co. In.
Mili.		150th Indiana Infantry
Burial		
Spouse	Mary E. BESSER ( -1923)	
Marriage	23 Dec 1865	Tippecanoe Co., Ind.

### 3 M John S. LONBERGER

Birth	1838	Pa.
Military	21 Sep 1862	Co. D, 22 Ill. Inf.
Death	5 May 1899	Ridge Fram, Illinois
Burial		
Spouse	Louisa J. THOMAS ( -1918)	
Marriage	30 Jan 1884	Vermillion Co., Ill.

### 4 F Catharine Margaret LONBERGER

Birth	1839	Bellefonte, Centre Co., Pa.
Death		
Burial		
Spouse	Preston KISER (1838-1862) Co. G 40th Indiana Inf.	
Marriage	5 Oct 1856	Tippecanoe Co., Ind.
Spouse	Eb W. MORRIS ( - )	
Marriage	28 Dec 1871	Fountain Co., Ind.

### 5 M Harry Henry LONBERGER

Birth	1842	Centre Co., Pa.
Military		Co. H, 74nd Ind. Inf. to 44th Ind. Inf.
Death		
Burial		
Marriage		

### 6 M Isaac LONBERGER

Birth	27 Jun 1844	Beaufort, Pa.
Death	17 Dec 1921	Davis Township, Fountain Co., Ind
Burial		Salem Cemtery, Odell, Fountain Co., In.
Military		Co E, 72nd. Ind. Inf.
Spouse	Sarah Alice HOWEY (1855-1934)	
Marriage	9 Dec 1873	Fountain Co., Ind.

The copies of letters written from Nashville during Civil War are from Preston Kiser to his wife Catharine Margaret Lonberger. All her brothers & brother-in-laws fought in Civil War. I have all their records. Preston Kiser's pension records enclosed also.

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<b>Husband Henry LONBERGER</b>	
<b>Wife Margaret KISSELL</b>	
<b>Children</b>	
7	<b>F Mary Annie LONBERGER</b>
	Birth 13 Nov 1846 Tippecanoe Co., Ind.
	Burial Dec 1927 Old Cemetery, Ethridge, Tn.
	Death 25 Dec 1927 Florence, Ala.
	Spouse Jacob Daniel JOHNSON (1847-1930)
	Marriage 4 Sep 1866 Tippecanoe Co., Ind.
	Spouse George J. BESSER (1844-1864) <i>Co. I 11<sup>th</sup> Indiana Cav.</i>
	Marriage 27 Apr 1864 Tippecanoe Co., Ind.
8	<b>M Randolph LONBERGER</b>
	Birth 1849 Tippecanoe Co., Wayne Township, Ind.
	Death 7 Mar 1864 Woodville, AL.
	Illness Mar 1864 Measles, Woodville, AL. Civil War
	Burial Woodville, AL.
	Military Co. C, 4th Reg. Iowa Vol. Inf.
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	Marriage
12	
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	Death
	Burial
	Marriage
13	
	Birth
	Chr
	Death
	Burial
	Marriage
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Comments	

Adjutant General's Office,

Washington, D. C.,

February 4<sup>th</sup> 1862.

Sir:

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt from your Office of application for Pension No. 11,255, and to return it herewith, with such information as is furnished by the files of this Office.

It appears from the Rolls on file in this Office, that  
Catherine Kiser was enrolled on the 15<sup>th</sup>  
day of October, 1861, at Fort Point, Ind. in Co. F,  
41<sup>st</sup> Regiment of Indiana Volunteers, to  
serve 3 years, or during the war, and mustered into  
service as a Private on the 1<sup>st</sup> day of November,  
1861, at (Place not stated), in Co. F, 41<sup>st</sup>  
Regiment of Indiana Volunteers, to serve 3  
years, or during the war. On the Muster Roll of Co. F  
of that Regiment, for the months of March & April  
1862, he is reported as: "Left in Hospital at Nashville  
Tenn., March 29<sup>th</sup> 1862. Disch. April 16<sup>th</sup> 1862."  
Cause of Death not stated. The further records on  
file.

I am, Sir, very respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

Samuel West  
Assistant Adjutant General.

The Commissioner of Pensions,  
Washington, D. C.

Memorandum

Name of applicant, Catherine Kiser

Address, Fort Point, Ind.

H. C.

Surgeon General's Office,

Record and Pension Bureau,

Washington, D. C. *Dec 28* 1864.

Sir:

I have the honor to return herewith application for Pension, No. *10355*, with such information as is furnished by the records of this Office. *Spirato*

*Justin Kiser*, Co. *G* ——— *40<sup>th</sup>* Regiment  
*Indep Vols* ———, is reported to this Office by *W* Surgeon  
*J. B. Pirtle* as having died *Sept 16* 1862, at *Wind*  
*Hoop, Co. 7, Nashville Tenn* — of *Typhoid*  
*Pneumonia*.

Very respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

BY ORDER OF THE SURGEON GENERAL:

*J. J. Woodward*  
Asst. Surgeon, U. S. Army.

The Commissioner of Pensions,  
Washington, D. C.

*J. J.*

Guardian's Declaration for Minor Children's Army Pension.

STATE OF Louisiana  
COUNTY OF Fountain } SS:

On this 15<sup>th</sup> day of December A. D. one thousand eight hundred and Seventy Six  
personally appeared before me E. N. Bouman a Clerk of the Circuit Court  
within and for the County and State aforesaid Isaac E. Schoonover a resident  
of Attica in the County of Fountain and State of  
Louisiana aged 27 years, who being first duly sworn, according to law, doth,  
on oath, make the following declaration, as guardian of the minor children of Preston Kiser

deceased, in order to obtain the benefit of the provisions  
made by the Act of Congress, approved July 14, 1862, granting pensions to minor children, under sixteen years of age, of  
deceased officers and soldiers. That he is the guardian George H. Kiser and  
Frank B. Kiser

(these being the only children of said deceased, under sixteen years of age,) whose father was a Private  
in Company "G" commanded by Captain James H. Kiser  
in the 40<sup>th</sup> Regiment of Louisiana Vols.  
in the war of 1861;

who, while in the service aforesaid, and in the line of his duty Died at Nashville  
Tennessee on the 1<sup>st</sup> day of April 1862

at \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 18

That the mother of the child ren aforesaid Catharine Kiser intermarried  
with one E. W. Morris

on the 28<sup>th</sup> day of December, 1871 and that the date of the  
birth of his ward and their residence are as follows, to-wit: George H. Kiser  
born on the 25<sup>th</sup> day of January 1859

Frank B. Kiser born on the 21<sup>st</sup> ~~1867~~ day of February  
1861.

~~He further declares that the parents of his ward, were married at  
in the County of Fresno State of California  
on the 28<sup>th</sup> day of August in the year 1871 by James H. Kiser~~

He also declares that neither he nor his said ward s has in any manner been engaged in, or aided or abetted the re-  
volution in the United States. He hereby appoints J. S. Stilwell  
of Bozington County of Fountain State of Louisiana

Said guardian says he is unable to furnish the  
marriage certificate of the parents of his said wards  
but that the same is on file in the case Catharine  
Kiser, No. 37,877, and asks that all the evidence on file  
in her case be read.

be made evidence in this case

his true and lawful Attorney, with full power of substitution, to prosecute this claim for pension, and receive the certificate to be issued therefor.

H is Post Office address is Attica County of Fountain  
State of Louisiana

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Isaac E. Schoonover  
Signature of Guardian.

Also personally appeared Edgar Lonsdorf and  
H. Guinn residents of  
County of Fountain State of Louisiana whom I certify to be

respectable and entitled to credit, and who being by me first duly sworn, say that they were present and saw

Isaac E. Schoonover sign his name to the foregoing declaration and Power of Attorney; and they further swear that they have every reason to believe, from the appearance of the applicant,

and their acquaintance with him, that he is the identical person he represents himself to be. That they have been well acquainted with Preston Kiser deceased, and with his child ren

the aforesaid ward of the said Guardian, for 12 years, and know that they are all and the only child ren of said Preston Kiser under sixteen years of age; and that they

verily believe from their personal knowledge, that the name, age and residence of them is as stated by their Guardian in the foregoing declaration. And further, that the wife of said Preston Kiser was

married to E. W. Morris on the 28th day of December 1877; that the said Guardian and his said ward ren

not in any manner aided or abetted the rebellion in the United States; and further, that the parents of the said child ren aforesaid lived together as husband and wife, and were so reputed; and that they have no interest in the prosecution of this claim.

SIGNATURE OF WITNESSES: Edgar Lonsdorf  
H. Guinn

Sworn to, acknowledged and subscribed before me this 15th day of December 1876, and I hereby certify that the contents of the foregoing declaration of claimant and affidavit of witnesses was made known to each of them before administering the oath, and that I have no interest, direct or indirect, in the prosecution of this claim.

E. N. Bowman Clerk

Official Signature, Fountain Circuit Court, Ind.



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### Preston Kiser

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#### Biographical Note:

Preston Kiser was born on Feb. 8, 1838. He married Catherine Lonberger in Oct. 1856. They lived in Tippecanoe County and Preston was mustered into military service in late 1861. They had three children. During the Civil War, Kiser served as a Private in Company G of the 40<sup>th</sup> Regiment. He died in Nashville, Tennessee on April 1, 1862.

#### Scope and Content Note:

The collection consists of copied Civil War letters sent by Kiser to his wife and children, dating from 1861-1862, with miscellaneous additional materials. Kiser's letters describe his life in camp, illnesses, and home activities. The letters, translations, and additional items were organized by Frances Alma Newkirk Reber, Kiser's great-granddaughter. The materials have been left as Reber organized them, so there is not a strict chronological arrangement.

Each letter has been copied onto a sheet of paper, with a typed transcription of the letter. The collection also includes a copied typescript overview and biographical information about Kiser and his family. The

translations, numbering, and editing were done by Reber between 1982 and 1984. The second folder of material is identical to the first; only a listing of the materials in Folder 1 is provided.

#### Item Listing:

1. 1984. Cover and typescript, "Civil War Letters," by Frances Alma Newkirk Reber. 2 pp.
2. n.d. PD, poem, "Red, White and Blue."
3. n.d. Envelope.
4. 1861, Sept. 19. ALS, Kiser to wife, Laffayette Barrics. 4 pp.
5. 1861, Nov. 26. ALS, Kiser to wife. 2 pp.
6. 1861, Dec. 13. ALS, Kiser to wife, Lafayette Barrocks. 2 pp.
7. 1861, Dec. 20. ALS, Kiser to wife, Westpoint, Ind. 2 pp.
8. 1861, Dec. 25. ALS, Kiser to wife, Camp Suliven, Indinoplus. 2 pp.
9. 1862, Jan. 2. ALS, Kiser to wife, Camp Laffayett. 2 pp.
10. 1862, Jan. 6. ALS, Kiser to wife, Louisville, Ky. 3 pp.
11. 1862, Jan. 10. ALS, Kiser to wife. 4 pp.
12. 1862, Jan. 12. ALS, Kiser to wife. 4 pp.
13. 1862, Jan. 20. ALS, Kiser to wife, Lebanon, Ky. 4 pp.
14. 1862, Jan. 26. ALS, Kiser to wife. 4 pp.
15. 1862, Jan. 27. ALS, Kiser to wife. 4 pp.
16. 1862, Jan. 27. ALS, Kiser to wife, Camp Young, Ky. 4 pp.
17. 1862, Feb. 5. ALS, Kiser to wife. 4 pp.
18. 1862, Feb. 7. ALS, Kiser to wife, Leabanon, Ky. 4 pp.
19. 1862, Feb. [7]. ALS, Kiser to wife, Camp Spring Garden, Ky. 4 pp.
20. 1862, Feb. 8. ALS, Kiser to wife, Leabanon, Ky. 4 pp.
21. 1862, Feb. 11. ALS, Kiser to wife, Leabanon, Ky. 4 pp.
22. 1862, Feb. 11. ALS, Kiser to wife, Leabanon, Ky. 2 pp.
23. 1862, Feb. []. ALS, Kiser to wife, Lebanon, Ky. 4 pp.
24. 1862, Feb. 16. ALS, Kiser to wife, Momfordsville, Ky. 6 pp.
25. 1862, Feb. 21. ALS, Kiser to wife. 4 pp.
26. 1862, Feb. 22. ALS, Kiser to wife, Monfordsville, Ky. 5 pp.
27. 1862, Feb. 23. ALS, Kiser to wife, Munfordsville, Ky. 3 pp. With poem, 3 pp.
28. 1862, Feb. []. ALS (incomplete), Kiser to wife. 2 pp.
29. 1862, Mar. 5. ALS, Kiser to wife, Nashville, Tenn. 4 pp.
30. 1862, Mar. 10. ALS, Kiser to wife, Nashville, Tenn. 3 pp.
- sent → 31. 1862, Mar. 14. ALS, Kiser to wife, Nashville, Tenn. 2 pp.
- sent → 32. 1862, Mar. 14. ALS, Kiser to wife, Nashville, Tenn. 4 pp.
33. 1862, Mar. 17. ALS, Kiser to wife, Nashville, Tenn. 4 pp.
34. 1862, Mar. 17. ALS, Kiser to wife, Nashville, Tenn. 4 pp.
- sent → 35. 1862, Mar. 22. ALS, Kiser to wife, Nashville, Tenn. 4 pp.
36. 1862, Mar. 23. ALS, Kiser to wife, Nashville, Tenn. 4 pp.
37. 1862, Mar. 24. ALS, Kiser to wife, Nashville, Tenn. 3 pp.
- sent → 38. 1862, Mar. 27. ALS, Kiser to wife, Nashville, Tenn. 3 pp.
39. 1862, [Mar.]. ALS, Kiser to son George. 1 p.
40. 1862, [Mar.]. ALS, Kiser to Margaret Lonberger. 1 p.
41. 1862, Feb. 10. ALS, Kiser to Margaret Lonberger, Mumfordsville, Ky. 4 pp.
42. 1862, Mar. 15. ALS, Kiser to Ann Lonberger. 4 pp.
43. 1862, Mar. 19. ALS, Harry Lonberger to Margaret Lonberger. Nashville, Tenn. 2 pp.
44. 1864, May. ALS, N. J. Miller to Katherine Kiser. 4 pp.
45. 1864, Dec. 18. ALS, Maggie Bennett to Katherine Kiser. 2 pp.

46. 1866, Feb. 13. ALS, Maggie Bennett to Katherine Kiser. 4 pp.
47. n.d. ALS (incomplete), Maggie Bennett to Katherine Kiser. 4 pp.
48. 1865, Mar. 27. ALS, Joseph Bowers to Katherine Kiser. 4 pp.
49. 1865, July 28. ALS, Joseph Bowers to Katherine Kiser. 4 pp.
50. 1867, July 18. ALS, Mary Jane Hawk to Katherine Kiser. 4 pp.
51. 1868, Feb. 22. ALS, Rob Roy to Katherine Kiser. 2 pp.
52. 1870, Dec. 13. ALS, R. C. Joseph to [Katherine Kiser]. 2 pp.
53. 1872, June 28. ALS, Rebecki Morris to children. 4 pp.
54. 1865, Mar. 4. ANS, John S. Lonberger.
55. 1865, Mar. 12. ANS, R. E. Charles.

March <sup>the</sup> 14 1862

Nashville Tennessee

Dear wife I take this opportunity  
sending you a few lines to let you  
know that I am well at this time and  
I hope that these few lines may find  
you enjoying the same blessings I was at  
prey meetings last night on we had  
a good time we sang an psalm for over two  
two hours hardly is well at this time  
Congress has adjourned Tennessee is  
territory & every thing is very high - here  
every thing is quiet - here now I do not  
hear any thing about any more war it may  
be at an end at least I think so I don't  
know what to write to you - for I have  
much to write I have seen a great  
many things since I left home more  
then I can tell with my pen  
The boys in Captin Riser are all well  
at this time an have sent home 7 hundred  
dollars ..



Mother I should like to see you  
and Louis an the rest of you I would  
like to see George an Franky, an Catherine  
I dont think it will be long, till I  
can see them Mother I want you to  
have a hen on a cooking, when I start  
for home for I am hungry, for a hen  
I think that I could eat a hen mys  
self I do not think that John  
Boice will last long, with agethern  
in his head kiss the children for me  
Catherine you wanted me to send you a lock  
of my hair I have nothings to cut it of with  
and I hate to pull it out for it hert my  
head Harry sends Mother a few lines  
in my letter I must draw my letter  
to a close so good by, for this time  
I remain your affectionate husband  
Weyht somas you get this  
Direct your to Louisville  
Preston Kiser  
To Catherine M Kiser

Mother I Should like to see you  
and louis an the rest of you / I would  
like to see george an frankey and Catherine /  
I dont think it will be long till I  
can see them / Mother I want you to  
have a hen on a cooking when I start  
for home for I am hungry for a hen /  
I think that I could eate a hen my  
self / I do not think that John  
Boied will last long with a gethern  
in his head / Kiss the Children for me /  
Catherine you wanted me to send you a lock  
of my hair / I have nothing to Cut it of with  
and I hate to pull it out for it hert my  
head / Harry sends Mother a few lines  
in my letter / I must draw my letter  
to a close So good by for this tine /

I remain your affecnated husban

Wright soon as you get this /  
Direct your to louisville /

Preston Kiser

To Catherine M Kiser

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don't	eat
myself	gathering
off	hurt
goodbye	affectionate
write	

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March 14<sup>th</sup> 1862

Nashville Tennessee

Dear wife

I take this opportunity, of letting you know that I am well at this present time and I hope these few lines may find you enjoying the same blessing, dear wife and children I am a long way from you but I think that the distance will be getting shorter before long. at least I hope we marched through Nashville on the 12 of march and Nashville is a very nice city, it is the Capital of Tennessee and there is 15 hundred rebels here and we stopped in to rest and I saw 15 dead rebels that died at the hospital at Nashville I heard yesterday, that our troops had taken Mannassas on the 2 of march and had taken four hundred rebels prisoner and we have 6 thousand surrounded some 20 miles from where we encamp for the present and in another place we have got some 15 hundred more of them surrounded in a swamp 7 miles from Nashville and are waiting for orders to move on them they do not show any fight yet I think that they will give up with out fighting, that is my opinion

the  
March 14 1862

Deare wife Nashville tennesse

I take this opportunity of leting you know  
that I am well at this presant time and I hope  
these few lines may find you injoying the same  
blessing / dear wife an children I am a long way  
from you but I think that the distance will  
be geting shorter before long / at least I hope<sup>so</sup>/  
we marched throught nashville on the 12 of march  
and Nashville is a very nice city / it is the capitle  
of tennisee and there is 15 hundred rebels sick  
here and we stoped in to rest and I saw 15  
ded rebels that died at the hospitle at Nashvill /  
I heard yesterday that our toops had taken  
Manassess on the 8 of march and had taken four  
hundred rebels prisonor and we have a thousand  
surrounded some 120 miles from where we  
encamp for the presant and in a nother  
place / we have got some 15 hundred more of them  
surrounded in a swamp 7 miles from Nashville  
and are wating for orders to move on them / they do  
not show any fight yet / I think that they will  
give up with out a fighting / that is my opinion /

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enjoying  
through  
stopped  
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present  
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capitol  
hospital  
prisoner  
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The 40 an 54 an 15 58 1017 India regiments are here  
the 8 20 31 15 this regiments are here  
the 21 22 25 30 Kentucky regiments  
are encamped & lost to Nashville so we have 14 thousand  
men here at this point here and we have one hundred  
thousand troops here in Tennessee so I think that  
we can make a good fight thing if they would  
only show themselves but they can out <sup>run</sup> any  
pack of hounds that I every see they care  
keep a head of us a long ways I dont think  
there is much danger of them shooting us  
in less it is some that has gone out and hid  
themselves in a swamp that is all the danger  
of them shooting us but I think that  
they are afraid that we will shoot some of  
them for they are taken of a settlement  
an come on some kind of turnes so that  
they can get back home againe they are  
getting sick of thire bargain of trying to pull  
down the stars an stripes I think we can put  
them up as fast as they can pull them down.  
I was in the grave yard of old general Washington  
is here he has a nice monument over  
his grave there is 2 large pine trees one at  
the foot of his grave an the other at the head  
an there is a tree evergreen on the center of the

the 40 an 57 an 15 58 10 17 India regiments are here  
 the 8 20 31 15 Ohio regiments are here  
 the 21 22 25 30 Kentucky regiments  
 are encamped clost to Nashville / so we have 15 thousand  
 men here at this point here and we have one hundred  
 thousand troops here in tennessee / so I think that  
 we can make a good fight then if they would  
 only show them selves / but they can out run any  
 pack of hounds that I every seen / they can  
 keep a head of us a long ways / I dont think  
 there is much danger of them shooting us  
 un less it is some that has give out and hide  
 themselves in a swamp / that is all the dainger  
 of them shooting us but I think that  
 they are afrade that we will shoot some of  
 them for they are talken of a settlement  
 an come on some kind of turmes so that  
 they can get back home againe / they are  
 geting sick of thire bargin of trying to pull  
 down the Stars an Strips / I think we can put  
 them up as fast as they can pull them down /  
 I was in the grave yarde of old general Washington  
 is bured / he has a nice monument over  
 his grave / there is 2 large pine trees / one at  
 the foot of his grave an the other at the head  
 an there is a large ever green on the center of the  
 grave /

close	only	ever	ahead
don't	unless	danger	afraid
talking	settlement	terms	again
getting	their	bargain	yard

buried

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Tennessee is the finest State that  
I have bin in since I left home  
if the farmer is well fitted out the houses  
are the finest an best that I ever have seen  
any where in all my travels since left home if was  
single man I should be tempted to stay here in this  
parte of the state if they would take all the  
negress out of the state I should be for  
moving here after the war is over and make  
it my home for life I shall send my  
my over coat to home by Mr Krug that  
lives at New town he is here with us now and  
he says that he will see that they get through  
to carry hiser and I will put my money in the  
pocket and sew it up tight and when it comes  
to you you can rip it open an get it out  
that is if I get my pay before he goes  
back home we have bin ordered to see to receive  
our pay to Morrow morning and I will  
write a note an sew it on the coat so they  
will be no mistake in the coat I believe  
I have told all that I have just now  
if I am hurried out of Tennessee I will  
fetch home with me some of the neest  
plants and seeds and fetch home with  
me when I come

Tennessee is the finest state that  
 I have bin in since I left home /  
 the farmer is well fitted out / the houses  
 are the finest an best that I every have seen  
 any where in all my travels since left home / if was  
 single man I should be temped to stay here in this  
 parte of the state / if they would take all the  
 negroes out of the state I should be for m....  
 moving here after the war is over and make  
 it my home for life / I shall send my  
 my over coate .. home by Mr. Krug that  
 lives at New town / he is here with us now and  
 he says that he will see that they go through  
 to rory Kiser and I will put my money in the  
 pocket and sew it up tight and when it comes  
 to you you can rip it open and get it out /  
 that is if I get my pay before he goes  
 back home / We have bin ordered to (fore?) to receive  
 our pay to Morrow morning and I will  
 write a note an sew it on the coat so they  
 will be no mistake in the coat / I believe  
 I have tould all that I have just now /  
 if I am hured out of Tennessee I will  
 fech home with me some of the nicest  
 plants and seeds and fech home with  
 me when I come /

been  
 part  
 fetch

fitted  
 tomorrow

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ever  
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tempted  
 hurried?

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tell mother I have not got her big  
letter yet nor do I think I ever  
will either if I dont I wont  
get mad if she dont write for  
if I dont I wont have to answer  
it

Catherine you must excuse me  
if you do not get a letters  
often from me for it is hard  
to send letters from here

So you must not get uneasy  
about me I will write as often  
as I can you must direct your  
letters to Louisville and they  
come strate to me

Ad good by dear wife an  
children give my best wishes to  
Mother and Louis all  
of Bright Springs as you get this  
Preston Riser  
to his wife an children  
C M Riser

tell mother I have not got her big  
letter yet nor do I think I ever  
will either / if I dont I wount  
get mad if she dont wright for  
if I dont I wont to have to answer  
it/ Catherine you must excuse me  
if you do not get a letters  
often from me for it is harde  
to send letters from here /  
So you must not get uneasy  
about me / I will wright as often  
as I can / you must direct your  
letters to Louisville and they  
come Strate to me /  
So good by dear wife an  
children / give my best wishes to  
Mother and Louis allso /  
Wright soon as you get this /

Preston Kiser  
to his wife an children  
C. M. Kiser

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don't            won't            hard  
write            straight        goodbye

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March the 29 / 62

Camp near Nashville

Dear wife I take this  
opportunity of writing  
to you once more to let you  
know that I am well and I  
hope that these few lines may  
find you well enjoying,  
The same blessing I have not  
got a letter from you since  
the 10 of March the reason that  
I dont get your letters is a  
brig is burnt down behind  
us so that the mail cant come  
up to us but in a few days it  
will be all right in a few days  
I expect that we will march to  
Alabama it is my opinion that  
that we will go there but I do  
not think that there will be  
much more fighting, Tennessee  
is about clear that is my belief

March the 22 62

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can't

Louis thought that a soldier  
life is a hard life to live  
and so it is for they have to go  
rain or shine they are tossed to  
and fro like a small boat on  
the large ocean in the time  
of a storm some times they  
have a good place lay down  
to sleep at some times a very  
wet place some times with  
out our tents all these things  
I have seen and witnessed  
all these things and a grate  
deal more for I have waded  
mud ankle deep all day at a time  
little george you an grandmother  
must not fight franklin you  
must hurry an grow so that we  
can have a rowdy spree when  
I come home george you must  
feed the pigs well till I come

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Catherine you must be  
a good woman and I will  
fetch you a nice present home  
with me if I live to get home  
Mother I will not forget  
you I will fetch you a present  
it will not be long till I  
will be at home I think about  
two months more and this war will  
be over Butter is 60 cts a pound  
Chickens worth a dollar a piece  
eggs is 50 cts a dozen <sup>(Pies)</sup> fries is 40 cts  
a piece Corn is 100 cts a bushel  
wheat is 1.80 cents a bushel  
peach trees is all out in bloom  
Cherry trees is out in bloom  
The appletrees is almost ready  
to burst out in to bloom  
The green onions is fit for  
market now I sen beats in  
market last week

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fetch present  
apiece apple trees  
ready into  
seen (saw) beets  
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I wright this letter  
on picket garde  
I say you must  
excuse my short letter  
for this time  
So good by for  
this time

Direct your letter  
to Louis ville Kentucky  
Preston Kiser  
to C. M. Kiser

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goodbye  
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March 21, 1862

March 27 1862

Nashville Tenn

Nashville I see  
life I take. The  
for so long you are  
well at this time  
that this feeling  
you all I enjoy  
blessing we are all  
well and no prospect  
yet I have not  
until till I have  
as a plank  
if I have to  
ground a while  
think that  
make the best  
it is in I need  
is getting, show  
think so  
has him at  
the has him  
B Evans is dead

Dear wife I take this  
opportunity of letting you know  
that I am well at this time  
and I hope that this few lines  
may find you all enjoying  
the same blessing / we are still  
at Nashville and no prospect  
of a battle yet / I have not  
on the ground till I have  
got as hard as a plank / I  
think that if I have to  
lay on the ground a while  
longer I think that I  
could break the best bed  
cord that is in India for  
my bones is getting sharp /  
at least I think so/  
Since the 40 has bin at  
Nashville the has bin severe  
deaths / B Evans is dead

letting  
hard  
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dead

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John Probusco is dead  
and 5 or 6 from sugar grove  
Colonel Willson has resigned  
his office and we have a hard  
time of it since we have bin  
here at Nashville I have  
of importance to Wright  
this time I have not heard  
from home since the 10 of  
march I think that the  
maile can come through now  
I think from the maile  
that come in the last four  
nights I want to know if  
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mail soon  
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give my love to all  
inquireing friends  
I have nothing more  
to wright this time but  
remain your affectioned  
husband  
Wright soon  
as you get this

Preston Kiser  
To  
C. M. Kiser

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                         affectionate

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