

August J Meyer 32nd IA Infantry

Born: 1837 in Germany

Enlisted: August 9, 1862 as a Private from Waterloo, IA
Mustered Out: August 24, 1865 at Clinton, IA

1870 Federal Census: WI, Manitowoc County, Manitowoc Ward 3:
August Myre, 32, Carpenter, RE 11,000, PE 600, b Hol-
stine
Bertha Myre, 22, Keeps house, b Prussia
Chd: John-1, b Wisconsin
Otto Myre, 26, Laborer, PE 400, b Holstine

1875-76 Manitowoc City Directory: Meyer, August, carpenter, Main
south of Franklin

1885 Soldiers & Sailors of the Late War, Residing in Wiscon-
sin, 1885: Aug. Meyer, Pvt, (no particulars), P.O. Manitowoc

Manitowoc Herald Times, November 23, 1929:
OLDEST VETERAN IS 93 YEARS OLD TODAY.

Manitowoc's oldest surviving Civil War veteran and one of the nation's participants in the oldest-father and youngest-child discussion which several months ago interested the country, today celebrated his 93rd birthday anniversary at his home at 912 South Tenth street.

He is August Meyer and a visit to the home revealed the veteran of the Civil War to be in good health, as thoroughly alive to what is going on and as much interested in every day life as many men half of his age.

No special celebration was planned at the Meyer home in honor of the event and the day was quietly spent although a number of friends remembered the occasion and called to pay their respects. This afternoon a delegation from the Women's Relief Corps called at the home to add their congratulations to those who had preceded them.

Mr. Meyer is (pictured) with his daughter, Margaret, 17 year-old graduate of the Lincoln high school with the class of 1929. He is now living a retired life but continues to be active about his home, continuing to do little odd jobs about the premises. Up until a few years ago he was a familiar figure on the streets of Manitowoc as he rode his bicycle about but an injury in an automobile accident several years ago resulted in members of the family prevailing upon him to stop his active work about the city."

Died: January 30, 1930
Buried: Evergreen Cemetery, Manitowoc, WI
Gravesite: 5, 91, E2

Manitowoc Herald Times, January 31, 1930



AUGUST MEYER DIES AT HOME HERE THURSDAY

93 Year old Veteran Who Became Known Throughout Nation Passes As He Quietly Rests
Rapidly thinning ranks of the Grand Army of the Republic were further depleted here yesterday at 3:15 o'clock when August J. Meyer, veteran of many hard-fought battles of the Civil War, passes away as he rested in sleep.

The death of Mr. Meyer was as tranquil as the family life which he lived in Manitowoc for over 65 years. He had been about as usual up until Wednesday night when he complained of being tired and he retired early that evening. The following morning he remained in his bed although he was up on different occasions during the day. Shortly after noon he fell into a deep sleep and passed away shortly afterward with his wife a constant companion at his bedside.

One of Three Survivors

Death of Mr. Meyer leaves but two members of the Horace M. Walker Post of the G. A. R. surviving and breaks up a trio of veterans consisting of Mr. Meyer, Jacob Williams and Frank Braun who were cronies and who frequently met to discuss the thrilling events of the war in which they participated seventy years ago.

Born near Hamburg, Germany on November 23, 1836, Mr. Meyer was 93 years of age at the time of his death. He came to the United States and to Manitowoc the year before the Civil War broke out but finding it difficult to find work here he continued to Iowa where he enlisted with the outbreak of the Civil war in 1861. He served with the Union Army for three years before receiving his honorable discharge.

Returns to Manitowoc

Immediately following the conclusion of the war between the states, Mr. Meyer returned to Manitowoc where he took up his occupation as a carpenter, continuing in that and other lines of work until his retirement only a few years ago. Active beyond his years, Mr. Meyer was a familiar figure about the city and rode a bicycle until he was well past 80 years of age, desisting from that practice at the importunities of his family after he had been run down and seriously injured by an automobile.

In recent years he has lived a retired life but continued to do the chores about the home, spading his own garden and taking care of the many flowers, the raising of which continued to be a hobby of his until the time of his death. At any time in recent years the visitor to the Meyer home may have found him seated in his comfortable chair in the kitchen where he discussed current and historical events with a keenness of mind of a man 50 years his junior.

Was Nationally Known

Picture of and the story of Mr. Meyer's life were sent throughout the nation last year as efforts were made to learn the identity of the oldest Civil War veteran-youngest child combination in the country. At that time he posed for a number of newspaper photographers who took photos of him on the occasion of his 93rd birthday, the pictures showing him with his 17 year-old daughter, Margaret, a graduate of the Lincoln high school with the class of 1929 and at present a student at the University of Wisconsin.

Leaves Wife, Daughter

Mr. Meyer was married to Miss Bertha Jauger in 1866, his wife passing away a number of years ago. In 1908 he married Mrs. Marie Tegen and his widow with one daughter, Margaret, a student at Madison, and several stepchildren survive him. He was the last of the Meyer family in this country and leaves no immediate survivors other than the widow and the one child.

Military Funeral

Full military honors will be accorded to Mr. Meyer at the funeral services to be held at the family home, 912 S. Tenth street, at 2 o'clock Monday afternoon. Services will begin charge of the Women's Relief Corps with Rev. D. C. Ristad officiating for the burial rites. Interment will take place at Evergreen.