

Ancestor Profile – Pvt. Jacob Johann Lohrer

Jacob Johann Lohrer was born September 20, 1833, in Sandhausen, Baden-Württemberg, Germany. He was a cooper by trade, but became a farmer later in life as industrialization made his skills uncompetitive. In 1859, Jacob married Angeline "Annie" Russell, and over the next 36 years, they became the parents of 13 children.

On March 9, 1864, Jacob Lohrer enlisted as a Private in the Union Army. He served in Companies E, L, and M with the 5th Pennsylvania Cavalry (also called the 65th Volunteers or Cameron's Dragoons). His unit saw considerable battle and skirmish action against the Confederates over the next few months.

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On October 16, 1864, Private Lohrer's military service ended prematurely when he was honorably discharged due to wounds suffered in combat. Family tradition holds that he was wounded, captured, and contracted yellow fever while in a Confederate Prisoner of War camp.

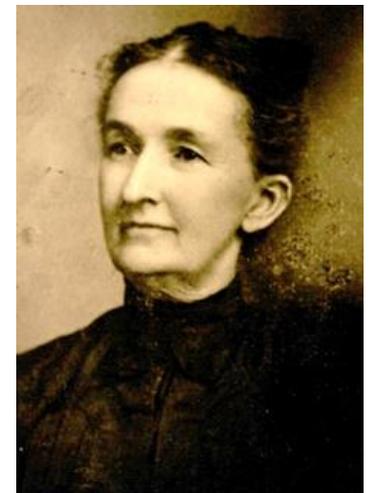
After the war, Jacob continued working as a cooper - according to census records. Another family tradition suggests he would demonstrate his barrel making skills for visiting family on occasion. He was also known as a pious Baptist and would typically offer long prayers when saying grace at meals.



Grave marker of Jacob Johann Lohrer

His wife, Angeline 'Annie' Russell

Jacob Lohrer died November 2, 1902, in Cuyahoga, Ohio, at age 69. He was buried at Lakeview Cemetery, in Cleveland, Ohio. His widow, Angeline, and son Jay received a modest pension for his Civil War service. They were eventually buried in the same lot next to his grave.



... submitted by descendant Brother Karl Falken