

Introduction

The following information about "The Old Lutherans in Pomerania" was obtained from Volume 25, Issue 4 of The Pomerschen Leute Winter 2002 and written by Rob Bowe.

On September 27, 1817, King Fredrick Wilhelm III issued a proclamation that merged the Lutheran and Reformed church in Prussia into the new state church "United Reformed church AKA, Union Church, Reformed Church. The differences of doctrines and liturgies challenged both church organizations and a power struggle between the two groups resulted. The Lutheran peasants and common man felt bound by Lutheran traditions and creed and did not easily accept the new "United Reformed Church". Hard line Lutherans felt the King should not dictate how Lutherans were to worship and conduct services.

In 1831, the King made the Lutheran Church illegal. Lutheran churches were closed or taken over by the state church. Lutheran schools were banned, fines levied and the civil rights of Lutherans were infringed upon. Baptisms, confirmations, weddings had to be performed by a minister of the Union church or they were not recognized. This meant that a child born of a Lutheran union and baptized Lutheran was now considered illegitimate. If you were not confirmed by a minister, you could not get a work permit. Lutheran pastors and teachers who ignored the edict were removed from church offices effectively losing their jobs, pay and their civil authority. Then in an effort to force the issue, certain Lutheran ministers and Lutheran civic leaders were jailed.

The Lutheran church went underground in some areas, meeting secretly in homes and barns or in the forests. Wilhelm III was branded as a "tyrant" by the "Old Lutherans". Soon talk of immigration to either America or Australia to form a new Lutheran church surfaced and plans started to fall in place. While not all immigrants were poor, many could not afford the trip or the cost to set up a home in the new land. Immigration societies were formed by well to do Lutherans to assist those who needed financial help in securing passage in the form of loans and grants.

In 1839, the King allowed a group to leave Prussia and they sailed from the Baltic port of Hamburg or the inland port of Stettin to America. The Pommers, Silesians and Brandenburgers went up the Hudson River to Albany, then via the Erie Canal to the area near Buffalo, New York.

Von Rohr took around 40 families from this first migration, mostly from the Old Lutheran congregation at Trisbow and surrounding area in Kreis Cammin, Pommern and headed west from Buffalo by ship across the Great Lakes, landing in the emerging city of Milwaukee (population about 1,500), Wisconsin Territory in October of 1839. Nearby cheap land (\$1.25 acre) was available and newly arrived Pommerns settled in Township 9, then in Washington County (now in Ozaukee County, west of the village of Mequon) founding the Freistadt (Free City) settlement and the first Lutheran congregation (Trinity) in Wisconsin. The New York and Wisconsin group founded the Buffalo synod from which later emerged the Wisconsin synod and other Lutheran synods.

In 1841, Wilhelm III died and his son, Wilhelm IV assumed the throne and lifted the ban on Lutheran worship.

Meanwhile, letter after letter from America told of the unlimited economic opportunities and religious freedom. A small steady flow of immigrants came to America. By 1846, new arrivals no longer found cheap land in the original settlement areas and settled in Dodge, Jefferson, Washington, Ozaukee, Milwaukee, Sheboygan and Manitowoc Counties of Wisconsin. Other communities of Pommerns were then established in north central Wisconsin in Marathon County.

POMMERN TO WISCONSIN

Back in the 1850's, the railroads sent agents to Europe to advertise the great land of America. Many emigrants bought land from the railroads. The immigrant could own a few hundred acres of land in North America compared to a few acres in Germany. The American states vied with each other in recruiting German immigrants at the New York City docks. In 1854, the Illinois railroad began sending agents to German cities to help arrange passage and offer free rail transportation to any Germans willing to come help build the railroad.

Preparation for the trip to America could have taken up to 6 months or more. They had to make clothing, stock up on food and have enough money to travel to Hamburg. The family first had to travel from Kreis Regenwalde to Hamburg where they could obtain passage on a ship. The rail link between Berlin and Hamburg first opened in 1847 and was the easiest route for the Pommeranian emigrants. The family probably first traveled to Berlin and from Berlin to Hamburg via train. They almost certainly had to stay overnight somewhere on their journey to Hamburg. It is very possible that they had to find living quarters in Hamburg temporarily until the family recovered both physically and financially from their long journey.

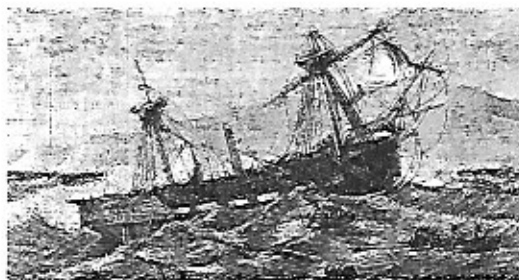
Once in Hamburg, emigrants were targets for zealous merchants and were often victims of fraud. Emigrants were routinely charged inflated prices for food, lodging, and currency exchange besides being sold unnecessary utensils for the impending voyage. In 1856 the travelers were directed to one of 54 licensed and inspected emigrant hostels in the city. At that time, the passengers boarding a ship were transported via harbor "lighters" to the ship anchored in deeper water. High tidal conditions set the ship's sailing time. Hamburg lies on the Elbe River and is not a seacoast port. The embarking ships had to travel 68 miles northwest before the Elbe flows into the North Sea. At the mouth of the Elbe River where it connects to the North Sea, the river is 10 miles wide. This meant the first day on board was very calm. Once the ship reached the North Sea they would encounter the roll and pitch of the ship that made them literally sick.

The immigrating ancestors traveled 3,636 miles by sea just from Hamburg, Germany to New York City and 889 miles by land or 775 steamship miles from New York City to Milwaukee, Wisconsin - after 300 miles from Stettin to Hamburg and still further from the place they originally lived. Average time to travel, 14 weeks (with up to 3 rotten weeks in port before leaving).

The pioneers on the Oregon Trail travels 2,170 miles. Average time to travel 18 weeks. While they went to Oregon, Washington and California, the Pommeranians pioneered all of Wisconsin, Minnesota, Iowa, North and South Dakota, Nebraska and a good part of Michigan, Illinois, Missouri and Buffalo, New York - the breadbasket and the shipping centers of the Great Lakes of the United States. We can match them death for death, Indian story for Indian story, hardship for hardship and then some.

Do you know the difference between the Pommeranians and the pioneers of the Oregon Trail? No one ever made a movie of the Pommeranians.

(the above excerpts were taken from an article by the late Myron Grunewald of Oshkosh.)



SPECIAL NOTE:

The narrative portion of this book follows the Outline descendant Tree for each family.

Pallbearers: Ray Suring, Norman Suring, Ray Zahn, Leonard Rusch, Leon Miller and Delbert Miller.

Will did not believe in banks after the crash in 1929. When he died Erwin found \$800 in the pages of a book on Engineering that his Dad always keep on the table. They also found about \$6000 elsew here.

Obituary of William F. Rusch

Funeral services were conducted at 2 P. M. at Immanuel Lutheran Church, Gillett for William F. Rusch, 84, Gillett, who died at his home Saturday, September 7, 1963 The Rev. M. S. Sengele officiated and interment was in the church cemetery. Kuehl Funeral home was in charge of arrangements.

Mr. Rusch was born April 23, 1879 in the Town of Underhill. He had lived in the Town of Gillett for the past fifty years. He had been a fireman-engineer for the Gillett Building Supply Company at Gillett for forty years and retired in 1961. He had been a member of the Immanuel Lutheran Church all of his life. His marriage to Minnie Zahn took place on Oct. 14, 1903 in the Town of Underhill. She died in 1944.

One son and two daughters survive, Erwin of Gillett; Mrs. Ray Piepenburg, Rt 2, Gillett and Mrs. Earl Tietycen of Milwaukee. Also surviving are 8 grandchildren and 6 great grandchildren; three sisters, Mrs. Bertha Miller of Rt. 1, Gillett; Mrs. Emma Holl of Town of Howe and Mrs. Gertrude Aderholt of Wabeno and two brothers, Fred and Gust of Underhill.



Hotel in Underhill - William Rusch 5th from right



William Rusch on left - Wickert Lumber in Underhill





Hotel in Underhill - William Rusch 5th from right



William Rusch on left - Wickert Lumber in Underhill

Descendants of August Friedrich Michael Zahn

Generation No. 1

1. AUGUST FRIEDRICH MICHAEL ZAHN was born Apr 05, 1819 in Pommern, and died Apr 09, 1888 in Underhill, Oconto County, Wisconsin. He married WILHELMINA ZAHN Abt. 1844 in Pommern. She was born Dec 1823 in Pommern, and died 1900 in How Township, Oconto County, Wisconsin.

Children of AUGUST ZAHN and WILHELMINA ZAHN are:

- i. UNKNOWN2 ZAHN, b. Pommern; m. WILHELM WOLFGRAM; b. Germany.
- ii. "CARL" FRIEDRICH AUGUST ZAHN, b. Feb 27, 1846, Pommern; d. Mar 27, 1925, Underhill, Oconto County, Wisconsin; m. MAGDALENA WILHELM, Sep 02, 1875, Rantoul, Calumet County, Wisconsin; b. Feb 10, 1858, Buffalo, New York; d. Feb 07, 1935, Gillett, Oconto County, Wisconsin.
- iii. FRIEDERICA "ERNESTINE" HENRIETTE CAROLINE ZAHN, b. Nov 20, 1848, Pommern; d. May 04, 1916, Underhill Township, Oconto County, Wisconsin; m. WILHELM FRIEDRICH AUGUST OESTREICH, Aug 04, 1870, Elvershagen, Kreis Rügenwalde, Prussia; b. Sep 1842, Germany.
- iv. WILHELM FRIEDRICH ZAHN, b. Sep 19, 1851, Pommern; d. Jun 04, 1914, Underhill, Oconto County, Wisconsin; m. WILHELMINA SCHULTZ, May 30, 1888; b. May 30, 1861, Pommern; d. Dec 04, 1917, Oconto County, Wisconsin.
- v. "FRIEDRICH" AUGUST WILHELM ZAHN, b. Dec 10, 1854, Elvershagen, Kreis Rügenwalde, Prussia; d. Jun 14, 1899, Oconto County, Wisconsin; m. AMELIA SOPHIA PETERMAN, Jul 25, 1882, Town of Hartland, Shawano County, Wisconsin; b. Mar 10, 1856, Obernhagen, Kreis Rügenwalde, Prussia; d. Jul 14, 1901.
- vi. "FRIEDRICKE" CAROLINE AUGUSTE ZAHN, b. Jul 07, 1857, Pommern; d. Oct 01, 1908, Oconto County, Wisconsin; m. MICHAEL A. "FRITZ" KLAWITTER, Oct 14, 1875, Home of John Kemp, Town of Gillett, Oconto County, Wisconsin; b. Jan 11, 1843, Driedorf, Kreis Wirsitz, Prussia; d. Feb 25, 1911, Town of How, Oconto County, Wisconsin.
- vii. ALBERTINE AUGUSTA "WILHELMINE" ZAHN, b. Abt. Mar 05, 1859, Pommern; d. Dec 26, 1897, Wisconsin; m. LUDWIG "LOUIS" SURING, Feb 22, 1878, Town of How, Oconto County, Wisconsin; b. Sep 01, 1858, Princeton, Green Lake County, Wisconsin; d. Jul 29, 1923.
- viii. "AUGUST" ZAHN, b. Oct 09, 1860, Dorow, Kreis Rügenwalde, Pommern; d. Jul 11, 1907, New Maldewin, Kreis Rügenwalde, Prussia; m. MARTHA WEGNER; b. Nov 23, 1863, New Maldewin, Kreis Rügenwalde, Prussia; d. Aug 04, 1934, New Maldewin, Kreis Rügenwalde, Prussia.
- ix. FRANZ "ALBERT" HERMAN ZAHN, b. May 22, 1863, Dorow, Kreis Rügenwalde, Pommern; d. Bet. 1922 - 1928, Karnitz, Prussia; m. BERTHA AUGUSTE JOHANNA SCHLUTER; b. 1864, Karnitz, Prussia; d. Jul 30, 1912, Dorow, Kreis Rügenwalde, Prussia.
- x. ALBERT ZAHN, b. May 11, 1864, Pommern; d. Oct 14, 1928, Green Bay, Wisconsin; m. ELLA ELBE, May 15, 1891; b. Jun 24, 1873, Rantoul Township, Calumet County, Wisconsin; d. Jun 03, 1936, Wausau Memorial Hospital, Wausau, Wisconsin.
- xi. LUDWIG AUGUST GUSTAV ZAHN, b. Dec 30, 1865, Dorow, Kreis Rügenwalde, Pommern; d. Bef. Nov 1868, Dorow, Kreis Rügenwalde, Prussia.
- xii. LUDWIG AUGUST GUSTAV ZAHN, b. Nov 1868, Kreis Rügenwalde, Pommern; d. Feb 04, 1869, Elvershagen, Kreis Rügenwalde, Prussia.

With information received from Siegfried Hannemann, archivist, in Germany, about the Zahn and Rusch families was an article written in German about the Zahn's. In translation to English it says the following:

"Since 1866 in Dorow, Kreis Rügenwalde, Prussia, the day worker, August Zahn and his wife Wilhelmine Zahn, were no longer kept on the church records. No death dates so assumed they moved out of Dorow.

In 1868, in Elvershagen, Kreis Rügenwalde, Prussia, the son of August Zahn was confirmed (Friedrich). In 1869, the death of their son was recorded (Ludwig August Gustav Zahn). In 1870, the marriage of their daughter Friederika ERNESTINE Henriette Caroline Zahn was recorded. There was no mention of his wife, the mother of his children on the records. In 1871, the confirmation of his daughter, Friedericke Caroline

Augusta Zahn was recorded.

After 1871 there was nothing recorded in the church book about the family of August Zahn. We assume the family had left Elvershagen."

August and Wilhelmina and seven of their twelve children arrived in Quebec, Canada in June of 1872 and presumably took a ship through the Great Lakes to Manitowoc, Wisconsin which was a big immigration point at the time. The records stated that the married children stayed near Elvershagen. There have not been any records found of the ship they sailed on from Germany to Quebec. The date of their arrival in Quebec is verified via the Declaration of Intent to become a citizen of Carl Zahn.

They settled to Rantoul Township, Calumet County, Wisconsin, the same county that Johann Gottlieb Zahn and descendants were living at the time. There is no definite proof, but there is a strong possibility that August was the unnamed brother indicated in Johann Gottlieb Zahn's obituary in *Der Christliche Botschafter*, a church bulletin. By the 1880 Federal Census Records, they were living in the Town of Gillett, Oconto County, Wisconsin. August was a farmer. In the 1900 Federal Census record, Wilhelmina was living in How Township with daughter, Friedricke Klawitter and her husband and children. August and Wilhelmina are buried in a small Zahn family cemetery in Underhill Township, Oconto County, Wisconsin.

Mrs. Hedwig Zahn nee Alexander wrote on August 1, 1982 the following about August and Wilhelmine Zahn's son, August, who was born on Oct 9, 1860:

"My father-in-law, August Zahn, born in Dorow, October 9, 1860, and died in Neu Meldewin, July 11, 1907. As far as I know, he had one sister and two brothers. His sister was married to Wilhelm Wolfgram, most recently living in Kreis Rügenwalde.

Ernst Koller earlier of Neu Maldewin took pictures of gravestone in cemetery in 1965. Thru the pictures they could figure out the date. Dorow Oct 9, 1860 - July 11, 1907.

There are records in Dorow Courtyard #15 of sister and two brothers. Parents are August and Wilhelmine Zahn."

Mrs. Hedwig Zahn, daughter-in-law, could only remember being told of three siblings. Possibly others were never mentioned because of immigrating to United States.

Note: Mrs. Hedwig Zahn writes that August and Wilhelmine immigrated to Wisconsin about 1875. Our records indicate 1872 that would coincide with church records ending in 1871. Freidricka or Freida was married to Michael Klawitter on October 14, 1875 in Gillett, Oconto County, Wisconsin so that indicates the family arrived here before or in 1875 because Michael Klawitter was from Posen, Prussia and had lived here at least from 1871 with his mother Eva who was a widow.

Fredrich Zahn and Amelia Peterman were married on July 25, 1882 by the Rev. John Schneller, the Circuit Rider for the Evangelical Church from Bonduel with August Zahn and Gottfried Rusch as witnesses. Their place of residence was both listed as Yelletown, Oconto County, Wisconsin.

There is nothing known about the first child, who was a girl, except that she married a Wilhelm Wolfgram in the old country.

August Zahn is buried in a small cemetery on County V, Oconto County on right just past Barke Lane off road surrounded by Lilac Bushes.

Descendants of "Carl" Friedrich August Zahn

Generation No. 2

1. "CARL" FRIEDRICH AUGUST² ZAHN (*AUGUST FRIEDRICH MICHAEL*¹) was born Feb 27, 1846 in Pommern, and died Mar 27, 1925 in Underhill, Oconto County, Wisconsin. He married MAGDALENA WILHELM Sep 02, 1875 in Rantoul, Calumet County, Wisconsin, daughter of JACOB WILHELM and WILHELMINA LATTERMAN. She was born Feb 10, 1858 in Buffalo, New York, and died Feb 07, 1935 in Gillett, Oconto County, Wisconsin.

Children of "CARL" ZAHN and MAGDALENA WILHELM are:

- i. OTTO HERMAN³ ZAHN, b. Jun 06, 1876, Rantoul Township, Calumet County, Wisconsin; d. Jun 05, 1952, Shawano Hospital, Shawano, Wisconsin; m. BERTHA MARIE AUGUSTA SCHOESSOW, Jun 02, 1902, Hayes Evangelical Lutheran Church, Town of How, Oconto County, Wisconsin; b. Oct 29, 1880, Kreis Zimmhausen, Prussia.
- ii. EDWARD ZAHN, b. Feb 22, 1878, Underhill, Oconto County, Wisconsin; d. Dec 22, 1882, Underhill Township, Oconto County, Wisconsin.
- iii. CLARA ZAHN, b. Dec 24, 1879, Underhill, Oconto County, Wisconsin; d. Jun 18, 1967, Detroit, Michigan; m. GUSTAVE HERMAN SCHOSS, Jul 14, 1897, Oconto County, Wisconsin; b. Jul 26, 1873, Wusterwitz, Kreis Brandenburg, Germany; d. Jul 28, 1960, Michigan.
- iv. LOUIS WILHELM ZAHN, b. Jul 29, 1882, Town of Hartland, Shawano County, Wisconsin; d. Mar 30, 1960, Green Bay, Wisconsin; m. ELLA E. FIRGENS, Jun 06, 1910, Oconto County, Wisconsin; b. Sep 13, 1886, Eden, Fond du Lac County, Wisconsin; d. Jan 26, 1986, Gillett, Oconto County, Wisconsin.
- v. MINNIE ZAHN, b. Jun 14, 1884, Underhill, Oconto County, Wisconsin; d. Jul 28, 1944, Underhill, Oconto County, Wisconsin; m. WILLIAM FRIEDRICH RUSCH, Oct 14, 1903, Underhill, Oconto County, Wisconsin; b. Apr 23, 1879, Underhill, Oconto County, Wisconsin; d. Sep 07, 1963, Gillett, Wisconsin.
- vi. LIZZIE ZAHN, b. Dec 20, 1888, Underhill, Oconto County, Wisconsin; d. Aug 08, 1974, Gillett Nursing Home, Gillett, Oconto County, Wisconsin; m. HERMAN SCHMIDT, SR., Apr 19, 1910, Oconto County, Wisconsin; b. Dec 20, 1877, Gillett, Oconto County, Wisconsin; d. Apr 06, 1958, Gillett, Oconto County, Wisconsin.
- vii. HERMAN OSCAR ZAHN, b. Apr 23, 1892, Town of Gillett, Oconto County, Wisconsin; d. Mar 1968, Wisconsin; m. AUGUSTA RINDFLIESCH, Sep 07, 1915, St. Johannis Evangelical Church, Underhill, Oconto County, Wisconsin; b. Oct 06, 1897, Wisconsin; d. Dec 1967, Manitowoc, Wisconsin.
- viii. ELLA ROSETTA ZAHN, b. Apr 23, 1892, Town of Gillett, Oconto County, Wisconsin; d. Nov 25, 1950; m. ARNOLD EMIL SURING, Dec 16, 1913; b. Jun 07, 1887; d. May 07, 1960.
- ix. MARTHA ALMA ZAHN, b. Nov 26, 1894, Town of Underhill, Oconto County, Wisconsin; d. Jun 27, 1970, Wisconsin; m. ADOLPH SCHMIDT, Dec 08, 1913, Oconto County, Wisconsin; b. Apr 15, 1890, Wisconsin; d. Dec 1965, Wisconsin.

Carl was a young man of 26 when he immigrated to Wisconsin thru Quebec, Canada with his parents and six siblings in 1872. His Declaration of Intent to become a citizen of the United States dated May 18, 1876 that was registered in Calumet County, Wisconsin states that he landed at the port of Quebec, in June of 1872.

Carl was a farmer. He and Magdeline were married in Rantoul, Calumet County, Wisconsin by a civil ceremony performed by William Zeckinch of Gravesville, on September 2, 1875. The witnesses were August Latterman, her grandfather, and Jacob Williams (Wilhelm - German version), her father or her brother. The names used at the time of the marriage were Charles F. A. Zahn and Magdana Williams. She was 16 and he was 28 at the time of their marriage. All other papers show the name as being Carl. The marriage is Calumet County Record #0220 U 8867.

On January 27, 1879, Carl Zahn paid \$50.00 for a Quit-Claim Deed from Anson Eldred, for the southwest quarter of the northwest quarter of Section 24, Township 28, Range 17, excepting and reserving all the pine timber or pine trees on said premises whether standing or down; and the right is hereby reserved by the party of the first part to enter upon said lands at any time within five years next succeeding the date of this instrument for the purpose of cutting and removing the trees and timber so reserved.

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On April 23, 1879, Lena walked through the field to her neighbor's house, Freidericke Rusch, to assist in the birth of Freidericke's first child, William Rusch.

Carl & Lena first moved to the town of Hartland, Shawano County, Wisconsin from Town of Rantoul, Calumet County, Wisconsin where they farmed. All indications indicate that they moved to this area either at the same time as Magdalena's parents and grandmother or shortly afterwards. They purchased land for \$500 from Wilhelmina Wilhelm, Lena's mother, on September 11, 1879 that states it was in Section 24 of Township 28, North of Range 17 in Shawano County. The Underhill area shortly afterwards became part of Oconto County. This property was later sold to Louie Rusch.

The 1880 Federal census record reveals that Carl and Magdaline were living in the Town of Gillett, with her parents, Jacob and Wilhelmina Wilhelm, son - Gustave Wilhelm and had 3 children, Otto, Edward and Clara. Also living in the household was Caroline Wilhelm, mother of Jacob. They were farmers.

They first are recorded as being members of the Evangelical Church in the Town of Hartland on July 30, 1882 when their son, Louie, was baptized. He was born on July 29, 1882 and baptized the next day by the Circuit Rider with Fred Zahn & Will Osraecher as his sponsors. Also belonging to this church are Jacob Wilhelm, Magdalena's father and her grandmother, Kathrine Wilhelm. Both Jacob and Kathrine funerals were officiated by the Circuit Rider.

Carl & Lena did not appear on the Circuit Rider's records from the Evangelical Church from Bonduel again until 1889 due to the territory of the Circuit Rider being changed and did not include the Underhill and Gillett area. The territory was changed again in 1889 and then it included the Town of Hartland, Town of Richmond, Town of Howe and Town of Gillett, Seymour, Angelica and Slab City. The Seymour Circuit and Hartland Circuit were combined. In 1903, the Circuit Rider was serving the church in Bonduel, the Town of Hartland, Town of Richmond, Town of Howe and the Town of Gillett.

As a note of interest: It was the custom for baptisms in the Evangelical Church both in the old country and in Wisconsin, to have 3 sponsors or godparents. If it were a boy, there would be two males and one female sponsor. If it were a girl, there would be two female and one male sponsor.

The baptismal record of Charles Zahn, son of Wilhelm & Wilhelmina Zahn, shows that he was born on May 14, 1889 and baptized on June 2, 1889 by the Rev. J. J. Hoffman, the Circuit Rider for the Evangelical Church from Bonduel. The records states that he was baptized Carl Wilhelm Albert Zahn and his sponsors were Carl Zahn, Albert Zahn and Maria Schultz.

Carl Zahn along with Wilhelmine Suring and Friedericke Klawitter were the sponsors for the baptism of Lydia Wilhelmine Friedericke Zahn, the daughter of Albert & Ella Zahn, who was baptized on April 18, 1892 by the Circuit Rider of the Evangelical Church. Lydia died on Feb 10, 1893 before she was a year old.

Martha Alma Zahn, the daughter of Carl & Magdalena Zahn, was baptized on January 13, 1895 by the Circuit Rider from the Evangelical Church in Bonduel. Her sponsors were Wilhelmine Zahn, Matilda Klawitter and Louis Latterman.

Mrs. Carl Zahn, Eddie Krueger and Winnie Latterman were the sponsors for the baptism of Lillie Helen Latterman, daughter of Fred & Claire Latterman on July 14, 1897. The Rev. J. P. Doran, the Circuit Rider of the Evangelical Church from Bonduel, baptized her.

Lena Lillie Caroline Schoss, the daughter of Gustav and Clara Schoss, was baptized on May 29, 1898 by the Circuit Rider from the Evangelical Church in Bonduel. Her sponsors were Magdalena Zahn, Caroline Schassow and Otto Schoss.

In the Oconto County Reporter dated Mar. 25, 1898: Carl Zahn and wife of Underhill were called to Hayes to see their son-in-law, Gustave Schoss, who is very sick.

Flora Lena Ella Zahn and Fred Herman Gustav Zahn, the twins of Albert and Ella Zahn were baptized the day after

Christmas, December 26, 1898 by the Circuit Rider from the Evangelical Church in Bonduel. Flora's sponsors were Lena Berndt, Esther Schoss and Lena Zahn. Fred's sponsors were Gusta Piepenburg, Herman Berndt and F. Reinke.

Frieda Barbara Latterman, the daughter of Fred & Clara Latterman, was baptized on March 18, 1900 by the Circuit Rider from the Evangelical Church from Bonduel. Minnie Latterman, Lena Zahn & Arthur Zahn were Frieda's sponsors.

The 1900 Federal Census Record was taken on June 8, 1900 and states that Carl and Lena had been married 24 years and had 9 children of which 8 were living. It lists Carl as immigrating to the United States in 1872 and he was a naturalized citizen, could read, write and speak English.

Elnora Barbara Van Abel was born on September 5, 1900 in Oconto County, Wisconsin, the daughter of Henry and Lizzie Van Abel and was baptized on January 27, 1901 by the Circuit Rider from the Evangelical Church in Bonduel. Her sponsors were William Zahn, Magdaline Zahn and Clara Latterman.

The wedding of Willie Rusch and Minnie Zahn was officiated by Rev. William Barnettke of the Town of Hartland, Shawano County, Wisconsin, the Circuit Rider, with Otto Rusch, Louie Zahn, Louie Rusch, Lizzie Zahn, Minnie Rusch and Ida Zahn as witnesses. The wedding reception was held in the yard of Minnie's parents near the apple orchard. It was an exceptionally warm October day. The bees very exceptionally busy, too, checking out the frosting of the cake and other food. It is believed that the wedding ceremony was also held at the home of the bride's parents because a church was not built yet.

Carl and Magdeline were charter members of Tabor Evangelical Church in Gillett, Wisconsin. Carl was one of the members who voted to build a church on June 2, 1903. Carl was secretary of the congregation from 1903 until 1918 when his son, Louis, took over as secretary from 1918 until 1948, a total of 30 years.

Magdelina Zahn, Paulina Isak and Frank Schulz were the sponsors for the baptism of Esther Anna Paulina Wussow, daughter of Emil and Wilhelmine Wussow on May 22, 1904 with the Circuit Rider from the Evangelical Church from Bonduel officiating.

Carl Zahn, Louis Latterman and Minna Carlson were the sponsors for the baptism of Harvey Oscar Latterman, the son of Oscar and Lidy Latterman on September 11, 1904 with the Circuit Rider from the Evangelical Church from Bonduel officiating.

Lena Zahn, Clara Schoss and Louis Zahn were the sponsors for the baptism of Mary Louisa Evelyn Latterman, daughter of Oscar and Lillian Latterman on June 28, 1908. Mary Louisa was baptized by the Circuit Rider for the Evangelical Church from Bonduel. It is not certain what relation Mary Louisa's father, Oscar Latterman was to Lena, as her mother's maiden name was Latterman.

There was a Gustav H. Zahn and his wife Lillian who would travel from Milwaukee to Gillett to visit Carl and Lena every 2 to 3 years. They would call Carl & Lena - Aunt and Uncle. Gus was a tailor and they lived at 520 Chestnut St. in Milwaukee. His phone number in 1916 was "Grand 4630-L". In 1917 they still were at that address when Ella Rusch Piepenburg and family went to Milwaukee for a visit. Whose child was he?

Carl died of uremia, nephritis and enlarged prostate at the age of 79 years, and one month on March 27, 1925. Lena was 76 years, 11 months, 27 days when she died of Bronchitis.

Obituary of Magdalene Zahn.

Funeral services for Mrs. Magdalene Zahn, 77, who died at her son's home, Louis, Thursday morning, Services were held at 1:30 Sunday at the Evangelical Church of which she was a life long member, the Rev. H. Rabe, officiated.

Magdalena Zahn, nee Wilhelm, was born February 10th, 1858 at Buffalo, N.Y. and passed away to a better eternal home on February 7th, 1935 at the age of 76 years, 11 months and 27 days. As a child, she came with her parents to Rantoul, Calumet County, Wisconsin. There she grew up to young womanhood. September 2nd, 1876, she was married to Carl Zahn, her departed husband. For almost 50 years, she shared with him the joys and sorrows of life. Nine children were born to this union, 4 sons and 5 daughters of whom one son, Edward, preceded his parents in death.

In 1878, the family moved from Rantoul to the Town of Hartland. There they resided about 5 years and then moved to the Town of Underhill where they lived for about 46 years. Here, the husband of the departed, Carl Zahn, passed away after a prolonged, and very painful sickness. Six years ago, her son, Louis sold the old homestead, and they came to Gillett. Here, at the home of her son, Louis and his family, she spent her declining years, content and happy, surrounded by a number of her children.

The departed was a good mother, as all her children will testify. A good wife and companion to her husband, a true friend to all her neighbors and acquaintances. But she was more than all that, she was a real Christian and a member of the Evangelical Church all her life. She was, in her younger years, active in the church as a Sunday School Teacher, member of the Ladies Aid and Women's. Missionary Society.

Last Thursday morning she died. No, she is not dead, she is only gone before, to be with her Lord, whom she served so faithfully, to be once more with her loved ones on the other shore. "I am willing to go if it is His Will," she said. May God comfort the bereaved children.

Survivors are five daughters, Mmes. G. Schoss, William Rusch, A. Schmidt, H. Schmidt of this village and Mrs. A. Suring of Underhill; three sons, Louis, Gillett; Otto, Cecil; and Herman, Two Rivers; 32 grandchildren and 19 great grandchildren.

Pallbearers were six grandsons, Harvey and Ray Zahn, Harold Schmidt, Erwin Rusch, Harold Suring and Harvey Schoss. Flower girls were six granddaughters, Helen and Hilda Zahn, Lucille Schmidt, Ella and Norma Rusch and Elda Suring.

Interment was in the Wanderer's Rest Cemetery. Many friends and relatives from Milwaukee, Arlington and Two Rivers were in attendance.

Those from out of town attending the funeral were: Mr. & Mrs. Wm. Oestrich and daughter Esther of Crandon, Mrs. Otto Bartz and daughter Gladys of Mountain, Rev. and Mrs. Koenike, Mrs. Bast, Mr. Westfall and Mr. Burst all of Bonduel; Elda Suring and Mrs. Bertha Haasch of Milwaukee; Mr. and Mrs. Charley Halla of Mosinee; Mrs. and Mrs. Arthur Suring of Manitowoc; Mrs. Andrew Peterson and Miss Edna Schmidt of Green Bay; Mr. and Mrs. August Suring of Pulcifer; Mr. John Wesner and Mrs. Henry Van Able of Oconto, Mrs. Minnie Carlson of Oconto Falls; Mr. and Mrs. Charley Suring and son, Karl, Mrs. Emilia Firgens, Mrs. Bertha Firgens, Mrs. Anna Firgens, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Firgens, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Firgens, Mrs. Henry Allen and Mr. and Mrs. John Zahn all of Suring.

Card of Thanks

We wish to thank all those who aided us during the illness and death of our beloved mother. Also, Rev. Rabe for his comforting words, the singers, pallbearers and flower girls.

Mr. and Mrs. Louis Zahn and family
Mr. and Mrs. Otto Zahn
Mr. and Mrs. Gust Schoss
Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Rusch
Mr. and Mrs. Herman Schmidt

Ella Rusch Piepenburg remembered being a flower girl for the funeral of her grandmother, Lena Zahn, in 1935. Ella thought that her grandmother had died of pneumonia but isn't sure if that was the cause. She said she was such a wonderful person. Lena's death certificate states that she died of Bronchitis.

The Carl & Lena Zahn Family



Carl & Lena Zahn



Mr. Carl Zahn - Mrs. Carl Zahn



The Zahn Daughters

Descendants of Ella Rosetta Zahn

Generation No. 3

1. ELLA ROSETTA³ ZAHN (*"CARL" FRIEDRICH AUGUST², AUGUST FRIEDRICH MICHAEL¹*) was born Apr 23, 1892 in Town of Gillett, Oconto County, Wisconsin, the daughter of Carl Zahn and Lena Wilhelm, and died Nov 25, 1950. She married ARNOLD EMIL SURING Dec 16, 1913. He was born Jun 07, 1887, and died May 07, 1960.

Children of ELLA ZAHN and ARNOLD SURING are:

- i. ELDA⁴ SURING, b. Jul 30, 1915.
- ii. HARLON ELMER SURING, b. May 29, 1918, Wisconsin; d. 1988, Wisconsin; m. VERNICE C.; b. 1920.
- iii. RAYMOND A. SURING, b. Jun 21, 1921, Wisconsin; d. Mar 04, 2002, Shawano, Wisconsin; m. ADELINE GOEKE, Dec 27, 1946.
- iv. NORMAN LOUIS SURING, b. Mar 15, 1926.

Ella Rosetta Zahn was baptized on May 26, 1892 by the Circuit Rider of the Evangelical Church who lived in Bonduel, Wisconsin. Her sponsors were Wilhelmine Suring, Ella Zahn & Carl Reinke. Ella was baptized at the same time as her twin brother, Herman Oscar Zahn and his sponsors were Lizzie Latterman, Ludwig Suring & Herman Reinke.

Arnold Suring, Clara Suring, Fred Suring and Ella Furgens were the witnesses for the wedding of Otto Rosenfeldt and Lena Suring Ansonge on October 29, 1907 at the Tabor Evangelical Church in Gillett with the Circuit Rider from the Evangelical Church of Bonduel officiating.



Ella & August Suring



Ella and her sister, Martha

Descendants of Kathrine Caroline Wilhelm

- 1 Kathrine Caroline Wilhelm b: May 22, 1800 in France d: Oct 29, 1891 in Town of Gillett, Oconto County, Wisconsin
 2 George Wilhelm b: 1823 in Hesse Darmstadt, Germany
 +Margret Wilhelm b: 1829 in Bavaria, Germany
 2 Jacob Wilhelm b: Jan 22, 1830 in France d: Oct 03, 1899 in Town of Underhill, Oconto County, Wisconsin
 +Wilhelmina Latterman b: 1827 in Germany d: Aft. 1905 m: Abt. 1853
 3 Jacob Wilhelm, Jr. b: 1854 in Wisconsin
 3 Magdalena Wilhelm b: Feb 10, 1858 in Buffalo, New York d: Feb 07, 1935 in Gillett, Oconto County, Wisconsin
 +"Carl" Friedrich August Zahn b: Feb 27, 1846 in Pommern d: Mar 27, 1925 in Underhill, Oconto County, Wisconsin m: Sep
 02, 1875 in Rantoul, Calumet County, Wisconsin
 4 Otto Herman Zahn b: Jun 06, 1876 in Rantoul Township, Calumet County, Wisconsin d: Jun 05, 1952 in Shawano
 Hospital, Shawano, Wisconsin
 +Bertha Marie Augusta Schoessow b: Oct 29, 1880 in Kreis Zimmhausen, Prussia m: Jun 02, 1902 in Hayes
 Evangelical Lutheran Church, Town of How, Oconto County, Wisconsin
 4 Edward Zahn b: Feb 22, 1878 in Underhill, Oconto County, Wisconsin d: Dec 22, 1882 in Underhill Township, Oconto
 County, Wisconsin
 4 Clara Zahn b: Dec 24, 1879 in Underhill, Oconto County, Wisconsin d: Jun 18, 1967 in Detroit, Michigan
 +Gustave Herman Schoss b: Jul 26, 1873 in Wusterwitz, Brandenburg, Germany d: Jul 28, 1960 in Michigan m: Jul 14,
 1897 in Oconto County, Wisconsin
 4 Louis Wilhelm Zahn b: Jul 29, 1882 in Town of Hartland, Shawano County, Wisconsin d: Mar 30, 1960 in Green Bay,
 Wisconsin
 +Ella E. Firgens b: Sep 13, 1886 in Eden, Fond du Lac County, Wisconsin d: Jan 26, 1986 in Gillett, Oconto County,
 Wisconsin m: Jun 06, 1910 in Oconto County, Wisconsin
 4 Minnie Zahn b: Jun 14, 1884 in Underhill, Oconto County, Wisconsin d: Jul 28, 1944 in Underhill, Oconto County,
 Wisconsin
 +William Friedrich Rusch b: Apr 23, 1879 in Underhill, Oconto County, Wisconsin d: Sep 07, 1963 in Gillett,
 Wisconsin m: Oct 14, 1903 in Underhill, Oconto County, Wisconsin
 4 Lizzie Zahn b: Dec 20, 1888 in Underhill, Oconto County, Wisconsin d: Aug 08, 1974 in Gillett Nursing Home, Gillett,
 Oconto County, Wisconsin
 +Herman Schmidt, Sr. b: Dec 20, 1877 in Gillett, Oconto County, Wisconsin d: Apr 06, 1958 in Gillett, Oconto
 County, Wisconsin m: Apr 19, 1910 in Oconto County, Wisconsin
 4 Herman Oscar Zahn b: Apr 23, 1892 in Town of Gillett, Oconto County, Wisconsin d: Mar 1968 in Wisconsin
 +Augusta Rindfliesch b: Oct 06, 1897 in Wisconsin d: Dec 1967 in Manitowoc, Wisconsin m: Sep 07, 1915 in St.
 Johannis Evangelical Church, Underhill, Oconto County, Wisconsin
 4 Ella Rosetta Zahn b: Apr 23, 1892 in Town of Gillett, Oconto County, Wisconsin d: Nov 25, 1950
 +Arnold Emil Suring b: Jun 07, 1887 d: May 07, 1960 m: Dec 16, 1913
 4 Martha Alma Zahn b: Nov 26, 1894 in Town of Underhill, Oconto County, Wisconsin d: Jun 27, 1970 in Wisconsin
 +Adolph Schmidt b: Apr 15, 1890 in Wisconsin d: Dec 1965 in Wisconsin m: Dec 08, 1913 in Oconto County,
 Wisconsin
 3 Laura Wilhelm b: Nov 19, 1860 d: Mar 10, 1862 in Town of Rantoul, Calumet County, Wisconsin
 3 Gustave Wilhelm b: 1864 in Wisconsin

Descendants of Kathrine Caroline Wilhelm

Generation No. 1

1. KATHRINE CAROLINE1 WILHELM was born May 22, 1800 in France, and died Oct 29, 1891 in Town of Gillett, Oconto County, Wisconsin. Her death is recorded in the Circuit Riders records of the Evangelical Church.

Children of KATHRINE CAROLINE WILHELM are:

- i. GEORGE WILHELM, b. 1823, Hesse Darmstadt, Germany; m. MARGRET WILHELM; b. 1829, Bavaria, Germany.
- ii. JACOB2 WILHELM, b. Jan 22, 1830, France; d. Oct 03, 1899, Town of Underhill, Oconto County, Wisconsin; m. WILHELMINA LATTERMANN, Abt. 1853; b. 1827, Germany; d. Aft. 1905.

Descendants of Jacob Wilhelm

Generation No. 2

1. JACOB2 WILHELM was born Jan 22, 1830 in France, and died Oct 03, 1899 in Town of Underhill, Oconto County, Wisconsin, the son of Kathrine Caroline Wilhelm. His father's name is unknown. He married WILHELMINA LATTERMANN about 1853, daughter of August Wilhelm Latterman. She was born 1827 in Germany, and died after 1905.

Children of JACOB WILHELM and WILHELMINA LATTERMANN are:

- i. JACOB3 WILHELM, JR., b. 1854, Wisconsin.
- ii. MAGDALENA WILHELM, b. Feb 10, 1858, Buffalo, New York; d. Feb 07, 1935, Gillett, Oconto County, Wisconsin; m. "CARL" FRIEDRICH AUGUST ZAHN, Sep 02, 1875, Rantoul, Calumet County, Wisconsin; b. Feb 27, 1846, Pommern; d. Mar 27, 1925, Underhill, Oconto County, Wisconsin.
- iii. LAURA WILHELM, b. Nov 19, 1860; d. Mar 10, 1862, Town of Rantoul, Calumet County, Wisconsin.
- iv. GUSTAVE WILHELM, b. 1864, Wisconsin.

According to the 1870 Federal Census records, the family was living in Wisconsin in 1854 when Jacob, Jr. was born but went back to Buffalo, New York by 1858 when Magdeline was born and returned to Wisconsin again sometime between 1860 and March 10, 1862. They did not appear on the 1860 Calumet County census records but their daughter Laura died and was buried in Calumet County in March 1862.

According to the 1870 Federal Census Records, dated June 17th, 1870, Jacob Wilhelm had a farm near Potter Mill, Rantoul Township, Calumet County, Wisconsin. The farm was 120 acres in size with 60 acres improved and 60 acres woods. The value of the farm was \$3,500. The farm implements and machinery was valued at \$60. On this farm he had 2 horses, 1 donkey or ass, 2 milk cows, 3 other cattle, 6 sheep and 6 swine for which the value of these animals was \$380. During 1869 he had harvested 130 bushels of spring wheat, 97 bushels of rye, 85 bushels of oats, 50 bushels of potatoes, 19 pounds of wool, 100 pounds of butter and 3.5 tons of hay. The value of animals slaughtered or sold for slaughter was \$30.

At that time Jacob 16, Lena 12 & Gustave 7 along with Mina's father, August Latterman, and her sister, Matilda 27, her husband August Krueger 30, and their children, Alfred 6 & Robert 2 all were living with Jacob & Mina.

By 1879 they had moved to Underhill, Oconto County and Wilhelmina had sold a piece of property to Carl and Magdeline Zahn. In 1880, Jacob and Wilhelmina lived with Carl and Magdeline and family. The same property was later sold to Louis Rusch.

Descendants of Johann Christoph Latterman

- 1 Johann Christoph Latterman
 .. +Sophia Dorothea Schehring m: Jan 17, 1784 in Evangelish Church, Luebbecke, Kreis Minden, Westfalen, Germany
 2 Cathrine Margarethe Juliane Latterman b: 1784
 +Casper Ludolph Schoenhoff b: 1764 m: Dec 25, 1808 in Evangelisch, Levern, Westfalen, Preussen
 2 Dorothea Louise Latterman b: Sep 05, 1789 in Luebbecke, Kries Minden, Westfalen, Germany
 2 Charlotte Friderica Sophia Latterman b: Jun 06, 1792 in Luebbecke, Kries Minden, Westfalen, Germany
 2 August Wilhelm Latterman b: Jul 29, 1795 in Luebbecke, Kries Minden, Westfalen, Germany d: Aft. 1870 in Wisconsin
 3 Wilhelmina Latterman b: 1827 in Germany d: Aft. 1905
 +Jacob Wilhelm b: Jan 22, 1830 in France d: Oct 03, 1899 in Town of Underhill, Oconto County, Wisconsin m: Abt. 1853
 4 Jacob Wilhelm, Jr. b: 1854 in Wisconsin
 4 Magdalena Wilhelm b: Feb 10, 1858 in Buffalo, New York d: Feb 07, 1935 in Gillett, Oconto County, Wisconsin
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 Shawano Hospital, Shawano, Wisconsin
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 5 Edward Zahn b: Feb 22, 1878 in Underhill, Oconto County, Wisconsin d: Dec 22, 1882 in Underhill Township,
 Oconto County, Wisconsin
 5 Clara Zahn b: Dec 24, 1879 in Underhill, Oconto County, Wisconsin d: Jun 18, 1967 in Detroit, Michigan
 +Gustave Herman Schoss b: Jul 26, 1873 in Wusterwitz, Brandenburg, Germany d: Jul 28, 1960 in Michigan m:
 Jul 14, 1897 in Oconto County, Wisconsin
 5 Louis Wilhelm Zahn b: Jul 29, 1882 in Town of Hartland, Shawano County, Wisconsin d: Mar 30, 1960 in
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 +Ella E. Firsens b: Sep 13, 1886 in Eden, Fond du Lac County, Wisconsin d: Jan 26, 1986 in Gillett, Oconto
 County, Wisconsin m: Jun 06, 1910 in Oconto County, Wisconsin
 5 Minnie Zahn b: Jun 14, 1884 in Underhill, Oconto County, Wisconsin d: Jul 28, 1944 in Underhill, Oconto
 County, Wisconsin
 +William Friedrich Rusch b: Apr 23, 1879 in Underhill, Oconto County, Wisconsin d: Sep 07, 1963 in Gillett,
 Wisconsin m: Oct 14, 1903 in Underhill, Oconto County, Wisconsin
 5 Lizzie Zahn b: Dec 20, 1888 in Underhill, Oconto County, Wisconsin d: Aug 08, 1974 in Gillett Nursing Home,
 Gillett, Oconto County, Wisconsin
 +Herman Schmidt, Sr. b: Dec 20, 1877 in Gillett, Oconto County, Wisconsin d: Apr 06, 1958 in Gillett, Oconto
 County, Wisconsin m: Apr 19, 1910 in Oconto County, Wisconsin
 5 Herman Oscar Zahn b: Apr 23, 1892 in Town of Gillett, Oconto County, Wisconsin d: Mar 1968 in Wisconsin
 +Augusta Rindfliesch b: Oct 06, 1897 in Wisconsin d: Dec 1967 in Manitowoc, Wisconsin m: Sep 07, 1915 in
 St. Johannes Evangelical Church, Underhill, Oconto County, Wisconsin
 5 Ella Rosetta Zahn b: Apr 23, 1892 in Town of Gillett, Oconto County, Wisconsin d: Nov 25, 1950
 +Arnold Emil Suring b: Jun 07, 1887 d: May 07, 1960 m: Dec 16, 1913
 5 Martha Alma Zahn b: Nov 26, 1894 in Town of Underhill, Oconto County, Wisconsin d: Jun 27, 1970 in
 Wisconsin
 +Adolph Schmidt b: Apr 15, 1890 in Wisconsin d: Dec 1965 in Wisconsin m: Dec 08, 1913 in Oconto County,
 Wisconsin
 4 Laura Wilhelm b: Nov 19, 1860 d: Mar 10, 1862 in Town of Rantoul, Calumet County, Wisconsin
 4 Gustave Wilhelm b: 1864 in Wisconsin
 3 Louis Latterman b: Jun 09, 1830 in Tohti Sachsen, Germany d: Feb 27, 1907 in Gillett, Oconto County, Wisconsin
 +Helena Boettcher b: Mar 29, 1834 in New York d: Oct 18, 1910 in Gillett, Oconto County, Wisconsin m: 1856
 4 Edward Latterman b: in New York
 +Anna Kell m: Oct 23, 1884 in Oconto County, Wisconsin
 4 Elizabeth Latterman b: in Reedsville, Wisconsin
 +Henry Van Abel b: in Oconto, Wisconsin m: Oct 24, 1895 in Catholic Church
 4 Henry Latterman b: Aug 1862 in Wisconsin
 4 August Latterman b: Oct 14, 1867 in Brotherton, Calumet Township, Wisconsin d: May 15, 1906 in Oconto County,
 Wisconsin
 +Bertha M. High b: Apr 1881 in Wisconsin m: Aug 20, 1899 in Oconto County, Wisconsin
 4 Fredrick August Latterman b: Oct 14, 1867 in Brotherton, Wisconsin d: May 15, 1906 in Vaughn, Iron County,
 Wisconsin
 +Clara Louise Schaal b: Feb 06, 1877 in Gillett, Oconto County, Wisconsin d: May 30, 1965 in Laona, Forest County,
 Wisconsin m: Feb 03, 1895 in Town of Brazeau, Oconto County, Wisconsin
 5 Lillian Helen Latterman b: Aug 29, 1895 in Gillett, Oconto County, Wisconsin d: 1965
 +Charles Boone
 5 Alfrieda Barbara Latterman b: Mar 12, 1899 in Town of Gillett, Oconto County, Wisconsin d: Bef. May 1965
 +Louis Wojcik
 5 Edna Laura Latterman b: Nov 29, 1904 in Town of Brazeau, Oconto County, Wisconsin d: Feb 17, 1908
 4 Oscar Latterman b: Sep 04, 1872 in Chilton, Calumet County, Wisconsin
 +Lily
 5 Harvey Oscar Latterman b: Feb 15, 1904 in Ambery, Wisconsin
 5 Minnie Lena Latterman b: Jan 28, 1906 in Wausauke, Wisconsin
 5 Mary Louisa Evelyn Latterman b: Feb 29, 1908 in Iron Mountain, Michigan
 4 Minnie Latterman b: Sep 1877 in Wisconsin
 +Oscar Carlson b: 1868 in Sweden

..... 4 Louis Latterman b: 1874 in Wisconsin
..... 3 Mathilda Latterman b: 1843 in Germany
..... +August Krueger b: 1840 in Germany m: Abt. 1863 in Germany
..... 4 Alfred Krueger b: 1864 in Germany
..... 4 Robert Krueger b: 1868 in Germany

JACOB WILHELM SR



American Civil War Soldiers

Name: Jacob Wilhelm ,
Residence: Brothertown, Wisconsin
Enlistment Date: 23 November 1863
Distinguished Service: DISTINGUISHED SERVICE
Side Served: Union
State Served: Wisconsin
Unit Numbers: 3055 3055
Service Record: Enlisted as a Private on 23 November 1863
Drafted in on 23 November 1863.
Mustered out on 19 July 1865 in Edgefield, TN

Source Citation: Side served: *Union*; State served: *Wisconsin*; Enlistment date: 23 November 1863.

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JACOB WILHEM SR

American Civil War Regiments

Regiment: 1st Cavalry Regiment WI
 Date Mustered: 19 July 1865
 Regiment Type: Cavalry
 Enlisted Died of Disease or Accident: 6
 Officers Died of Disease or Accident: 67
 Enlisted Killed or Mortally Wounded: 7
 Regimental Soldiers and History: **Regimental History**
 First Cavalry
 WISCONSIN
 (3-YEARS)

First Cavalry. — Cols., Edward Daniels, Oscar H. LaGrange; Lieut.Cols., Oscar H. LaGrange, Henry Pomeroy, William H. Torrey, Henry Harnden, Majs., Oscar H. LaGrange, Henry S. Eggleston, Thomas H. Mars, Nathan Paine, Stephen V. Shipman, Henry Pomeroy, Henry Harnden, Newton Jones, William H. Torrey, Levi Howland.

This regiment was organized at Camp Fremont, Ripon, and Camp Harvey, Kenosha, in the summer and fall of 1861, 600 men having been enrolled at the former place up to the time of the change of location in November. It was mustered in March 8, 1862, and left the state on the 17th for Benton barracks, St. Louis, for equipment.

On April 28 it moved to Cape Girardeau, thence to Bloomfield, where companies were detached to various points in Missouri and Arkansas for scout and train guard duty. The companies were in several engagements, frequently with superior forces, and were generally successful, though at Jonesboro in August a small detachment was compelled to surrender to greatly superior numbers.

At L'Anguille Ferry, Ark., occurred one of the fiercest engagements of the war, when Maj. Eggleston, with 130 men, was attacked by 500 Texas Rangers, the enemy overwhelming the little company and only about 20 escaping. The regiment with

JACOB WILSON JR

the exception of detachments moved towards Helena and reached its destination early in August.

It was ordered back to Cape Girardeau in September after terrible hardships, wading through swamps, without adequate supplies, drinking foul water, burdened by sick members, and being finally reduced to nearly half its original strength.

It was ordered to Greenville in early October and on the 19th to Patterson, where it was stationed during November and December, engaged in dispersing guerrillas, picking up small bodies of the enemy and foraging.

On Dec. 28 a small party of foragers was picked up by 400 of the enemy, and 200 infantry and 80 cavalry, including Cos. D and M, started in pursuit. The cavalry dashed into the Confederates and scattered their pickets in every direction. Co. D dismounted and drove the enemy for some distance.

The regiment was stationed at West Plains, Pilot Knob, St. Genevieve and Cape Girardeau, successively, from Jan. 7 to May 31, 1863, and was engaged with the enemy at Chalk bluff in March. At Whitewater bridge Capt. Shipman and 40 men on guard were surrounded by 300 of the enemy, but they cut their way out with a loss of 6 killed, 9 wounded and 10 taken prisoners.

The regiment was in the battle of Cape Girardeau, where it supported a battery, and pursued the enemy in his retreat. In June it was ordered to join the cavalry corps of the Army of the Cumberland.

It reached Nashville June 15, took part in the movement toward Chattanooga, and was stationed at various points during the summer. It participated at Chickamauga, where it was engaged with the cavalry in holding the extreme right on the second day, and covered the retreat of the army.

It was in a lively engagement near Anderson's gap in October, routing Wheeler's command and taking numerous prisoners, and it was also in a skirmish at Maysville Ala. It then marched to Winchester, Alexandria and New Market Tenn., engaging the enemy at the last named place and driving him across Mossy creek. In this action the regiment carried the enemy's position and captured a number of prisoners.

In December it again repulsed a force which had advanced on Mossy creek, and it participated in the battle at Dandridge in Jan. 1864. It was also in the engagement near Sevierville, and was then stationed at Marysville, Motley's ford, Madisonville and Cleveland until May 3.

It was in a severe engagement near Varnell's station with Wheeler's forces, was in the advance on Dallas, and as

skirmishers, was under a fierce fire from the enemy's batteries entrenched in a spur of the Allatoona hills, being forced to fall back.

A detachment under Capt. Comstock routed a force at Burnt Hickory, and held its position against the attack of a body of cavalry until reinforced. A battalion under Capt. Harnden charged a heavy Confederate force guarding a supply train, and forced a way through the enemy's ranks, but was compelled to fall back to the reserves, where the enemy was checked. This dash has been referred to as the most brilliant of the campaign.

A detachment defeated a force at Acworth and occupied the place. A few days later the regiment was in a skirmish at Big Shanty, and it was in frequent engagements about Lost Mountain until the enemy's retreat across the Chattahooches River.

It acted as part of McCook's expedition to the rear of Atlanta; attacked Armstrong's forces, 2,000 strong, near Campbellton, but was forced to retire. It moved to Marietta and from there to Cartersville, GA, reaching the latter place on Aug. 12 and remaining there until Oct. 17, when it moved to Calhoun, thence to St. Louis to be remounted, reaching there Nov. 9.

It left St. Louis Dec. 4 for Nashville and assisted in driving 2,000 of the enemy from Hopkinsville after a severe engagement. At Elizabethtown, Ky., Col. LaGrange with 20 men attacked a force of 400 and captured several prisoners.

The regiments reached Nashville Jan. 5, 1865, then moved to Waterloo Ala., and joined Wilson's cavalry expedition. The 1st Wis. cavalry was in the front ranks in a desperate assault upon a fort overlooking West Point, which was captured in a hand-to-hand struggle.

On May 6 a detachment of the regiment under Lieut.-Col. Harnden set out to search for Jefferson Davis. At midnight of the 7th a negro gave a minute account of the whereabouts of Davis and at early dawn of the 8th Harnden set out, traveling 45 miles that day. Early on the 9th the detachment resumed the march and at Abbeville met Col. Pritchard of the 4th Mich. cavalry, who had been ordered to camp there, guard the ferry and patrol the river. At 3 o'clock next morning Harnden went forward, believing Davis to be near.

The advance guard came upon armed men, who ordered them to halt, and opened fire. Harnden advanced with a large force and the firing became general until a prisoner captured by Sergt. Howe stated that the supposed enemy were Michigan troops under Col. Pritchard, who had selected his best mounted men after Harnden had frankly told him his mission and where

Jacob Wilkerson
Davis was supposed to be, and had proceeded at full speed to that point and surrounded the camp which held Davis, though the latter was not captured until after the regiments had fired upon each other. Many will ever believe the 1st Wis. cavalry entitled to at least equal credit for the capture.

The regiment was stationed at Macon, GA, until May 24 and was mustered out at Nashville July 19, 1865. Its original strength was 1,124. Gain by recruits, 1,056; substitutes, 83; draft, 278; veteran reenlistments, 61; total, 2,602. Loss by death, 366; desertion, 91; transfer, 67; discharge, 634; mustered out 1,444.

Source: The Union Army, vol. 4, p. 74

Battles Fought

Fought at Atlanta, GA.
Fought at Bloomfield, MO.
Fought at Bowling Green, KY.
Fought at Burnt Church, GA.
Fought at Burnt Hickory, GA.
Fought at Campbellton, GA.
Fought at Cartersville, GA.
Fought at Chickamauga, GA.
Fought at Elliton, AL.
Fought at Gainesville, AR.
Fought at Greensboro, AR.
Fought at Helena, AR.
Fought at Jonesboro, AR.
Fought at Macon, GA.
Fought at Newnan, GA.
Fought at Palmetto, GA.
Fought at Plantersville, AL.
Fought at Pulaski, TN.
Fought at Scottsville, AL.
Fought at Whitewater River, MO.
Fought on 08 May 1862 at Cape Girardeau, MO.
Fought on 09 May 1862.
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Fought on 09 June 1862.
Fought on 23 July 1862 at West Prairie, MO.
Fought on 25 July 1862 at Camp Smith, MO.
Fought on 30 July 1862 at Arkansas.
Fought on 01 August 1862 at Bloomfield, MO.
Fought on 02 August 1862 at Jonesboro, AR.
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Fought on 15 August 1862 at Gainesville, AR.
Fought on 20 August 1862 at Marianna, AR.
Fought on 08 September 1862.
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Fought on 12 September 1862 at Bloomfield, MO.
Fought on 15 September 1862 at Jackson, MO.

Fought on 09 October 1862.

Fought on 24 April 1863 at White Water, MO.

Fought on 28 April 1863 at Mud Creek, MO.

Fought on 17 May 1863 at Cape Girardeau, MO.

Fought on 13 September 1863 at Somerville, GA.

Fought on 15 September 1863 at Somerville, GA.

Fought on 03 March 1864 at Murphy, NC.

Fought on 04 April 1864.

Fought on 13 April 1864 at Cleveland, TN.

Fought on 16 April 1864 at West Point, GA.

Fought on 02 May 1864 at Georgia.

Fought on 03 May 1864 at Georgia.

Fought on 04 May 1864 at Red Clay, TN.

Fought on 09 May 1864 at Georgia.

Fought on 09 May 1864 at Poplar Springs, GA.

Fought on 16 May 1864.

Fought on 23 May 1864 at Burnt Hickory, GA.

Fought on 23 May 1864 at Stilesborough, GA.

Fought on 25 May 1864 at Georgia.

Fought on 26 May 1864.

Fought on 06 June 1864 at Big Shanty, GA.

Fought on 07 June 1864 at Big Shanty, GA.

Fought on 17 June 1864 at Dandridge, TN.

Fought on 01 July 1864 at Burnt Hickory, GA.

Fought on 23 July 1864 at Old Church, GA.

Fought on 23 July 1864 at Turner's Ferry, GA.

Fought on 28 July 1864 at Campbellton, GA.

Fought on 30 July 1864 at Campbellton, GA.

Fought on 30 July 1864 at Newnan, GA.

Fought on 30 July 1864 at Palmetto, GA.

Fought on 31 July 1864 at Campbellton, GA.

Fought on 31 July 1864 at Newnan, GA.

Fought on 04 August 1864 at Newnan, GA.

Fought on 04 September 1864 at Campbellton, GA.

Fought on 13 September 1864 at Cartersville, GA.

Fought on 16 October 1864 at Cartersville, GA.

Fought on 01 April 1865.

Fought on 03 April 1865 at Centreville, AL.

Fought on 03 April 1865 at Selma, AL.

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Fought on 12 April 1865 at Burning Bridge, AL.
Fought on 13 April 1865 at Line Creek, AL.
Fought on 14 April 1865.
Fought on 14 April 1865 at Georgia.
Fought on 14 April 1865 at Montgomery, AL.

Fought on 16 April 1865 at Fort Tyler, TX.
Fought on 16 April 1865 at West Point, GA.
Fought on 08 June 1865 at Stevenson, AL.

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