

**John W Doolan**  
**21st WI Infantry, Company K**

Born: 1842

1860 Federal Census: WI, Manitowoc County, Kossuth Twp/Patrick Doolan family:  
John Doolan, 17, Farm Laborer, b Ireland

Married: November 28, 1860 to Ellen Reardon (sister of Jeremiah Reardon, CW Vet)

Enlisted: September 11, 1862 as a Corporal from Oshkosh, WI

POW: September 8, 1862 at Perryville, KY

Mustered Out: June 8, 1865 at Washington D.C.

Family Story: When coming down from Lookout Mountain, John's ironclads (iron breast plates) were getting heavy. He removed them and hid them in the brush. A soldier behind him saw him, retrieved the ironclads and gave them back to Joh. He eventually succeeded in "losing" them. *Laurie Shawhan, descendant*

"Who Stole the Ham?" While wintering around Lookout Mountain, the soldiers foraged for supplies. They found hams and other items. Officer LaConte intended his officers to get the hams, but when the soldier heard this they hid the hams when turning a corner on a march. Whehn they arrived in camp--no ham was found. John was cooking breakfast when one of thesoldiers told him LaCount was coming - he put his fry pan with the ham under his seat and sat on it while conversing with the officer." *Laurie Shawhan, descendant*

1875-76 Manitowoc City Directory: Doolan, John W., laborer, 5th south of State

1880 Federal Census: WI, Manitowoc County, Manitowoc Ward 2-4:

John Doolan, 37, Married, Laborer, b Ireland

Ellen Doolan, 35, Wife, Keeping house, b Rhode Island

Chd: Nellie-12, Agnes-10, Kate-8, Henry-5, Willie-3, John-6/12Oct, all b Wisconsin

1885 Soldiers & Sailors of the Late War, Residing in Wisconsin, 20 June 1885: J. W. Doolen, Sergeant, K 21 WI, P.O. Manitowoc

1890 Veterans Schedule, Manitowoc County: John Doolan, 21 K; Chronic diarrhea

1895 Veterans Schedule, Manitowoc County: John W Doolan, Sgt K 21 Infantry, post office Manitowoc

Wisconsin Census Enumeration, 1905 June 1, Ex-Soldiers & Sailors Residing in WI:

Doolan, John, Sgt, Co K, 21st WI Inf., Post office Manitowoc

Died: October 5, 1906 at age 64

Buried: Calvary Cemetery, Manitowoc, WI

Gravesite: "Sergt Jno Doolan/Co K/21 Wis. Inf"

Der Nord Westen, 11 Oct. 1906: J.W. Doolan, a well-known resident of our city where he has lived since 1866, died Friday after several months of illness from a combination of lung and heart disease. The deceased was born 65 years ago in Ireland and came to America as a 2-year old child. His parents settled in Kossuth and the deceased lived there ever since. He served with the 21st Wisconsin Regiment during the Civil War and came back to Manitowoc after his discharge. He is survived by a widow, 7 children, 2 brothers and a sister. The funeral was held Monday from Sacred Heart Church. The local post of the G.A.R., to which Doolan belonged, gave their old comrade the last salute."