

Title: Kraenzlein, Alvin C. Papers

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Abstract: Alvin Kraenzlein was born in December 1876 and attended East Division High School, where he starred in several track and field events. He attended the University of Wisconsin for one year (1896-97) and then transferred to the University of Pennsylvania to study dentistry. While at Penn, he again excelled in track and field, setting several world records. He then went on to win four events at the 1900 Olympic Games in Paris. He retired from athletic competition after the Olympics and set up a dental practice in Milwaukee and two years later in Philadelphia. Starting in 1906, he began coaching track and field at Mercersburg Academy in Pennsylvania as well as at the University of Michigan and University of Pennsylvania. He died in January 1928 from heart disease.

Scope and Content: The collection consists of correspondence, newspaper clippings (including obituary), a typescript biography and other ephemera.

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