

## George Washington Barth, Major, F&S, 28<sup>th</sup> KY Infantry, USA

1813 March 10: George Washington Barth was born in Bavaria, Germany.

1836 Barth emigrated to America and settled in Louisville, KY.

*“George W. Barth, established the third bakery in Louisville, the two others being in the hands of Schoeninger and Keck. He built the first delivery-wagon running on four wheels and provided with a top, the old ones being two wheeled concerns. People first laughed at and ridiculed the novelty, but its practicability was soon demonstrated. Barth was also the first brewer in Louisville, as he built the so-called “Spring Brewery” in 1840, and manufactured “Summer beer.” This venture, however, proved a failure as the German residents were their not very numerous and the Americans had not accustomed themselves to the beverage. Barth served with distinction in the Union army during the war.”<sup>1</sup>*

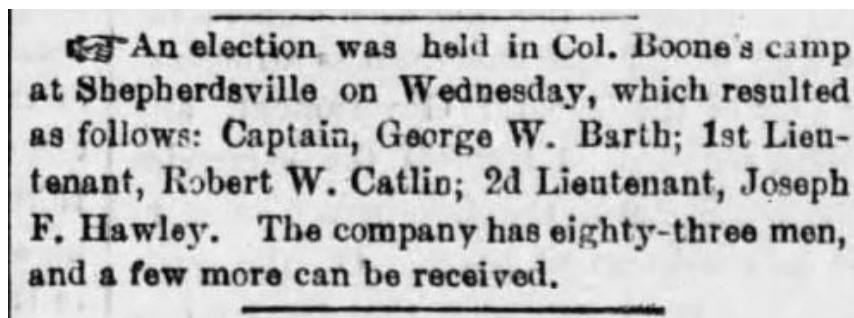
1839 December 18: Barth married Sarah Ann Pendleton in Bullitt, KY.

1843 Birth of first child, John C. Barth.

1851 Barth ran for Constable of the Fourth Ward in Louisville, KY.<sup>2</sup>

1860 The U.S. Federal Census enumerated in Jefferson County, KY showed 47-year-old George W. Barth lived in Louisville, KY and was employed as a produce dealer.

1861 November 2: Barth enlisted as a Captain in Co. C, 28<sup>th</sup> KY Infantry.



An election was held in Col. Boone's camp at Shepherdsville on Wednesday, which resulted as follows: Captain, George W. Barth; 1st Lieutenant, Robert W. Catlin; 2d Lieutenant, Joseph F. Hawley. The company has eighty-three men, and a few more can be received.

1864 April 23: Captain George W. Barth promoted to Major, 28<sup>th</sup> KY Infantry.<sup>3</sup>

1865 Feb 19: 28<sup>th</sup> KY is stationed in Huntsville, AL but George W. Barth has a 20 day furlough to visit home.<sup>4</sup>

1867 Barth elected “Gauger and Inspectors of Liquors” in Louisville, KY.<sup>5</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> The Courier-Journal, Louisville, KY, Sunday, 10 November 1889, pg. 10

<sup>2</sup> The Louisville Daily Courier, Louisville, KY, Tuesday, 13 May 1851, pg.3.

<sup>3</sup> The Courier-Journal, Louisville, KY, Saturday, 23 April 1864, pg.3.

<sup>4</sup> The Courier-Journal, Louisville, KY, Saturday, 25 February 1865, pg.1.

<sup>5</sup> The Courier-Journal, Louisville, KY, Friday, 19 April 1867, pg. 2.

- 1870 The U.S. Federal Census enumerated in Jefferson County, KY showed Barth living in Louisville, KY and employed as a whiskey gauger.
- 1880 The U.S. Federal Census enumerated in Jefferson County, KY showed Barth living in Louisville, KY and employed as a whiskey gauger.
- 1882 Barth served as a clerk in the Eleventh Ward of Louisville, KY.<sup>6</sup>
- 1886 July 15: George Washington Barth passed away in Louisville. He is buried in the Cave Hill cemetery.



**FUNERAL OF GEORGE BARTH.**

**Laid to Rest in Cave Hill With Impressive Ceremonies.**

The funeral of Mr. George W. Barth occurred yesterday afternoon from the Second English Lutheran church on Walnut street, near Nineteenth. The services at the residence, corner of Seventeenth and Market streets, consisted only of prayer, after which the remains were removed to the church, which was crowded with people. Rev. Harlan K. Fenner, the pastor, preached a sermon highly eulogistic of the deceased and related the principal incidents of interest in his life. After the last rites of the church had been performed, the obsequies were taken in charge by DeMolay Commandery of Knights Templars, F. and A. M., of which the dead citizen was a prominent member, and the beautiful and solemn Masonic burial service was celebrated, the consent of Rev. Fenner to allow the Masons to act in the church having been readily given.

The remains were then carried to Cave Hill, followed by a band of music, a large number of Masons, Knights of the Golden Rule, and members of Franklin Lodge, A. O. U. W., the deceased being also a member of the two last-named organizations. The pall-bearers, eight in number, were selected from the Commandery, the Chapter, the Blue Lodge, and from the other orders interested.

At the grave the Blue Lodge (Masonic) officiated, and the body was laid away with full Masonic honors.

It has been erroneously stated that Mr. Barth retired from the army as a Captain. In truth, he organized Company C, Kentucky Volunteers, at Twentieth and Magazine streets. He was promoted for bravery, and was a Lieutenant Colonel at the close of the war.

<sup>6</sup> The Courier-Journal, Louisville, KY, Tuesday, 01 August 1882, pg.6.

<sup>7</sup> The Courier-Journal, Louisville, KY, Monday, 19 July 1886, pg.5.