

Henry F Liebenow
24th WI Infantry, Company B

Born: May 5, 1839

Enlisted: August 14, 1862 as a Private from Milwaukee, WI.

Transferred out: April 10, 1864

Transferred in: Veteran Reserve Corps

Mustered Out: June 29, 1865

Wife: Josephine, 1856-1944

1875-76 Manitowoc City Directory: Liebenow, H. (C. Liebenow & Son) corner 8th and Commercial

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

Henry Liebenow, 37, Dealer in clocks, b Mecklenburg Prussia

Josephina Liebenow, 24, Wife, Keeping house, b Illinois

Chd: Henry (Lined out-Dead), April, b Wisconsin

1885 Soldiers & Sailors of the Late War, Residing in Wisconsin, 1885: H. F. Liebenow, Pvt, B 24 IL, P.O. Manitowoc

1890 Veterans Schedule, Manitowoc County: Henry F Liebenon, Pvt 24 B, post office Manitowoc

1895 Veterans Census, Manitowoc County: H. F. Leibenow, Lt B 24 Infantry, post office Manitowoc

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

Liebenow, H. F., Pvt, Co B, 24th WI Inf, Post office Manitowoc

"History of Manitowoc County Wisconsin" by Dr. L. Falge, 1911-1912, v.2, p.479-480.

The firm of C. Liebenow & Son has been engaged in the jewelry and optical business in Manitowoc for practically fifty years, and is not only one of the oldest establishments of the kind in the city but is one of the largest and most prosperous. The present owner, H.F. Liebenow, has been sole proprietor of this enterprise since 1879. He is a native of Goldberg, Germany, where his birth occurred on the 5th of May, 1839, and he is a son of Christian and Georgina Liebenow. The parents emigrated to the United States with their family in 1856, locating in Milwaukee. They resided there for a few years and then removed to Two Rivers, coming from there to Manitowoc. Here the father and our subject established a jewelry and optical store which was conducted as a partnership enterprise until 1879, when the father died. Both parents were living here at the time of their death, the mother passing away in 1864, and they are buried in Evergreen cemetery. The early education of H.F. Liebenow was acquired in his native country, where he resided until he had attained the age of seventeen years. After the family located in Milwaukee he resumed his studies in the public schools of that city, following which he learned the watchmaker's trade under his father, who was a skillful workman. They were both enterprising and thrifty and through their united efforts finally accumulated sufficient capital to engage in business. Their original store in Manitowoc bore little resemblance to the magnificent establishment now being conducted under the name of C. Liebenow & Son, as owing to their limited means they were compelled to begin in a very small way. They kept a nice assortment of silver and jewelry, the quality of which was fully commensurate with the price, and as they were accomodating and gracious to their patrons encountered little difficulty in establishing a good trade. As their circumstances warranted they increased their stock and enlarged their quarters, and now Mr. Liebenow has one of the finest establishments in the city. He has a very attractive store in a good location and is enjoying a most excellent patronage. During the long period of his connection with the commercial activities of Manitowoc he has established a most

enviable reputation for trustworthiness and reliability and as a result he has many customers whose names have been on his books for more than a quarter of a century. Practical and progressive in his ideas he has always maintained a policy in the conduct of his establishment which has won him the confidence and cooperation of his patrons, who feel assured that they can depend upon anything they purchase from him being exactly as it is represented. Mr. Liebenow is a veteran of the Civil war and gave three years' service to his country's cause. In 1862 he enlisted in Company B, Twenty-fourth Wisconsin Infantry, and served until the close of the conflict, when he was mustered out at the city of Washington. Mr. Liebenow was married in Chicago the 15th of January, 1877, to Miss Josephine Sproehnle, a daughter of Francis and Martina Sproehnle. The parents were among the early settlers of Chicago and there the father owned a stone yard which he operated until his death in 1882. The mother survived him until 1892, when she too passed away and was laid to rest beside her husband in Graceland cemetery. Mr. and Mrs. Liebenow have been the parents of two children, both of whom died in infancy. They live at the corner of Eighth and Commercial streets, where they have a very comfortable and pleasant residence. Fraternally Mr. Liebenow is a blue lodge Mason and he also belongs to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, while he maintains relations with his former army comrades through membership in the Grand Army of the Republic. His political support is given to the men and measures of the republican party. He is highly regarded in local business circles, where his success is regarded as the well merited reward of close concentration and capably directed energy, the fact that his achievements are self-won bringing him all the more commendation and satisfaction.

Died: January 6, 1916

Buried: Evergreen Cemetery, Manitowoc, WI

Gravesite: "Henry F. Liebenow/Co B/24 Wis. Inf."

