

Mathias Ewen
45th WI Infantry, Company G

Born: October 19, 1838

Immigrated: 1847 March 25 on ship *Cotton Planter* which set sail from Antwerp, Belgium: Kaspar Ewen-37, Margrete Ewen-34, **Mathias Ewen**-7, Quiren Ewen-2.

1850 Federal Census: WI, Manitowoc County, Manitowoc Rapids/Casper Ewen family:
Matthias Ewen, 12, b Hessen

1860 Federal Census: WI, Manitowoc County, Kossuth Twp/Casper Ewen family:
Mathias Ewen, 22, Farm Laborer, b Hessen Darmstadt

Enlisted on 12/23/1864 as a Private, from Manitowoc, WI., 26 years old, 5'10", dark eyes, dark hair

Mustered Out: July 17, 1865 at Nashville, TN.

1880 Federal Census: WI, Manitowoc County, Kossuth Twp:
Mathias Ewen, 41, Married, Farmer, b Hessia Darmstadt
Katherine Ewen, 36, Wife, Keeping house, b Bohemia
Chd: John-10, b Wisconsin
Margaret Ewen, 67, Mother, Widow, Retired, b Hessia Darmstadt

1885 Soldiers & Sailors of the Late War, Residing in Wisconsin, 20 June 1885: M.
Ewen, Pvt, G 45 WI, P.O. Francis Creek

1890 Veterans Schedule, Manitowoc County: Mathias Ewen, post office Francis Creek



1895 Veterans Schedule: Mathias Ewen,
Pvt G 45 Infantry, post office Francis
Creek

Wisconsin Census Enumeration, 1905
June 1, Ex-Soldiers & Sailors Residing
in WI: Ewen, Math, Pvt, Co G, 45th WI
Inf, Post office Manitowoc

Part of biography for John Ewen in
"History of Manitowoc County Wiscon-
sin" Vol.2 by Dr. L. Falge, 1911-1912,
v.2, p.314-31: "Mathias Ewen was born
October 19, 1838, and at the age of
eight and one-half years accompanied
his parents to America, on a sailing
vessel that was fifty-four days in
making the voyage. Landing in New York
city, they took a boat for Albany,
then going as far as Waukesha county,
Wisconsin, where the children were
left with friends. The men of the
party then pushed ahead, walking on to
Manitowoc county to take up land, and
Casper Ewen, the grandfather of our
subject, secured a tract on section
23, town of Kossuth. In this wilder-
ness, in which there were no roads, no
improvements of any kind, even no
neighbors, these pioneers cleared a

small space in the timber on the present site of the Francis Creek Catholic church, erecting a log shanty. Four years later the grandfather purchased the farm which is now operated by John Ewen, and here both grandparents, Casper and Margaret (Hessel) Ewen died. Of their family only two children are now living: Mathias, the father of John Ewen: and Margaret, the wife of Anton Prochazka, of Manitowoc. Mathias Ewen received only limited educational advantages, and remained at home until 1864, when he enlisted for service in the Civil war as a member of the Forty-fifth Wisconsin Volunteer Infantry, and served therewith until the close of the war. He then resumed his duties on the home place, where he has since continued to reside, having retired from active farm work in 1896. His wife passed away on this farm in 1892, aged forty-nine years. Mr. Ewen is a republican in politics, and a faithful member of the Catholic church."

Died: July 10, 1918

Buried: St Ann's Cemetery, Francis Creek, WI

Gravesite: lot 20; sec 15