

Preston Kiser Papers

Lonberger Family Biographical Information

[Note: This information concerns Preston Kiser's wife's family.]

Husband Henry LONBERGER

Birth 10 Dec 1809 Bellefonte, Centre Co., Pa

Death 25 Feb 1849 West Point, Tippecanoe Co., Ind.

Burial [blank]

Marriage 23 Feb 1832 Huntington Co., Pa.

Father George LOHNBURGER (1784-1875)

Mother Katha Rina (Catharina) SPANGLER (1790-1838)

Wife Margaret KISSELL

Birth 1812 Pa.

Death Ind.

Burial [blank]

Father [blank]

Mother [blank]

Other spouse Robert TAYLOR

5 Nov 1851 Tippecanoe Co., Ind.

Other spouse Mr. MELTON

Marriage [blank]

Children

1 M George LONBERGER

Birth 1834 Pa.

Military 4 Sep 1861 Co. I., 39th Ill. Inf.

Death, Burial and Marriage are all blank.

2 M William S. LONBERGER

Birth Sep 1834 Pa.

Death 1 Jan 1901 VanBuren Twp., Fountain Co. In.

Mil. 150th Indiana Infantry

Burial [blank]

Spouse Mary E. BESSER (U-1923)

Marriage 23 Dec 1865 Tippecanoe Co., Ind.

3 M John S. LONBERGER

Birth 1838 Pa.

Military 21 Sep 1862 Co. D., 22 Il. Inf.

Death 5 May 1899 Ridge Farm, Illinois

Burial [blank]

Spouse Louisa J. THOMAS (U-1918)

Marriage 30 Jan 1884 Vermillion Co., Ill.

4 F Catharine Margaret LONBERGER

Birth 1839 Bellefonte, Centre Co., Pa.

Death [blank]

Burial [blank]

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., 74th Ind. Inf. To 44th Ind. Inf.

[Death, Burial and Marriage are all blank.]

6 M Isaac LONBERGER

Birth 27 Jun 1844 Beaufort, Pa.

Death 17 Dec 1921 Davis Township, Fountain Co., Ind

Burial Salem Cemetery, Odell, Fountain Co., In.

Military Co. E. 72nd. Ind. Inf.

Spouse Sarah Alice HOWEY (1855-1934)

Marriage 9 Dec 1873 Fountain Co., Ind.

7 F Mary Annie LONBERGER

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) Co. I 11th Indiana Cav.

Marriage 27 Apr 1864 Tippecanoe Co., Ind.

8 M Randolph LONBERGER

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.

Marriage [blank]

Adjutant's General Form February 1863

Adjutant General's Office,

Washington, D.C.,

February 4th, 1863

Sir:

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt from your Office of application for Pension No. 10.355 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 Preston Kiser was enrolled on the 15th day of October, 1861, at West Point, Ind. In Co. 'G' 40th Regiment of Indiana Volunteers, to serve 3 years, or during the war, and mustered into service as a Private on the 1st day of November, 1861, at (Place not stated), in Co. 'G', 40th Regiment of Indiana Volunteers, to serve 3 years, or during the war. On the Muster Roll of Co. 'G' of that Regiment, for the month of March and April 1862, he is reported as "Left in Hospital

at Nashville Tenn., March 29th 1862 Died April 16th, 1862" Cause of Death not stated
No further records on file

I am Sir very respectfully

Your obedient servant

[illegible signature]

Assistant Adjutant General.

The Commissioner of Pensions

Washington, D.C.

Memoranda

Name of applicant, Catharine Kiser

Address West Point, Ind.

Surgeon General's Pension Form

Surgeon General's Office,

Record and Pension Bureau,

Washington, D.C. Dec 28th 1864.

Sir:

I have the honor to return herewith application for Pension, No. 10.355, with such information as is furnished by the records of this Office. Private Preston Kiser, Co. G, 40th Regiment Inda Vols, is reported to this Office by Surgeon J.R. Pirte as having died April 16th 1862 at Genl Hosp. No. 7. Nashville Tenn [sic] 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.

Children's Pension Form December 1876

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

STATE OF Indiana

COUNTY OF Fountain SS:

On this 15th day of December A.D. one thousand eight hundred and Seventy Six personally appeared before me E.N. Bowman 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 Indiana 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 K. Kiser in the 40th Regiment of Indiana 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 1st day of April 1862 at [blank] in the State of [blank] on the [blank] day of [blank] 1862 That the mother of the said children aforesaid Catharine Kiser intermarried with one Eb. W. Morris on the 28th day December, 1871, and that the dates of the births of his wards and their residences are as follows, to wit: George H Kiser born on the 25th day of January 1859 Frank B. Kiser born on the 21st 1861 [crossed out] day of February 1861.

[crossed out: He further declares that the parents of his wards, was married at [blank] in the County of Fountain State of Indiana on the 28th day of December in the year 1871 by Rev W.N. [illegible]

He also declares that neither he nor his wards have in any manner been engaged in, or aided or abetted the rebellion in the United States. He hereby appoints T.L. Stilwell of Covington County of Fountain State of Indiana

Said guardian Says he is un able [sic] 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 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.

His Post Office address is Attica County of Fountain State of Indiana

Isaac E. Schoonover

Signature of Guardian.

[stamp: illegible writing FEB 5 1877]

Also personally appeared Edgar Longsdorf and H. [illegible] residents of [blank] County of Fountain State of Indiana 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 children the aforesaid wards of the said Guardian, for 12 years, and know that they are all and the only children of said Preston Kiser under sixteen years of age; and that they verily believe from their personal knowledge, that the names, ages 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 Eb W. Morris on the 28th day of December 1871; that the said Guardian and his wards have not in any manner aided or abetted the rebellion in the United States; and further, that the parents of the said children 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 [illegible]

[illegible signature]

Sworn to, acknowledge 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.

Biographical Information from the Indiana State Library

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 40th Regiment. He died in Nashville, Tennessee on April 1, 1862.

March the 14 1862

Nashville Tennessee

Dear wife I take this opportunity Sending you a few lines to let you now that I am well at this time and I hope that these few lines may find enjoying [sic] the Same blessing I was at prayre [sic] meeting last night an [sic] we had a good time we Sang an [sic] praied [sic] for over two hours herry [sic] is well at this time Congress has de Clared [sic] Tennessee a territory every thing is very high here every thing is quiet here now I do not here [sic] any thing about any more war it may be at an end at least I think So I don't [sic] know what to wright [sic] to you for I have much to wright [sic] I have seen a grate [sic] many things since I left home more then I can tell with my pen

The boyes [sic] in Capten [sic] Kiser are all well at this time an [sic] have sent home 7 hundred dollars

Undated Letter

Mother I Should like to See you and louis [sic] an [sic] the rest of you I would like to see george [sic] an [sic] frankey [sic] an [sic] Catherine I don't [sic] 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 [sic] a hen my Self I do not think that John Boiled will last long with a getheren [sic] 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 [sic] with and I hate to pull it out for it hert [sic] 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 affecnated [sic] husbun [sic]

Wright [sic] Soon as you get this

Direct your to Louisville [sic]

Preston Kiser

To Catherine M. Kiser

March the 14 1862

Nashville Tennessee [sic]

Deare [sic] wife

I take this opportunity of leting [sic] you know that I am well at this present [sic] time an [sic] I hope these few lines may find you enjoying [sic] the same blessing dear wife an [sic] children I am a long way from you but I think that the distance will be geting [sic] shorter before long at least I hope so we marched throught [sic] Nashville on the 12 of march [sic] and Nashville is a very nice sity [sic] it is the Capitle [sic] of tennessee [sic] and there is 15 hundred rebels sick here and we stoped [sic] in to rest and I saw 15 ded [sic] rebels that died at the hospitle [sic] at Nashville I heard yesterday that our troops had taken Mannasess [sic] on the 8 of march [sic] and had taken four hundred rebels prisonor [sic] and we have a thousand surrounded some 120 miles from where we encamp for the presant [sic] and in a nother [sic] 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 [illegible word crossed out] give up with out a fighting that is my opinion the 40 an [sic] 57 an [sic] 15 58 10 17 India regiments are here the 8 20 71 15 ohio [sic] regiments are here the 21 22 25 30 Kentucky regiments are encamped clost [sic] to Nashville so we have 15 thousand men here at this point here and we have one hundred thousand troops here in tennessee [sic] so I think that we can make a good fight then if they would only show them selves but they can our run any pack of hounds that I every [sic] seen they can keep a head of us a long ways I dont [sic] think there is much danger of them shooting us un less [sic] it is some that has give out and hide themselves in a swamp that is all the dainger [sic] of them Shooting us but I think that they are afrade [sic] that we will shoot some of them for they are talken [sic] of a settement [sic] an [sic] come on some

kind of turmes [sic] so that they can get back home againe [sic] they are geting [sic] sick of thire [sic] bargain [sic] of trying to pull down the Stars an [sic] Strips [sic] I think we can put them up as fast as they can pull them down I was in the grave yarde [sic] of old general Washington is bured [sic] he has a nice monument over his grave there is 2 large pine trees one at the foot of his grave an [sic] the other at the head an [sic] there is a lрге [sic] ever green on the center of the grave tennessee [sic] is the finest state that I have bin [sic] in since I left home [missing] of the farmer is well fitted [sic] out the houses are the finest an [sic] best that I every [sic] have seen any where in all my travels since left home if was single man I should be temped [sic] to stay here in this parte [sic] of the state if they would take all the negroes out of the state I should be for [illegible word crossed out] moveing [sic] here after the war is over and make it my home for life I shall send my my [sic] over coate [sic] home by Mr [sic] krug [sic] that lives at New [illegible] he is here with us now and he says that he will see that they got through to rory [sic] kiser [sic] 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 [sic] ordered to [illegible] to receive our pay to Morrow [sic] morning and I will wright [sic] a note an [sic] sew it on the coat so there will be no mistake in the coat I believe I have tould [sic] all that I have just now if I am hured [sic] out of tennessee [sic] I will fech [sic] home with me some of the marsh plants and seeds and fech [sic] home with me when I come

tell mother I have not got her big letter yet nor do I think I ever will either if I dont [sic] I wount [sic] get mad f she dont [sic] wright [sic] for if I dont [sic] I wont [sic] have to answer it Catherine you must excuse me if you do not get a letters often from me for it is harde [sic] to Send letters from here So you must not get uneasy about me I will wright [sic] as often as I can you must direct your letters to Lousiville and they come Strate [sic] to me

So good by dear wife an [sic] chidren give my best wishes to Mother and Louisa allso [sic] Wright [sic] soon as you get this

Preston Kiser

to his wife and children

C M Kiser

March the 29/62

Camp Nere [sic] Nashville

Dear wife I take this [opor crossed out] opportunity of wrighting [sic] to you once more to let you know that I am well and I hope that these few lines may find you all injoying [sic] the same blessing I have not got a letter from you since the 10 of March the reason that I dont [sic] get your letters is a brig [sic] is burnt [sic] down be hind [sic] us so that the mail cant [sic] 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 [sic] we will go there but I

do not think that there will be much more fighting tennessee [sic] is about clear that is my belief louis [sic] thought that a soldier life is a harde [sic] life to live and so it is for they have to go rain or shine they are toss to and fro [sic] like a small boat on the large ocean in the time of a storme [sic] some times they have a good place lay down to sleep an [sic] some times a very wet place some times with out our tents all these things I have seen and witnessed all these these [crossed out] things and a grate [sic] deale [sic] more for I have waded mud ancle [sic] deep all day at a time [sic] little george [sic] you an [sic] grandMother must not fight franklin [sic] you must hurry [sic] and grow so that you can have a rowdy spree when I come home george [sic] you must feed the pigs well till I come Catherine you must be a good woman and I will fech [sic] you a nice presant [sic] home with me if I live to get home Mother I will not for get you I will fech [sic] you a presant [sic] 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 [sic] a pound Chickens worth a dollar a peace [sic] eggs is 50 cts [sic] a dozen pies is 40 cts [sic] a peace [sic] Corn is 100 a bushel Wheat is 1.80 cents a bushel peach trees is all out in bloom Cherry trees is out in bloom the apple trees is almost redy [sic] to burst out in to bloom the green onions is fit for market now I sen [sic] beats [sic] in market last week I wright [sic] this letter on picket garde [sic] So you must excuse my short letter for this time So good by for this time

Direct your letter to Louisville Kentucky

Preston Kiser

To C M Kiser

March the 27 1862

Nashville Tenn

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 Injoying [sic] the same blessing we are still at Nashville and no prospect of a battle yet I have lid [sic] on the ground till I have got as harde [sic] as a plank I think that if I have to lay on the ground a while longer I think that I could brake [sic] the best bed cord that is in India for my bones is geting [sic] sharp at least I think so Since the 40 has bin [sic] at Nash ville [sic] the [sic] has bin [sic] severel [sic] deaths B Evans is ded [sic] John Probusco is deed [sic] and 5 or 6 from Sugar grove Cornel [sic] Willson has resined [sic] his office and we have a hrd [sic] time of it since we have bin [sic] here at Nashville I have of importance to Wright [sic] this time I have not heard from home since the 10 of march [sic] I think that the maile [sic] can come through now I think from the maile [sic] that come in the last four nights I want to know if you got the 20 dollars that I Sent you by Mr [sic] krug [sic] I sent a letter by him and one by maile [sic] do that you would know that it was sent to you I want you to wright [sic] as soone [sic] as you get this give my love to all inquireing [sic] friends I have nothing more to wright [sic] this time but remain your affectionate husban [sic]

Wright [sic] Soon as you get this

Preston Kiser to C.M. Kiser