

Susan J. Fallon

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Susan is the 3rd Great-Granddaughter of

Carl Ludwig Marks

Co. I, 18th Wisconsin Volunteer Infantry Regiment

Carl Ludwig Marks, also know as Carl Louis Marks or Ludwig Marks, was born on July 21, 1823 in Prussia. Perhaps in or near Neiderberksen. He married Gustina Raunsky, probably in 1851. She was born March 8, 1829 (died March 28, 1881, age 52) probably also in Neiderberksen. The first of their 11 children was born there. They decided to leave Prussia and emigrate to the United States. They entered the U.S. through the port of Buffalo, New York on or about July of 1854. He filed his Declaration of Intention to become a U.S. citizen on August 17, 1854 in Manitowoc and settled in the town of Eaton, not that far from where he lies to rest , where the rest of their children were born.

Carl Ludwig Marks was drafted on September 30, 1864, under the name of Ludwig Marks, into Company "I" of the 18th Wisconsin Volunteers Regiment at Greenfield, Wisconsin. Unfortunately, there is no specific history of Company "I" but Carl was considered a non-Veteran and was probably involved in the following engagements that the non-veterans were part of: the Engagement at Allatoona, GA on 5 October 1864, the Campaign against Savannah, and the Siege of Savannah from November 15 through December 21, 1864. The last two engagements were part of General Sherman's March To The Sea. For this, the non-Veterans were attached to the 93rd Illinois Regiment. They served with that unit through The March To The Sea and the Campaign of the Carolinas from January 30 through April 26, 1865. He was probably at the Battle of Bentonville, N.C., March 19 through March 21, 1865, and the occupation of Goldsborough, N.C. on March 21, 1865. In April of 1865 the unit was reunited at Goldsborough, North Carolina. From there they were part of the advance and occupation of Raleigh, N.C. April 10 through April 14, 1865. Next his unit was at the surrender of the Confederate forces in North Carolina on April 26, 1865 at Bennett's Court House, Durham Station, North Carolina.

Three days after this surrender, the 18th Wisconsin was ordered to march to Washington, D.C. They arrived there on May 19, 1865 and took part in the Grand Review of the Western Armies on May 24th. He was part of the regiment that was (term of service was up) mustered out of service at Washington, D.C. on June 2, 1865. The rest of the regiment was ordered to Louisville, Kentucky, in early June, and it was mustered out of Federal Service there on July 14, 1865.

During the regiment's entire career from its formation in February and March of 1862 to July, 14, 1865, they lost 4 officers and 52 enlisted men; killed or mortally wounded. An additional 2 officers and 167 enlisted men died from disease or other non-combat causes.

During the war he did experience some health problems.

His Declaration for an Original Invalid Pension dated 21 March 1887 stated that while on active duty at Kingston, North Carolina in February of 1865, Carl contracted asthma caused by being exposed to the cold and wet weather, which rendered him totally disabled from manual labor. It was stated that after the war he could only do a half days worth of work and a few years later he couldn't do much at all and that he was totally disabled because of this. He had a bit of trouble at first but the pension was given him in 1887. This was Invalid Pension #601968. In this document he was listed as being 5 foot 3 inches tall, 130 pounds, dark hair, and grey eyes.

He died April 23, 1889 at the age of 66 years.

On May 14, 2016, his great-great-great grandchildren, with many friends, gathered to remember and mark the grave of Carl Ludwig Marks and to honor his service to his adopted country and county during the Civil War.

Carl Ludwig Mark's great-great granddaughter, Irene *Goldbeck* Wortman was a member of the Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War, 1861-1865, as well as Irene's daughters, Laura K. Abrahamson and of course, Susan J. Fallon.