

**Charles E Spindler**  
**1st IL Cavalry, Company A**

Born: June 25, 1841, Germany

Enlisted: July 3, 1861 as a Private from Bloomington, IL.  
POW: September 20, 1861 at Lexington, MO (Paroled)  
Discharged: October 6, 1861

Married: Kitty E, 1851-1878  
Emma, 1852-1881  
Anna Augusta, 1857-1897

1885 Soldiers & Sailors of the Late War, Residing in Wisconsin, 1885: C. Spindler, A 1 IL Cav, Post Office Manitowoc

Der Nord Westen, February 23, 1888: "We hear that Mr. Charles Spindler will again be making his biennial trip to Germany."

1890 Veterans Schedule, Manitowoc County: Chas. A. Spindler, 1 IL Co. A; Cramps in stomach

Der Nord Westen, June 27, 1895: "Cal Spindler celebrated his 53rd birthday on Tuesday."

"History of Manitowoc County Wisconsin", by Dr. L. Falge, 1911-1912, v.2, p.92-93.

Charles E. Spindler, one of Manitowoc's retired business men, than whom no man is better known in the type foundry business, was for many years connected with the firm of Barnhart Bros. & Spindler. . was born June 25, 1841, in Germany, and is a son of John and Johanna Spindler, who came to the United States in 1849 and located at Northampton, New Hampshire, and from there, after one year, to Jonesville, Massachusetts. In 1855 the family came to Wisconsin, . . after three years. . moved to Manitowoc. Charles E. Spindler received a public-school education. and in 1859 went to Champaign, Illinois, in the vicinity of which city he worked on a farm until his enlistment, in 1861, in Company A, First Illinois Cavalry. He was taken prisoner at the battle of Lexington, and was mustered out of the service in the fall of 1861, when he returned to the Illinois farm and continued to work for two years. He then went to Otter River, Massachusetts, where he learned the trade of machinist, and afterward to Winchendon, Massachusetts, and later to Keene, New Hampshire, from whence, in 1866, he made his way to Chicago. He was in



the type foundry business from 1866 until 1869, being connected with the Chicago Type Foundry Company for three years, and he then built machinery for Carl Toepfer & Sons, who in 1869 sold out to the newly organized firm of Barnhart Bros. & Spindler, which was destined to become the largest independent type foundry concern in the country, and of which Mr. Spindler was superintendent and manager until 1880, at which time he retired. During the great Chicago fire of 1871, it was principally through Mr. Spindler's efforts that the foundry of this company was saved. Mr. Spindler was married to Miss Kittie Baker, of Chicago, and three children were born to this union.

Died: November 3, 1920 Buried: November 6, 1920/cause: myocarditis

Buried: Evergreen Cemetery, Manitowoc, WI

Gravesite: H-17-5: Footstones: Charles E./Anna Augusta/Kitty E.S./Emma S.