

Lafayette Smith
1st WI Infantry, Company A

Born: April 16, 1832

1850 Federal Census: WI, Manitowoc County, Two Rivers/Daniel Smith, 49, Lumberman:
Lafayette Smith, 15, Male, b New York

1860 Federal Census: WI, Manitowoc County, Mishicot/Elizabeth Smith, 54, b NY:
Lafayette Smith, 22, Lumberman, RE 300, b New York

Manitowoc County, Wisconsin by Ralph Plumb, Chapter 8: "Three Mishicot young men, Lafayette Smith, James W. Langworthy and Horace Price, together with D. A. Shove and G. E. Waldo of Manitowoc, did not await the calling out of the Manitowoc Guards and accordingly went to Milwaukee and joined the First Regiment, being the first from the county to enlist and see active service."

Enlisted: April 18, 1861 as a Private from Mishicot, WI, 29 year-old Lumberman, 5'9", gray eyes, brown hair.

Mustered Out: August 21, 1861 at Milwaukee, WI

Promotion: October 21, 1861 to Sergeant of 7th WI Light Artillery

Mustered into: October 21, 1861 to 7th WI Light Artillery

Mustered Out: October 24, 1864

1900 Census: WI, Waupaca, Farmington, Wisconsin Veterans Home, Dist. 166:
Smith, Lafayette, White, Male, born April 1835, 65, Widow, born New York

Died: September 19, 1906

Buried: Mishicot Public Cemetery, Mishicot, WI

Gravesite: 16-4: "Lafayette/Smith/1st Sgt/7 Wis. L.A."

Der Nord Westen, 27 Sep. 1906: (From the correspondent in Mishicott, 25 Sep.) "Mr. L. Smith died here last week of a stroke in C. Levenhagen's Hotel where he had resided for several months. Mr. Smith, a son of Mr. D. Smith, one of the first settlers of our village, grew up here and lived here for many years. He was a veteran of the Civil War and over the last year resided in the soldiers home in Waupaca, Wisconsin. The large funeral was held Friday afternoon at the local cemetery. Mrs. Eamms, Mr. Smith's sister and a daughter of Mrs. Frey, both from Spring Prairie, Wisconsin, attended the funeral. Also a few relatives from Manitowoc were in attendance."

History of Manitowoc County" by Dr. Louis Falge, 1912 Vol. 1, pg. 329-330: VILLAGE OF MISHICOT—The unincorporated village of Mishicot is a thriving little burgh located, on the East Twin River in the southern part of the town, about thirteen miles north of the county seat. It owes its origin to the erection of a sawmill by Alfred Smith and Ira Clark in 1855, the river affording excellent water power at the time. In 1859 the village contained about thirty houses, a sawmill, a shingle mill and a planing mill. Among the principal merchants at the time were . . . Lafayette Smith.