

KELSEA MAE WOELKY

Fontana, Wisconsin

Kelsea is the 3rd Great Granddaughter of

JOHN B. GOULD

Co. C & E, 104th New York Volunteer Infantry



John B. Gould was born April 27, 1843 at Livingston county, New York. He was the son of George and Sarah Gould. A young man of small stature, fair complexion, brown hair and blue eyes, he was a blacksmith by trade. On October 9, 1861 at the age of eighteen, he enlisted as a private in Co. C of the 104th New York Infantry at Geneseo, NY for a three year term of service. During his service, Gould was promoted to a corporeal on January 23, 1864 with Co. E where he also served his regiment. On December 1, 1864 he was again granted a promotion to sergeant. When he was mustered out of service at Washington, D.C. on July 17, 1865 he had attained the rank of 1st Sergeant with Co. C of the 104th NY Volunteer Infantry.

While Gould was in service with the 104th his regiment defended Washington, D.C. until May of 1862 under the command of General Wadsworth. The regiment also saw action at several major battles including Antietam and Fredericksburg in 1862, Chancellorsville and Gettysburg in 1863, Rapidan, Spottsylvania and Petersburg in 1864. The 104th was also present at Appomattox Court House when Confederate General Robert E. Lee and his army surrendered. Of special note is the fact that Gould's older brother Erastus, also a member of Co. C of the 104th NY was captured during the battle of Gettysburg and imprisoned at Andersonville where he died of complications due to diarrhea on July 6, 1864

Following service to his country, Gould moved west to La Crosse county, Wisconsin where he met and was married to August Ayers in 1874. Their family included eight children, five sons and three daughters. In 1894 the family moved to Walworth county in the vicinity of Delavan where Gould became a prosperous farmer and well respected citizen.

In 1917, Gould who was in failing health was admitted to the Milwaukee Soldiers Home where he died on December 29th of that year. He had been a member of the G.A.R., Charles H. Ford Post #258 of Galesville, Wisconsin. Gould is interred at the Spring Grove Cemetery in Delavan, Wisconsin.

