

Charles Burmeister
48th WI Infantry, Company D

Born: March 16, 1845, Mecklenburg, Germany

Enlisted: February 14, 1865 as a Private from Two Rivers, WI, 20 year-old Farmer,
5'6", blue eyes, lt brown hair
Mustered Out: February 19, 1866

1870 Federal Census: WI, Manitowoc County, Two Rivers Twp:

Charles Burmaster, 26, Farmer, RE 1200, PE, 250, b Mecklenburg
Ernstina Burmaster, 26, Keeps house, b Prussia
Chd: Henrietta-2, Fredrica-11, both b Wisconsin
Charles Burmaster, 63, b Mecklenburg
Sophia Burmaster, 62, b Mecklenburg

1880 Federal Census: WI, Manitowoc County, Two Rivers Twp:

Carl Burmeister, 35, Married, Farmer, b Mecklenburg
Erastina Burmeister, 35, Wife, Keeping house, b Prussia
Chd: Henry-12, Willamina-9, Bertha-6, Fred-2, all b Wisconsin
Sophia Burmeister, 74, Mother, Widow (Old Age) b Mecklenburg

1885 Soldiers & Sailors of the Late War, Residing in Wisconsin, 20 June 1885: Carl
Burmeister, Pvt, D 48 WI, P.O. Two Rivers

1890 Veterans Schedule of Manitowoc County: Charles Burmaster, Pvt 48 D, post office
Two Rivers

1895 Veterans Census of Manitowoc County: Chas. Burmeister, Pvt D 48 Infantry, post
office Two Rivers

Wisconsin Census Enumeration, 1905 June 1, Ex-Soldiers & Sailors Residing in WI:
Burmeister, Charles, Pvt, Co D, 48th WI Inf., Post office Two Rivers

Died: June 11, 1918

Buried: Pioneers Rest, Two Rivers, WI

Gravesite: Lot 96; Block 3

"History of Manitowoc County Wisconsin" by Dr. L. Falge, 1911-1912, v.2, p.187-188.

Charles Burmeister, an honored resident of Two Rivers township, has lived on his . . . farm on section 3, for more than sixty-one years, and has been closely identified with the progress and development of the agricultural interests of this part of the county from the time when it was still a wilderness. He was born March 16, 1845, in Mecklenburg, Germany, a son of Carl and Sophia (Summers) Burmeister, natives of Mecklenburg, who came to the United States in 1851 on a small sailing vessel which took seven weeks to accomplish the ocean voyage. . . Charles Burmeister, had but meager chances to obtain an education, as at an early age he had to do his full share of the work on the farm. He was reared to the life of an agriculturist and . . . for sixty-one years has lived on the home place. In 1864 he was married but the next year left home and farm to answer the call of his country and enlisted at Port Washington in Company D, Forty-eighth Wisconsin Volunteer Infantry. The regiment was first ordered to Milwaukee and thence proceeded to St. Louis, where a stay of one week was made, finally moving on to Fort Scott, Kansas. By this time, however, the great conflict had been terminated but, although peace was declared, the regiment stayed for a year on the Kansas plains before it was disbanded, at which time he was honorably discharged and returned to Two Rivers. . . On May 27, 1864, Mr. Burmeister was married to Ernstina Raatz, a native of Pomerania, Germany, who came to the United States in 1854 with her father, John Raatz, who settled in Two Rivers township."

Manitowoc County Civil War Round Table website: "Charles Burmeister, Two Rivers,

Wisconsin. Charles Burmeister was born March 16, 1845 in Mecklenburg, Germany and in 1851 settled in Two Rivers with his parents. Charles was a farmer like his father. He was married on May 27, 1864 to Ernstina Raatz and the following year, at age 20, enlisted for service at Port Washington in Co. D of the Forty-Eighth Wisconsin Volunteer Infantry. He was first ordered with his regiment to St. Louis, and then after a week, to Fort Scott, Kansas. By this time, however, the war had been terminated but, although peace was declared, the regiment stayed for a year on the Kansas plains before it was disbanded. Charles was mustered out of service on February 19, 1866 and promptly returned to his home in Two Rivers, where he resided until his death on June 11, 1918. He is buried at the Pioneers Rest cemetery at Two Rivers."