

Anna M. Shirley Peterson

Delavan, Wisconsin

Shirley is the Great Granddaughter of

Adolph Bremmer

8th Light Artillery, Wisconsin

Adolph Bremmer was born in Eiscastle, Germany on June 1, 1831. He was the son of John Peter and Margaret (nee Meier) Bremmer. Adolph had one brother and three sisters. Adolph was about 15 years old when he and his family emigrated to America.

Adolph had learned the carpentry trade in Germany, specializing in stair building and earned money with his woodworking skills. He met a beautiful young girl named Mary Janet Riedel and they were married around 1853.

In 1863, one of Adolph's family members was drafted but had reasons he could not fulfill his responsibility which caused him great worry. In spite of having a wife, two small children, and another on the way, Adolph decided to resolve the matter and, in the middle of the night, took a horse and rode to Boscobel, Wisconsin in Grant county to sign up for the draft for a three-year term, thus taking his family member's place.

Adolph trained at Madison, Wisconsin for three weeks before leaving for Tennessee with other replacement troops from Wisconsin. He was assigned to the 8th Wisconsin Light Artillery unit which was considered an artillery reserve attached to the 2nd Division.

The 8th Wisconsin Light Artillery along with Battery D, 1st Michigan Light Artillery, and the 12th Battery, Ohio Light Artillery were assigned by General Brennan to protect Fortress Rosecrans near Murfreesboro, Tennessee.

Adolph was mustered out of the army in August of 1865 with the rest of his unit. He returned to Wisconsin to his wife and children. They worked the farm and had seven more children. Their ten children grew to adulthood and moved to various places, mostly in Wisconsin.

Adolph's wife, Mary Janet, died on September 14, 1896 and Adolph passed away on February 4, 1899. They are buried in Saint John's Cemetery in Muscoda, Grant County, Wisconsin.