

**Wire P Dow**  
**U.S. Navy**  
**Gunner on "USS Hastings"**

Born: 1832 in Massachusetts

Enlisted: February 18, 1865

Mustered Out: July 4, 1865

1868-69 Edward's Directory of Village of Manitowoc: Dow, Wire P, tanner, res. Park bet. 3rd and 4th

1870 Federal Census: WI, Manitowoc County, Manitowoc Ward 2:

R.P. Dow, 38, Sailor, RE 400, PE 700, b Massachusetts

Ann Dow, 35, Keeps house, b Maine

Chd: Josephine-14, Arther-12, both b Massachusetts, Amy-2 b Wisconsin

1875-76 Pryor's Manitowoc City Directory: Dow, W. P., sailor, Park east of 4th

1880 Manitowoc City Directory: Myer Dow, laborer, residence Park street

1880 Federal Census: WI, Manitowoc County, Manitowoc:

Wire Don, 45, Married, Sailor, b Massachusetts

Anna Don, 44, Wife, Keeping house, b Maine

Chd: Josephine-24, Arthur-22, both b Mass, Amy-12 b Wisconsin

1885 Soldiers & Sailors of the Late War, Residing in Wisconsin, 20 June 1885:

Wm.D. Dow, Master Gunner on "Hastings", P.O. Manitowoc

Died: 14 March 1888

Buried: Evergreen Cemetery, Manitowoc, WI

Gravesite: A-1-36: "Wire Dow/U.S. Navy"

Dow Wire	
Gunner Co. 2d "Hastings" Regt.	
U.S. Navy	
Cemetery	Evergreen
at	Manitowoc Wis
Grave	
Date of death	Mar 14 - 1888
Headstone supplied by	
Gross Brothers, Ice. Mass., Contract dated 5, 1891.	

Headstones Provided for Deceased Union Civil War Veterans,  
1897-1903



"**USS Hastings (1860)** was a steamer purchased by the Union Navy during the American Civil War. She was used by the Union Navy as a gunboat assigned to patrol Confederate waterways. *Hastings*, a small wooden gunboat, was built as *Emma Duncan* in 1860 at Monongahela, Pennsylvania, and operated as a river transport out of Cincinnati, Ohio. She was purchased at Cairo, Illinois, in March 1863 from J. Bachelor. Fitted out and ready for service in April; her first commanding officer was Acting Master W. N. Griswold. Rear Admiral David Dixon Porter recommended that her name be changed to *Hastings* 7 April 1863." "The gunboat continued her service on the tributaries of the Mississippi until returning to Cairo, Ill., early in 1865. She decommissioned 7 July 1865 and was sold at Mound City, Ill., 17 August 1865 to Henry H. Semmes. *Hastings* was subsequently redocumented *Dora* in October 1865 and served as a river freighter until 1872."