

Wenzel Kerscher
7th WI Infantry, Company K

Born: June 1833, Germany

Declaration of Intent for Citizenship: Wenzel Kerscher, b Bavaria in 1833, Arrived Port of Buffalo in July 1852, Filed Declaration, 3 November 1856.

Married: 23 July 1860 to Theresa Punkenatz

Drafted: 27 December 1864 as a Private from Kossuth, WI, 35 year old farmer, 5'5", brown eyes, brown hair.

Mustered Out: 3 July 1865

Married: June 1870 to Theresia Stauber

1870 Federal Census: WI, Manitowoc County, Kossuth Twp:

Wenzel Kershaw, 37, Farmer, RE 4000, PE 208, b Byren

Treacy Kershaw, 22, House keeper, b Austria

Chd: Ann-9, Wolfgang-7, Wenzel-5, Anton-6/12, all born Wisconsin

1880 Federal Census: WI, Manitowoc County, Kossuth Twp:

Wenzel Kirshner, 45, Married, Farmer, b Bavaria

Rosy Kirshner, 39, Wife, Keeping house, b Bohemia

Chd: Anna-19, Wolfgang-17, Mary-9, Tressey-6, Katherine-4, Alex-1, all born Wisconsin

1895 Veteran's Census of Manitowoc County: Kerscher, Wenzel, Pvt. K 7 Infantry, Francis Creek Post Office.

1900 Federal Census: WI, Manitowoc County, Kossuth Dist. 69:

Wenzel Kerscher, June 1838, age 66, marr 45 yrs, b Germany, Immig yr 1852, Naturalized, Farmer, Owns Farm

Thersie Kerscher, B May 1848 Germany, age 52, marr 38 yrs, 9births/7living

Chd: Wolfgang-37, Thersie-23, Lewis-21, Rosie-18, Sophie-15, Bertha-13, Frank-10, all born Wisconsin

1901-02 Schmidt's Directory of Manitowoc County: Kerscher Wenzel, Section 14, Kossuth Township, Francis Creek Post Office, 100 acres.

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

Kerscher, Wenzel, Pvt, Co , 7th WI Inf., Post Office Manitowoc

1910 Federal Census: WI, Manitowoc County, Kossuth Dist. 21:

Wenzel Kerscher, 76, Marr2@49, b Germany, Immig 1852, Farmer, Member Union Army

Theresia Kerscher, Wife, 63, Marr1@38, 7births/7living, b Bohemia, Immig 1869

Chd: Bertha-22, Frank-19, both b Wisconsin

Died: 13 November 1915

Buried: St Ann's Cemetery, Kossuth, WI

Gravesite: Wenzel Kerscher/Gest. 13 Nov. 1915—alter 83 jah.

Theresa Kerscher/Gest. 12 Sept 1927—alter 78 jah.

Family Member Notes: Wenzel Kerscher was born in June 1833 in Bavaria, Germany. He immigrated to the United States through Buffalo in 1852, settling in the town of Kossuth in Manitowoc County, Wisconsin. On July 23, 1860 he married Theresia Pankratz. They had two children when Wenzel was drafted in Dec. 1864, Anna and Wolfgang, with a third child, Wenzel, expected in the coming year. Wenzel was

described as being 5'5" tall, with brown eyes and brown hair.

Wenzel fought with his company in battles at Hatcher's Run, Gravelly Run and Five Forks, all part of the campaign of trench warfare that became known as the Siege of Petersburg. He was mustered out on July 3, 1865, after the war had ended. In January 1870, Wenzel's son Anton was born and his wife died shortly after from complications of childbirth.

In June, 1870, Wenzel married again, this time to Theresia Stauber. They had eight children: Mary, Theresa, Katharina, Louis, Rose, Sophia, Bertha, and lastly, in 1890, my grandfather Frank. Wenzel was a farmer all his life. He died on November 13, 1915 and is buried in St. Anne's Catholic Cemetery in Kosuth (Francis Creek)."