

**William Francis Nash**  
**13th WI Infantry, Company A**

Born: February 22, 1847 in Millville, Orleans County, New York

Enlisted: August 5, 1864

Mustered Out: November 24, 1865 at San Antonio, TX

History of Northern Wisconsin, Vol II. Chicago: Western Historical Pub. Co., 1881, p. 538: "W.F. Nash, editor Manitowoc County Chronicle, Two Rivers. Is a native of Orleans Co., N. Y. At the age of four years, his parents moved to Rock County, where he remained until 1863, when he enlisted in Company A, 13th Wis. I., and served until the end of the war, when he returned to Rock County and attended the Lawrence University, Appleton, from 1867 to 1871. In 1874, he went to Manitowoc and managed the Manitowoc Pilot until 1875, when he moved to Two Rivers and purchased the Manitowoc County Chronicle, which he has since edited."

1880 Federal Census: WI, Manitowoc County, City of Two Rivers:

Wm F. Nash, 33, Married, Editor, b New York  
Theresia Nash, 22, Wife, Boarding, b Wisconsin  
Chd: Noel-10/12Aug, born Wisconsin

1885 Soldiers & Sailors of the Late War, Residing in Wisconsin, 1885: William Nash, Pvt, A 13 WI, P.O. Two Rivers

1890 Veterans Schedule, Manitowoc County: W. F. Nash, Pvt 13 A, post office Two Rivers; Asthma - badly troubled with asthma

1895 Veterans Census, Manitowoc County: Wm. F. Nash, Pvt G 13 Infantry, post office Two Rivers

Wisconsin Census Enumeration, 1905 June 1, Ex-Soldiers & Sailors Residing in WI: Nash, William F, Pvt, Co A, 13th WI Inf, Post office Two Rivers

History of Manitowoc County Wisconsin" by Dr. L. Falge, 1911-1912, v.2, p.624-627:  
Hon. William Francis Nash, widely known in newspaper circles of Wisconsin as the founder of the Chronicle, has represented his fellow townsmen in various positions of honor and trust, and has been elected to some of the highest offices in the gift of the people. He was born at Millville, Orleans county, New York, February 22, 1847, and is a son of Francis and Catherine (VanBergen) Nash. He is a great-grandson of Jedediah



Nash, an English soldier during the reign of King George, who participated in the battle of Quebec, and his grandfather, Francis Nash, was a resident of Canada, from whence he removed to New York at an early day. Francis Nash, the father of William Francis, was born in eastern New York, where he assisted in building the Erie Canal, and in 1850 came to Jonesville, Wisconsin, where he died in 1887, aged eighty-four years. His wife, who belonged to the VanBergen family who came from the Catskill mountains, died in 1910 when she had attained the remarkable age of ninety-three years. They were the parents of six sons and one daughter. William Francis Nash received a public school education, and when but seventeen years of age he enlisted for service in the Civil war, becoming a private in Company A, Thirteenth Regiment, Wisconsin Volunteer Infantry, with which he served bravely and faithfully for one and one-half years. At the close of the war he went to Appleton College, and in 1875 he entered the newspaper field at Two Rivers, Wisconsin, establishing the Chronicle which has been conducted by his sons, Noel, Newman and Lyman, since his misfortune of three years ago, when he suffered a stroke of paralysis. Mr. Nash has been prominent in democratic politics for a number of years, and has served Two Rivers as mayor, has been a member of the county board, was elected to the state assembly in 1878, and was senator from the fifteenth district of Wisconsin for two terms beginning in 1889. In 1878 Mr. Nash was united in marriage with Miss Theresa Apel, a daughter of Adam Apel, a native of Prussia, and an early settler and prominent agriculturist of Two Rivers township. Seven children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Nash."

Died: 1916

Buried: Pioneers Rest Cemetery, Two Rivers, WI

Gravesite: P-1-179: "Wm. F. Nash/Co. A/13 Wis. Inf."