

PRIVATE JOSEPH WITTMANN

Co. C, 45<sup>th</sup> Wisconsin Infantry

Cheryl Hoeth's Great Great Grandfather

Joseph George Wittmann was born in 1827, in Strassburg, Bavaria. He married Francisca "Anna" Schutz and they had 8 children. The oldest child (Franziska) was born around 1860 in Baltimore, Maryland and their second (Margaretha) was born in 1863, in Middleton, Wisconsin.

On February 18, 1865 Joseph enlisted in the 45<sup>th</sup> Wisconsin Infantry, Company C. Anna cared for their 3 children while Joseph served the Union; the youngest at that time was born on February 12, 1865, 6 days before Joseph's mustered in date.

The 45<sup>th</sup> Wisconsin Infantry was organized at Madison, Wisconsin and mustered into federal service on November 8, 1864. It was assigned to the garrison of Nashville, Tennessee for its entire service. The regiment was mustered out on July 17, 1865.

Private Joseph Wittmann was mustered out on July 17, 1865; same date the 45<sup>th</sup> was mustered out.

Joseph became a citizen of the United States on November 29, 1889. He died on April 7, 1907, at the age of 80, after he mistook a bottle of lye as medicine in the middle of the night. He was laid to rest in Springfield Corners, Wisconsin.

