

Joseph Stephenson
11th WI Infantry, Company I

Born: February 1, 1835

1860 Federal Census: WI, Manitowoc County, Buchanan Twp (Liberty)/John Stephenson
Joseph Stephenson, 25, Farm Laborer, b Ireland

Ralph Plumb Book, Chapter 9: "In 1860 owing to disaffection in the Democratic camps both returned Republicans, J. L. Fobes representing the First and **Joseph Stephenson** the Second, while B. J. Sweet, a Republican from Calumet county carried the county by over 400 majority for senatorial honors."

Members of Manitowoc County Board: **1861-Joseph Stephenson**

Enlisted: March 11, 1865 from Liberty, WI

Mustered Out: September 4, 1865

1870 Federal Census: WI, Manitowoc County, Liberty Twp/Lisabeth Stephenson, mother
Joseph Stephenson, 34, At home, b Ireland

Ralph Plumb book, chapter 6, pg 60: "It was decided to appoint a committee, consisting of J. Bennett, H. McAllister, H. Berners, S. A. Wood and H. Mulholland, Sr., to draw up a bill authorizing the county to raise a harbor tax of \$30,000. At another meeting held in April much discussion over the proposed bill took place, Assemblyman **Joseph Stephenson** opposing it strenuously, being ably assisted by Assemblyman Graves of Calumet county, both of whom represented the inland interests."

Manitowoc County Land Grants: STEPHENSON, JOSEPH 02/22/1858

Died: August 26, 1896

Buried: Evergreen Cemetery, Manitowoc, WI

Gravesite: A-5-1: "Jos. Stephenson/Born Feb. 1, 18365/Died Aug. 26, 1896/Age 61 yrs. 6 mos. 25 ds/Co. I/11th Wis. Inf./A Civil War Veteran"

Chilton Times, August 28, 1896: "On Tuesday evening, August 25th, while Mr. Joseph Stephenson and his son George were drawing a load of planed lumber into their yards at the Center, the horse became frightened at an engine, which was standing on the track, and ran away. Mr. Stephenson grabbed the lines from his son thinking that he could stop the horse. He was thrown out and severely injured. In all probability the wheel passed over his abdomen. He received a scalp wound about two and one-half inches in length, over the back part of the head, but this had little or nothing to do in causing his death. The shock and attending collapse were so severe that for a while at least, it seemed as if he would die before the doctor could dress his head. About seven o'clock p.m. he began to rally and at eight o'clock reaction had set in and his general condition appeared more favorable. The exact nature of the internal injuries are unknown, as no post mortem examination was made but there is no doubt but what they caused his death. Mr. Stephenson was a man highly respected in this community and his untimely death sent a thrill through the whole neighborhood. All join in extending sympathy to the bereaved family. Joseph Stephenson was born in Belfast, Ireland, February 3, 1835, and came to America with his parents in 1841 locating in Massachusetts. In 1849 he migrated to Wisconsin and located in Manitowoc County where he remained for a number of years. In 1873 he was married to Miss Emily Dittmar of that city. In 1885 he removed to Gravesville, and during the past year has conducted a lumber yard in this city. Mrs. Stephenson and five children survive him. The funeral occurred on Friday and the remains were interred at Manitowoc. The guests from abroad

were Gordon and John Stephenson, Mrs. Jos. Finch, of Liberty; Mr. and Mrs. George Goldie, of Newton, Manitowoc County and Mrs. George Rein, of Sheboygan."