

**William Nass**  
**17th WI Infantry, Company C**

Born: November 1825 in Germany

Emigrated: 1852

Wife: Charlotte Louise Zastrow

1860 Federal Census: WI, Manitowoc County, Buchanan (Liberty) Twp:

William Naass, 34, Farmer, RE 400, PE 100, b Prussia

Louisa Naass, 35, b Prussia

Chd: Ernest-9 b Prussia, Wilhelmina-8, Frank-4, both b Wisconsin

Enlisted: September 30, 1864 as a Private from Liberty, WI

Mustered Out: June 2, 1865

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

William Nass, 45, Farmer, RE 3000, PE 700, b Prussia

Louise Nass, 46, Keep house, b Prussia

Chd: Ernst-19 b Prussia, Mina-17, Franz-13, both b Wisconsin

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

Fred Nass, 55, Married, Farmer, b Prussia

Louisa Nass, 56, Wife, Keeping house, b Prussia

Chd: Frank-23 b Wisconsin

1890 Veterans Schedule, Manitowoc County: William Naase, Pvt, 17 C, post office:  
Rube; Troubled with rheumatism

1900 Federal Census: WI, Manitowoc County, Liberty/son Frank household:

Wm. Nass, Father, b Nov 1825 Germany, 74, Single

Died: 1902

Buried: Trinity Lutheran Church Cemetery, Liberty, WI

Gravesite: "William Nass/Co. C/17 Wis. Inf." War vet flag holder

History of Manitowoc County Wisconsin" by Dr. L. Falge, 1911-1912, v.2, p.467-468  
(part of bio of son Frank Nass): William and Louisa Nass were born, reared and married in the fatherland and there they likewise passed the early years of their domestic life. In 1852 together with their little son Ernst they emigrated to the United States, Wisconsin being their destination. Upon their arrival in this county the father invested in a tract of land in this township, that in common with the greater part of this section was covered with a heavy growth of timber. After clearing a small tract he erected a crude log cabin and he and his family began pioneering. They were hard-working, thrifty people, who had come to this country to make a home for themselves and with this purpose in mind they worked tirelessly, practicing the most rigid self-denial until their land began to yield an income. Later the little cabin was replaced by a log house, that enabled them to live in greater comfort and in 1879 this in turn made place for a substantial brick dwelling that is now the home of their son Frank and his family. William Nass industriously devoted himself to the further improvement and cultivation of his homestead during the remainder of his active life, and he continued to live here until his death, which occurred in 1902 at the age of seventy-seven years. The mother was seventy-five years when she passed away in 1899. They were the parents of four children. . . (William) who enlisted in the Twenty-ninth Wisconsin Volunteer Infantry and served in the Union cause during the last year of the Rebellion."