

Heinrich Schmidt
9th WI Infantry, Company B

Born: January 21, 1840

Immigration: 1857

Enlisted: September 23, 1861 as a Corporal, 5'5", brown eyes, brown hair.
Mustered Out: December 3, 1864

Married: January 7, 1869 to Julia Zinns

1868-69 Edward's Directory of Village of Manitowoc: Schmidt, Henry, saloon, 7th, nr. Jay, r. same

History of Northern Wisconsin, Vol II. Chicago: Western Historical Pub. Co., 1881, p. 532: " Henry Schmidt, of Rasmus, Schmidt & Company, livery and sale stable, Manitowoc, was born Feb. 20, 1840 in Brunswick, Germany. In 1857, he came to Manitowoc County, and followed farming until Sept. 23, 1861, when he enlisted in Co. B, 9th Wis. Inf. Served three years and three months, at the expiration of which time he returned to Manitowoc and was engaged in the saloon business for about six years, when he followed the brewing and soda water business for three years; then returned to farming for two years. In 1875, bought an interest in his present business. Married, Jan. 7, 1869, to Julia Zinns, of Buffalo, N. Y., who was born May 28, 1844, by whom he has four children, one son and three daughters."

Soldiers' And Citizens' Album Biographical Record Grand Army Of The Republic 1888 Page 543: "HENRY SCHMIDT, Manitowoc, Wis., and a member of G.A.R. Post No. 18, was born Feb. 20. 1840, at Halle, Braunschweig, Germany. He was 17 years of age when in 1857, he came to America and located at the place in which he has since been a resident. He was married Jan. 7, 1859, to Julia Zinns at Manitowoc. Their children are named Josephine, Mathilda, Albert, Rosa and Willie. Mr. Schmidt had been prosecuting the business of liveryman at Manitowoc since 1876. He enlisted Sept. 23, 1861, in Company B, 9th Wisconsin Infantry at Manitowoc for three years. He was made corporal in the course of his service and received honorable discharge Dec. 4, 1864, at Milwaukee, the period of his enlistment having expired. Following is the roster of his principal battles: Pine Bluff, Little Rock, Jenkins Ferry, Prairie d'Ane, Camden, Newtonia, Prairie Grove, Rheas' Mills, Pea Ridge and many others. At Camden and again at Jenkins Ferry he was nearly captured by the rebels. At the former place, the regiment was guarding the rear in the retreat and was harassed by Texan rangers. Mr. Schmidt was struggling to assist a wounded comrade to keep up when the rebels came upon them and they escaped with great difficulty. His rubber blanket was folded and strapped to his knapsack and a shot cut 22 holes in it. At Jenkins Ferry the company was detailed as skirmishers and the whole squad narrowly escaped capture in a fierce onset by the rebels. They had to cross an open field under fire, closely pursued by the buttermen. After the capture of Camden the command of Steele was attacked by the rebels who had brought disaster on the expedition of Banks and for a month, while getting back to Little Rock the fighting continued every day. The engagement at Jenkins Ferry closed the chase, the rebels being repulsed. Their repeated charges throughout the pursuit were repulsed in every instance until they received a satisfactory thrashing."

1890 Veterans Schedule, Manitowoc County: Henry Schmidt, Pvt 9th, post office Manitowoc

1895 June 20 Veterans Census of Manitowoc County: Henry Schmidt, Cpl B 9 Infantry, post office Manitowoc, WI

Der Nord Westen, 16 June 1904: "Miss Josephine Schmidt, eldest daughter of Henry

Schmidt here, was married on 26 May in Kansas City, Missouri, to Frank E. Uhl, a plaster and brick contractor there. Mr. Henry Schmidt, who attended the wedding with his wife, met a neighbor of his son-in-law who had served in the Southern Cavalry under General Price. The man told Mr. Schmidt that on 30 Sept. 1862 at Newtonia, Missouri, his troop had clobbered several companies of German troops from Wisconsin. He was not a little astonished when told that he, Schmidt, had been a member of the Ninth Regiment and that his company had actually been on that unfortunate advance in which by error Company A had moved out instead of Company E. Later in the day he had marched toward Newtonia with the rest of the regiment to see if they could reinforce the companies under attack, but they were too late to help. Thus, after many years, two old friends who once were enemies, met each other."

History of Manitowoc County Wisconsin, by Dr. L. Falge, 1911-1912, v.2, p.307-309 (part of son Albert H Schmidt's bio): Hon. Albert H. Schmidt, judge of the municipal court of Manitowoc county and one of Manitowoc's most distinguished citizens, was born in Manitowoc, Wisconsin, and is a son of Henry and Julia (Zinns) Schmidt. Henry Schmidt came from Hanover, Germany, to the United States with his brother, Fred, in 1850, and settled in Kossuth township, where in 1861 he organized a company for enlistment in the Civil war. He was later transferred to Company B, Ninth Regiment, Wisconsin Volunteer Infantry, his service covering a period of three and one-half years. After the war he located in Manitowoc, where he became manager of Roef's Brewery, but after a few years engaged in the livery business and contracting, and he has continued to be so engaged to the present time. From 1894 to 1896 he served as sheriff of Manitowoc county, being the only man on the republican ticket to be elected at that time and one of the first republicans elected here. He married Julia Zinns, who was born in Buffalo, New York, a daughter of John and Elizabeth Zinns, of Lorraine, Germany, who came to Wisconsin during the early '50s and located in Meeme township, Mr. Zinns being the owner of one of the first grist mills in the county. Judge Schmidt's grandfather, John Zinns, also came to this section at an early day and engaged in the mercantile business. He was a member of the first village council of Manitowoc, where he served as justice of the peace for many years, and also organized the first singing society in this city. Henry and Julia (Zinns) Schmidt were the parents of five children"

Died: October 29, 1921

Buried: Evergreen Cemetery, Manitowoc, WI

Gravesite: Lot 1; Block 30