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Mr. Ron A. Gibbs  
Chief of Interpretation  
& Resources Management  
Stones River National Battlefield  
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Murfreesboro, Tennessee 37130

Dear Mr. Gibbs:

During May, 1976, my family and I visited the Stones River National Battlefield. It was during this visit my mother and you talked about the men who fought at Stones River. Her great-grandfather was one of the men. You told her if she ever obtained a picture of him in uniform to send to you a copy.

In recent months we finally found a relative who has a tintype of my mother's great-grandfather in his civil war uniform. Due to the fact the relative lives in California we only received two reprints of the original. If we would have had it, we would have made more reprints. I tried my best to find a copy machine that would give me good quality copies of the prints we received. What is enclosed is the results of my search. The copies were made on an IBM Copier and are as clear as the original tintype.

What I am writing next may sound presumptuous. If it is possible, would you, please, include one copy in the exhibits at the Stones River Battlefield Museum, with his army history. It would, please my family and I very much.

The following is what I have gathered on my great-great-grandfather.

John Joseph Cramer was born December 17, 1843, in Berg (near Cologne), Germany. When he was 2 years old or younger, he and his family came to the United States and made their home in Wisconsin.

He enlisted in the United States Army on August 15, 1862, in Milwaukee, Milwaukee County, Wisconsin, as a private in Co. E 24th Regiment of the Wisconsin Infantry. He was honorably discharged on June 10, 1865 at Nashville, Tennessee. During his first two months of service he was a Wagoner. On November 1, 1862 he was reduced to ranks.

He fought at the Battle of Chaplin Hills at Perryville, Kentucky and Stones River Battle. I assume he was involved in other engagements, besides the two I mentioned.

From April 28, 1863, to May, 1865, he was detailed as provost guard at Brigade Headquarters.

He died in Milwaukee, Milwaukee County, Wisconsin  
in Grafton, Ozaukee County, Wisconsin.

I hope I am not too late in getting this picture to you for your collection.  
It would be a pleasure to hear any comments you want to make.

Sincerely,

*Krista Ann Jautz*  
Krista Ann Jautz *Dorothy Barth Jautz*  
and my mother Dorothy Barth Jautz

Enclosures (2)



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John "Joseph" Cramer  
Born: Dec. 17, 1843 (Germany)  
Came to America in 1844 or 1845,  
Died: Oct. 8, 1917  
24<sup>th</sup> Wisconsin Regiment, Company E