

# CIVIL WAR ANCESTOR STORY

By Gregory K. Smith

I have some facts concerning my wife's great, great grandfather's involvement in the civil war. I haven't done any real research on the details of his involvement beyond copying a certificate that he presented to his family after the war (and is now in the possession of my brother-in-law.). So it's not much of a story, more just like a resume of activities, but thought I'd share it with you.

This is to Certify that Frederick Kuechenmeister enlisted August 18, 1861 from Lucas County Ohio and was mustered into the United States Service at Cleveland Ohio as a Private for a term of three years in Company B 37th Regiment, Ohio Volunteer Infantry under Captain Louis Von Blessing and Carl Mortz and Colonel Edward Siber (sp?). The Regiment was assigned to the 3rd & 2nd Brigade, 2nd Division 15th Army Corps, Army of the Tennessee and Comrade Kuechenmeister participated in the following battles and engagements. Princeton WVA; May 15, 16 & 17, '62. Charleston WVA May 17, 1862. Wyoming, OH (sp?) Aug 5 1862. Repulse of Lorings attach on Fayetteville WVA Sept 10 '62. Cotton Hill Sept 11. Charleston Sept. 12, 13 '62. Moved to Napoleon Ark Dec 20 thence to Youngs Point LA Jan 21 '63 and duty there until March '63. Rolling Fork and Deer Creek Mar 14. Drummgoolds Bluff on Apr 27 and May 63. Siege of Vicksburg May 18 to July 4 '63. Assault on Vicksburg May 19 and 22 '63. Surrender of Vicksburg July 4, 1863. Siege of Jackson Miss, July 10 to 17 '63. Moved to Chattanooga Tenn. Sept 26 to Nov 21. Engaged at Bear Creek Tuscumbia Oct 27 '63. Orchard Knoll Tenn. Nov 23. Look Out Mountain Nov 24 Mission Ridge Nov 25. Ringgold Nov 27. Honorably discharged Feb 9, 1864. Reenlisted as a Veteran at Larkinsville Ala. Feb 10, 1864 as a Private for 3 years of during the war in same. Company and Regiment under Captain Carl Maenlen and Lieut Col Louis Von Blessing. Atlanta GA campaign. Engaged near Resaca May 13. Battle of Resaca May 14, 15 '64. Battles about Dallas, New Hope Church and Allatoona Hills May 25 to June 5, '64. Marietta and Kennesaw Mountain June 10 to July 2 '64. Assault on Kennesaw June 27 '64. Nickajack Creek July 2, 1864. Ruff Mills July 3-4 '64. Chattahoochee River July 6 to 17 '64. Battle of Atlanta July 22. Siege of Atlanta July 22 to Sep 2 '64. Ezra Chapel GA July 28, 1864. Battles of Jonesboro Aug 31 to Sept 1 '64. Lovejoy Station Sept 2 to 6 1864. Operations against Hood in Nor. Georgia and Nor. Alabama Sept 29 to Nov 3 '64. Gladsden GA Oct 25 '64. Marched to the sea Nov 15 to Dec 10 '64. Siege of Savannah Dec 10 to 21 '64. Fort McAllister Dec 13. Campaign of the Carolinas, Salkahatchie Swamp SC Feb 2 to 5 '65. Soesisto River SC Feb 8 '65. Nor. Seosiso River SC Feb 12, 13 '65. Columbia SC Feb 16, 17 '65. Battle of Bentonville NC Mar 19, 21 Mill Creek Mar 22, 1865. Goldsboro Mar 24. Raleigh and Surrender of Johnston at Raleigh April 26, 1865. March to Washington DC via Richmond. Grand Review a Washington DC May 23rd 1865. Took sick on March through Georgia. Moved to Louisville KY June 1865 thence to Little Rock Ark. Honorably Discharged Aug 7, 1865 at Little Rock, Ark. Telegram from War Dept dated July 31, 1865. Member of Wilder Post No 25 GAR, Dept of Mich. at Ottawa Lake, Mich.  
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Presented by Comrade Kuechenmeister to his wife Louisa and children Mary, Emma, Fred, Minnie and Ricka. Thank you Greg for submitting this record to the GPCWRT Newsletter.