

Finding Aide for Frank R. Walker, Company E, 5<sup>th</sup> Wisconsin

Guide to the Collection of letters from Frank R. Walker, Company E, 5<sup>th</sup> Wisconsin. (b. 1841)  
Plover, Wisconsin., muster out July 30, 1864, term exp.

## DESCRIPTIVE SUMMARY

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### Abstract

This collection of letters from Frank R. Walker & Reese Walker, Company E, 5<sup>th</sup> Wisconsin Infantry, March 31, 1861-July 30, 1864. Includes letters to and from Brother Reese W. Walker and James Walker.

## ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

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### Biographical Note:

Frank R. Walker TBD

## COLLECTION LIST:

Doc 1 of Letter to James from Reese, March 31, 1861, Wisconsin, lumbering, friends and family, local news.

Doc 2 of Letter to Walkers from William Arnot, March 31, 1861, local news, friends, jobs.

Doc 3 of Letter to James from Henry Curran, June 24, 1861, Madison, Wisconsin, enlisting, Janesville Light Guards, Milwaukee Zouaves, studying drill, Governor Randall, Dr. Secoy, Camp Randall.

Doc 4 of Letter to Mother from Frank, June 27, 1861, Camp Randall, Wisconsin, Janesville Light Guards, Colonel Cobb, Capt. Wheeler, enlisting, Milwaukee riot, drilling,

visiting friends, 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> Wisconsin Infantry, character of soldiers, illness, Church service, relative's farm.

Doc 5 of Letter to Mother, Brother & Sisters, from Frank July 23, 1861, Camp Randall, Wisconsin, Soldier life in camp, Bull Run fight, unit morale, personal sentiment toward Rebels, orders to DC.

Doc 6 of Letter to Brother James from Frank, August 30<sup>th</sup> 1861, Camp near DC, weather, skirmish, Chain Bridge, Wis 2<sup>nd</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> Vol Inf, PA & NY Inf, Anderson's Zouaves, Battle Bull Run, Union Colonel Coon, Union General King's Brigade, pay, letters.

Doc 7 of Letter to Brother James from Reese, August 10<sup>th</sup>, 1861, Washington, measles, march from Baltimore, attack in Baltimore, visiting Capitol, secessionists, troop activity in city, Arlington Heights.

Doc 8 of Letter to Brother James from Reese, Oct, 2, 1861, Camp Advance #2, VA, picket skirmish, advancing on rebels, ration issues, friendly fire incident, health, Owens Parrish Regiment, CA regiment.

Doc 9 of Letter to Brother James from Frank, Oct 13, 1861, Camp McCall, VA, Union General Hancock, Confederate General Beauragard, weather, Ft. Corcoran, 8<sup>th</sup> Wis Inf Regiment, Kings Brigade 2<sup>nd</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup> Wis Inf Reg., tents, illness, moving, skirmishing.

Doc 10 of Letter to Brother James from Reese, Oct 19<sup>th</sup>, 1861, Camp McCall, VA., typhoid, Leewinsville, VA., skirmishing, scouting, Fairfax Court House, VA., war news, supplies from home, carrying gear.

Doc 11 of Letter to Brother James from Reese, Nov 4<sup>th</sup>, 1861, Camp Griffin, VA., illness, Plover boys, Courtright death, typhoid, artillery transfer, Regiment reputation, picket duty.

Doc 12 of Letter to Brother James from Frank, Nov 18<sup>th</sup>, 1861, Camp Griffin, VA., pay, receiving letters, war news, slavery, Black Flag, medical discharges, illness.

Doc 13 of Letter to Brother James from Frank, Nov 28<sup>th</sup> 1861, Camp Griffin, VA., Plover Boys, corn beef, new companies formed, Company commander Capt Wheeler, Mason & Slidell affair, sending money.

Doc 14 of Letter to Brother James from Frank, Dec 25<sup>th</sup>, 1861, Camp Griffin, VA., letters, health, weather, battle, Mason & Slidell affair, Secretary Seward.

Doc 15 of Letter to Mother from Frank, Dec 31, 1861, Camp Griffin, VA., Plover men, meals, picket duty, morale, letter writing, press reports.

Doc 16 of Letter to Mother from Reese and Frank, Jan 3, 1862, Camp Griffin, VA., health, New Years Day activities, soldier life, Mason & Slidell, Battle of Dranesville, 23<sup>rd</sup> Wi Inf Regt.

Doc 17 of Letter to Brother James from Reese and Frank, Jan 5, 1862, Camp Griffin, VA., weather, health, Mason & Slidell, English support, Secretary Seward, Company Commander, Alban brothers, 18<sup>th</sup> Wi Inf Regt.

Doc 18 of Letter to Brother James from Reese, Jan 8, 1862, Camp Griffin, VA., guard duty, Col. Friedmann's cavalry, Rebel prisoners, Union General Hancock, mail robbery.

Doc 19 of Letter to Brother James from Reese, Jan 25, 1862, Camp Griffin, VA., unit transfer, war status, mail robbery.

Doc 20 of Letter to Brother James from Reese, Feb 23, 1862, Camp Griffin, VA., health, morale, war news, Surrender of Forts Henry and Donaldson, 18<sup>th</sup> Wi Inf Regt.,

Doc 21 of Letter to Brother James from Frank, March 20, 1862, Camp near Alexandria, VA., Sibley tent, drilling, marching, letters from home.

Doc 22 of Letter to Brother James from Reese, April 12, 1862, Camp near Yorktown, VA., mail, skirmishing, reconnaissance, York & James Rivers, weather, Union Generals, Smith, Keyes, Hancock.

Doc 23 of Letter to Family from Frank, April 12<sup>th</sup>, 1862, Camp near Yorktown, VA, letter writing, Confederate works, General McClellan, Union plans, Plover Boys.

Doc 24 of Letter to James from Reese, May 1<sup>st</sup>, 1862, Camp near Yorktown, VA., health, picket casualties.

Doc 25 of Letter to James from Cousin John, May 2, 1862, Camp Dickinson, Roanoke Island, N.C., NY 89<sup>th</sup> Inf Regt., Burnside Expedition, battle, Fortress Monroe, Rebel prisoners, casualties.

Doc 26 of Letter to Family, from Frank, May 3, 1862, Camp near Lees Mills, VA., mail, picket duty, sights of the battlefield.

Doc 27 of Letter to Mother from Frank, June 21, 1862, Camp near Lees Mills, VA., mail, health, money via express.

Doc 28 of Letter to James from Reese & Frank, July 17, 1862, Camp near Harrison's Landing, VA., health, Plover Boys, wounding, battle with Rebs, casualties, Confederate Division Toombs, reinforcements, McClellan's plan.

Doc 29 of Letter to James from Frank, July 28, 1862, Camp near Harrison's Landing, VA., Plover Boys prisoner, money sent via express, wounding.

Doc 30 of Letter to James from Reese & Frank, Aug 13, 1862, Camp near Harrison's Landing, VA., mail, Plover Boys, health, allotment of pay, embarking from the landing, Union Generals Banks, McClellan & Pope, Confederate General Jackson, Company commander, 7 Days Battle, Army morale.

Doc 31 of Letter to Mother from Reese, Sept 5, 1862, Alexandria, VA., Army of Virginia, Union Generals, McClellan & McDowell, Peninsula Campaign, rheumatism, soldier morale, enlisting.

Doc 32 of Letter to James from Frank & Reese, Sept 8, 1862, Fort Advance, VA., fort construction, pickets, Fort Corcoran, health, soldier camp life, letter writing, enemy situation.

Doc 33 of Letter to James from Reese, Dec 17, 1862, Camp near Fredericksburg, VA., Battle of Fredericksburg, Union Generals (Burnside, Franklin, Hancock, Richardson, Sumner), casualties, regiment's attack, enemy sharpshooters, pay issues.

Doc 34 of Letter to Mother from Frank, Jan 8, 1863, Camp near Falmouth, VA., John Fossin death, 7<sup>th</sup> Wis Inf, Mose Pausies, medical discharge, shoddy medical care, preparing to march.

Doc 35 of Letter to Mother from Reese, Jan 18, 1863, Camp near Falmouth, VA., health, weather, morale, building winter quarters, war situation, letter writing.

Doc 36 of Letter to Mother from Frank, Mar 26, 1863, Camp near Belle Plains, VA., drilling, clothing supply, soldier life, conscription bill, Army strength, Copperheads, Union General Hooker, morale, weather.

Doc 37 of Letter to James from Reese, May 13, 1863, Camp near Falmouth, VA., Battle of Chancellorsville, Union Light Division, hard fight, casualties, defeat, 11<sup>th</sup> Corps, Union Generals Howard & Sigel, 5<sup>th</sup> Wis Inf, 6<sup>th</sup> Maine Inf, New York troops, Army morale.

Doc 38 of Letter to James from Reese, Jun 20, 1863, US General Hospital Ward K, West Philadelphia, PA., health improving, returning to regiment, Confederate invasion, enlistments ending.

Doc 39 of Letter to James from Reese, Jun 26, 1863, US General Hospital Ward K, West Philadelphia, PA., health, lonesomeness, poor rations, no pay, Confederate march on Harrisburg, PA.

Doc 40 of Letter to James from Reese, Jul 11, 1863, US General Hospital, Camp Clark, Philadelphia, PA., recovering strength, light duty, Union victories, morale.

Doc 41 of Letter to family from Frank, Jul 11, 1863, Camp near Boonsborough, MD., Battle of Gettysburg, hard marching, Union cavalry.

Doc 42 of Letter to James from Frank, Aug 7<sup>th</sup>, 1863, Fort Columbus, Governors Island, NY., draft riots New York, no pay, wire money.

Doc 43 of Letter to family & friends from Reese, Nov 10<sup>th</sup>, 1863, Camp near Sharpsburg, MD., health, Emancipation Proclamation, viewing dead soldiers, discharges.

Doc 44 of Letter to James from Reese, Dec 9<sup>th</sup>, 1863, Camp near Brandy Station, VA., weather, campaigning, Union command decisions, winter encampments.

Doc 45 of Letter to Mother from Reese, Dec 29<sup>th</sup>, 1863, Camp near Brandy Station, VA., weather, rations, reenlistments, shirkers, Plover Boys, family life, concerns of home.

Doc 46 of Letter to James from Reese, Jan 3, 1864, Camp near Brandy Station, VA., mail, health, draft, veteran status, reenlistments, future plans, Westward movement.

Doc 47 of Letter to James from Reese, Jan 4, 1864, Camp near White Oak Church, VA., mail, health, Plover Boys, camp life.

Doc 48 of Letter to Mother from Reese, Feb 22, 1864, Brandy Station, VA., mail, death of grandmother, reenlistment, patriotism, Plover Boys, Court Martial, desertion punishment, family life, Chaplain services.

Doc 49 of Letter to family from Frank, Mar 5, 1864, Camp near Brandy Station, VA., health, mail, campaigning, capturing confederates, diphtheria, Idaho fever, reenlistment, Assistant Paymaster.

Doc 50 of Letter to James from Reese, Mar 20, 1864, Camp near Brandy Station, VA., mail, Plover quota, home news, Dakota fever.

Doc 51 of Letter to James from Reese, Mar 29, 1864, Camp near Brandy Station, VA., mail, draft, reenlistment, Spring campaign.

Doc 52 of Letter to Mother from Reese, April 9, 1864, Camp near Brandy Station, VA., weather, future operations, combat, Union General Grant, Chaplain services, health, mustering out.

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