

Henry F Belitz
9th WI Infantry, Co. K
45th WI Infantry

Born 1817 in Uckermark, Prussia

Hist. Manitowoc Co, Falge, Vol 1:

"First industrial establishment at Kiel was the erection of a sawmill by H F Belitz in 1859, the Sheboygan River passing through the place, furnishing excellent water for that purpose."

1860 Census: WI, Manitowoc Co, Schleswig, Pg 235:

Henry F Belitz, 43, M, Landlord, RE 20,000, PP 2,500, born Prussia

Enlisted: September 28, 1861 as a Captain, from Scheswig Twp, Kiel. 44 year-old Miller, 5'9", gray eyes, black hair.

Resigned: December 24, 1862

Commissioned: September 17, 1864 in Field & Staff 45th WI Infantry.

Promotion: September 17, 1864, Colonel of the 45th

Mustered Out: July 17, 1865 at Nashville, TN

Wife: Helen, 1831-1910

1870 Census: WI, Manitowoc Co, Schleswig, pg 43:

Henry Belitz, 53, M, Sawmiller, RE 8000, PE 2000, b Prussia

Died: March 31, 1878

Buried: Kiel Cemetery, Schleswig Twp, WI

Gravesite: "Col. H. F. Belitz/45th Wis. Inf."

Col. H. F. Belitz/1817-1878

Chilton Times, 31 March 1878: DEATH OF COL. HENRY BELITZ - In our obituary column will be found a notice of the death of Col. Henry F. Belitz, of Kiel, Manitowoc County, but so well known to our citizens as to almost be considered a fellow citizen. On the 31st of March last the Colonel was out driving and was suddenly attacked by a paralytic stroke and falling over the dash board of the wagon the wheel of the vehicle passed over his head and neck causing his death. Col. Belitz is one of the oldest and best known residents of this



portion of the state and has always been a man of standing and influence in the community. He was born February 16, 1817, in Schwed, Prussia and came to Sheboygan County in 1851, and thence to Kiel in 1855. He served as an officer in the 9th Wisconsin Regiment and afterwards placed in command of the 45th Wisconsin Regiment as its Colonel which post he filled until the regiment was mustered out of service. Colonel Belitz was a member of the bar although he did not devote much of his time to the practice of the

law.

He was also Plank Road

Commissioner

in the year of 1853. His loss will be deeply felt by the entire community and more especially by those who being more intimately acquainted with him had learned to appreciate and prize his good qualities.

Colonel Belitz was the father of Mrs. R. Schlichting and Mrs Dr. Hoyer of this city, who have the sympathy of the entire community in this their hour of affliction."

Der Nord Westen, April 11, 1878: Death notice: Belitz, Col. H. F./born in Uckermark/d. 31 Mar. 1878

Der Nord Westen, 11 Apr. 1878: "Death of Col. H.F. Belitz suddenly on 31 Mar. He was 61 years old and born in Uckermark. Served as Justice of the Peace in Kiel, was Capt. of Company K, 9th Wisc. Infantry, and Col. of the 45th Regiment. He is survived by a large family."

"H. F. Belitz, once a very prominent citizen of this county, and a resident of Kiel, is dead. On Saturday last he was found upon the highway, having been thrown from his buggy. He was unconscious when found and, being removed to his residence, expired in a few moments."



Col. Belitz honored on Welcome to Kiel monument



Kiel Newspaper, August 27, 1910: HELENE CATHERINE BELITZ, Pioneer Woman Dies. In the death at Manitowoc, Friday, August 19, 1910, of Mrs. Henry F. Belitz, widow of the late Colonel Henry F. Belitz of Kiel, there passed away one of the best known and most highly esteemed of the early pioneers of Manitowoc and Calumet counties. Helene Catherine Belitz, nee Schlichting, was born in Oldenburg, Germany, March 13, 1831. Caught in the great stream of emigration that left the German fatherland as a result of the revolution of 1818, her family found themselves among the pioneer band that founded Kiel, Manitowoc county, where October 1853, she was married to the late Henry F. Belitz, afterward colonel of the 45th Wisconsin Infantry. Col. Belitz was a man and citizen high-minded and singularly public spirited and his wife was in the truest and widest sense his companion and helpmeet. The Belitz' were widely known for their wide open hospitality and their hearty interest in everything that made for the public welfare. Col. Belitz was a man of rare culture, a splendid musician and deeply interested in the drama and literature even in the early days of Kiel. A singing society and an amateur theatrical society were the result his interest awakening and fostering a love for the culture side of life. In all this work Mrs. Belitz enthusiastically seconded her husband's efforts. Never, even in the days of pioneer primitiveness and hard, relentless struggling, were the graces of culture and refinement ignored or lost sight of in their home. Like her husband, Mrs. Belitz



Henry & Helena Belitz with three daughters 1865
Clara seated on mother's lap, Elizabeth & Helen

was ever ready to assist those in need and minister to those who were suffering. Nine children came to bless their union, three of whom, Lilly, Franklin and Henry, preceded their mother in death. Six, Mrs. J. Hoyer and Mrs. H. Lammers of Chicago, Mrs. G.A. Hipke and Dr. Alfred of Milwaukee, Dr. William of Cochrane, Wis., and Attorney Arthur of Madison besides one step-daughter, Mrs. Reinhard Schlichting, of Chilton survive. Not long after the death of her husband in 1878, her health began to fail, and this in turn in the end brought on her mental breakdown from which she was destined never to rally or recover and for the past thirty years she was an inmate of the County hospital at Manitowoc. Foot-sore and weary with the long, long journey, all unconscious of the great affliction which had befallen her - an affliction tragic almost as death itself - "God's finger touched her and she slept." Mrs. Belitz was buried at Kiel on Monday, W. H. Luehr of Manitowoc, and old friend of the family, delivering the funeral oration."

Belitz Henry
 Co. _____, Regt. 45th
Wis Infy
 Cemetery _____
 City or Town _____
 County and State *Manitowoc Wis*
 Grave _____
 Date of death *Mich 31-1878*
 Headstone supplied _____, 190
 by *Steel done - sons*
 Contract dated *July 8-1887*

Headstones Provided for Deceased Union Civil War Veterans, 1879-1903