

## Ancestor Profile

### Lieutenant Colonel Casper Schneider 103<sup>rd</sup> New York Infantry Regiment "Seward Infantry"

Lieutenant Colonel Casper Schneider was born in Germany in 1823. He immigrated to the United States in the 1830's and soon established himself as a manufacturer of chemical dyes and the like. He joined the New York Militia in 1845.

By the time of the outbreak of the Civil War, Casper Schneider had attained the rank of Lt. Colonel with the Militia. In early 1861, he used part of his personal fortune to organize and equip a group of German immigrant volunteers. The organization was designated the *3rd Regiment German Rifles*. Lt. Colonel Schneider was elected Colonel and Regimental Commander.

In March 1861, the *3rd German Rifles* were consolidated with the *Seward Infantry Regiment*, a Federal Unit, commanded by Colonel Baron Frederick W. von Egloffstein. This new regiment was designated the *103<sup>rd</sup> New York Infantry*. Lt. Colonel Schneider was mustered-in as captain and was soon appointed to Lieutenant Colonel and Battalion Commander.

Casper Schneider served with the *103<sup>rd</sup> New York Infantry* during its service in Washington DC, Norfolk, Virginia and in North Carolina. He was mustered-out in May 1862 upon completion of his military obligation and was honorably discharged. After his discharge, Mr. Schneider returned to New York to resume his business manufacturing various chemical compounds.

In 1886, he helped found the *Otto Schwartz Post of the Grand Army of the Republic* and served as Post Commander. He died in 1898 on Staten Island, New York.

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