

# Morrison-Talbott Library gets copy of

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The Waterloo Heritage Foundation on behalf of the Ludwig and Gauen families recently donated to the city for placement in the Morrison-Talbott Library a copy of a 19th century document relating to the Civil War.

Called a United States Military Record and printed by authorization of an 1864 Act of Congress, the document, which was presented to the city by Heritage Foundation member Barb Markham, includes the names of those men who served in Company H of the 49th Illinois Volunteers which was mustered in Waterloo. The document lists men killed in battle, deserters, those receiving promotions, those discharged due to disability and expiration of service, and those who died from disease.

Jacob Ludwig was a private in the Company and was wounded in the Battle of Pleasant Hill, La., on April 9, 1864. Jacob E. Gauen was promoted from a captain to a major of the Company on April 13, 1864, shortly after the battle at Pleasant Hill.

According to the document, eight members of Company H were killed in battle, three deserted, 10 received promotions, 14 died of disease, 11 were discharged on disability and 31 were discharged for expired service once the war ended.

Company H was only a small contingent of Monroe County residents who served in the war. Residents were not only mustered in Waterloo but in surrounding counties and towns as well. In the book Arrowheads to Aerojets, as many as 525 men from Monroe County are listed as having served for the "defense of the Union."

According to the document, Company H was "enrolled" by Jacob E. Gauen at Waterloo on Sept. 16, 1861 and "mustered into the U.S. Service" at Camp Butler, Ill., on Oct. 23, 1861 by Captain Pitcher.

The Company was reorganized at Memphis, Tenn., on Jan. 15, 1864, and re-mustered on Jan. 16, 1864 at Memphis, Tenn., by Lt. Fetterman. The Company was mustered out (discharged) at Paducah, Ky., on Sept. 9,

1865, by Capt. Shaw.

The document also lists the battles in which the Company fought. The group's first battle was at Fort Donelson, Tenn., on Feb. 13-15, 1862, and its second battle was at Shiloh, Tenn., on April 6-7, 1862.

The final battle for the Company was the Battle of Nashville, Tenn., fought on Dec. 15-16, 1864. The Company saw action in the states of Tennessee, Mississippi, Louisiana and Missouri.

Company officers, according to the document, included the following: Capt. Jacob Fischer (incorrectly listed as Jacob Fischer on the document); First Lieutenant Servias Sondag; and Second Lieutenant Edward Latsch. Both Sondag and Latsch were wounded in battle in the winter of 1862—Sondag at Ft. Donelson and Latsch at Shiloh.

Veteran sergeants listed include: Daniel Stein, First Sergeant; Frederick Long, Second Sergeant; Frederick Dustmann, Third Sergeant; and Conrad Herrmann, Fourth Sergeant.

Veteran corporals were: John Jatto,

First Corporal; Julius Just, Sergeant; and Daniel Zimmer, Corporal.

Regimental officers included the following: Lieutenant Colonel P. Moore; Major Jacob Surgeon Stephen F.F. Meantant Frank W. Burrows; Heinzelman, R.O.W.; and Lockwood, Chaplain.

Non-commissioned regimental officers were: Sergeant Major Elder; Quartermaster Sergeant J. Willis; Commissary Sergeant Mas Sowman; Hospital Steward William E. Farrow; and Privates, Jacob Hairr and Christing.

According to Markham Ludwig was the grandfather of Ludwig, who is now 84 years old, a resident of the Monroe Nursing Home. It was Ludwig who gave permission for the material to be copied and distributed.

Jacob Ludwig, Markham had three children, the result of three marriages. Peter and Lena were his first marriage while Margaretha was the daughter of the second marriage. Peter was William's father. Peter's other son, Fred, who is now deceased, but was married to Gladys, who is currently also living in Monroe County Nursing Home.

While family members are interested in their history, they told Markham that Jacob Gauen was possibly the grandfather of Gladys Ludwig's grandfather, who used to own and operate a farm in Waterloo.

The original Civil War record document from which the information was made is in the possession of Jacob Ludwig Jr., who lives in Waterloo.

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Pictured is a portion of a copy of a Civil War era document recently presented to the city of Waterloo to be hung in the Morrison-Talbot Library. (Photo by Marvin Cortner)