

KAREN BABLER

Monticello, Wisconsin

Karen is the Great Great Granddaughter of

WARD S. HUTCHINS

Co. E, 13th Wisconsin Volunteer Infantry

Ward S. Hutchins who was the son of Samuel Hutchins married Mary Parcell Pratt in 1855. To this marriage, three children were born. The daughters were Cynthia, June and Sarah. The youngest and only son, Charles died in 1863 just nine days before his father, Ward. Charles was only 18 months old at the time of his death.

Ward S. Hutchins enlisted on September 14, 1861 at Janesville, Wisconsin as a private in Company E of the Wisconsin Thirteenth Infantry Regiment. The "Thirteenth" was mustered into the service of the United States on October 17, 1861 leaving Wisconsin on January 18, 1862 when it had orders to proceed to Fort Leavenworth, Kansas arriving in early February.

From there Hutchins' regiment was sent on to Fort Riley, New Mexico from February to April and then it returned to St. Louis and was assigned to guard duty of the railway lines east of the Mississippi River from Columbus, Kentucky to Corinth, Mississippi.

The general work of the Thirteenth Regiment was to protect the lines of communication which extended from Kentucky and Tennessee to northern Alabama.

While Hutchins was away defending the Union, Mary received a small monthly allotment of \$5.00 per month with an additional allotment of \$2.00 per child to provide for the family while her son James, from her first marriage, helped manage the family farm. It should be noted that Green County raised \$56,000.00 through a special tax to assist in providing for families of volunteer soldiers.

During his enlistment, Hutchins contracted typhoid and returned to his home in Mt. Pleasant, Wisconsin on sick leave July 10, 1862. With hopes of recovery from his illness to rejoin his regiment, Hutchins attempted to return to the war but each time fell ill before reaching the front and was forced to return home. He eventually died of the illness he contracted while in

service to the United States on April 28, 1863. His official cause of death was listed as typhoid pneumonia.

Ward S. Hutchins is buried in the Zwingli UCC Cemetery in Monticello, Wisconsin between his wife Mary and his son Charles.