

Civil War letter written by James Richmond Boulware, who was the son of Benjamin James Boulware and Sarah Barber Richmond and brother of Nancy Ann Boulware Hall. James Boulware was Assistant Surgeon in the 6th South Carolina Cavalry. This letter is to his brother-in-law, William Stokes, husband of another sister, Eliza Jane Boulware Stokes. At the time, William was serving in the Confederate Army in South Carolina; his unit was later transferred to Virginia. From the book, *Saddle Soldiers*, by Lloyd Halliburton, Sandlapper Publishing (1993).

Camp near Fredricksburg, Va
Dec 18th 1862

Dear William.

I received your letter yesterday morning just as we returned from the Battle.

I suppose you know that a Battle has been fought at Fredricksburg. The enemy crossed the Rappahannock in force on Friday and on Saturday we repulsed them with great Slaughter on their side. Our loss is small compared with theirs. Only two Divisions of our Army were engaged --namely McLain at Fredricksburg and A P Hill ten miles down the River. We were not engaged at all, yet had some killed & wounded in our Brig. by Shell from the enemy. Our Regt lost one man wounded, R A Tinkler, Private Co 'G,' Head wound--Since we were in the Center of Line of Battle and could see the Battle as it raged.

I believe I will close. You must write as soon as convenient and tell me all the news.

I am your Bro-in-law
J. R. Boulware