



## John Henry Seelbach, Pvt. Co. H ,17th TX Cavalry, CSA

- 1841 Nov 17: Johann Heinrich Seelbach was born in Prussia to parents Daniel and Anna Seelbach.
- 1855 Dec 13: The Seelbach family immigrated to the United States onboard the ship "Sheridan". They left from the port of Antwerp, Belgium and arrived in New Orleans. John Henry was thirteen years old and traveled with his mother, father, and three siblings.

Jacob Schultze	41.	1.	Frank Meier		Wass
Joh. Dan. Seelbach	47.	1.	Farmer	Guernsey	"
Anna Cath.	42.	1.	"	"	"
Wilhelm	22.	1.	"	"	"
Henrich	13.	1.	"	"	"
Theresa Cath.	11.	1.	"	"	"
Haria Christ.	6.	1.	"	"	"
Gerhard	3.	1.	"	"	"

<sup>1</sup> [John Henry Seelbach \(1841-1911\) - Find A Grave Memorial](#)

<sup>2</sup> [New Orleans, Louisiana, U.S., Passenger Lists, 1813-1963 - Ancestry.com](#)

- 1862 Mar 15: John Henry Seelbach and his brother, William, enlisted in the Confederate army at Douglas, TX. They were mustered into the 17th TX Cavalry as privates.
- 1863 Jan 11: Pvt. J.H. Seelbach was captured along with the rest of the 17th TX Cavalry at Fort Hindman, Arkansas Post, AR. He was transported north to Camp Douglas as a prisoner of war.
- Mar 31: J.H. Seelbach appeared on a roll of prisoners of war at Camp Douglas near Chicago, IL.
- 1864 Nov 30: Pvt. John Henry Seelbach fought at the Battle of Franklin as part of the 17th TX Cavalry (dismounted). They were part of Gen. Hiram Granbury's brigade in Gen. Patrick Cleburne's Division. This division was part of Gen. Frank Cheatham's corps and they advanced over the western half of the battlefield. Cleburne's men attacked an advance line of Federal troops and forced them to retreat back towards the main defensive line. Their retreat allowed the Confederate troops behind them to be shielded from any incoming fire and they hit the main defensive line with full force. Cleburne's division suffered over 50% casualties and Pvt. J.H. Seelbach was captured during the battle. He was transported north to Nashville as a prisoner of war.
- Dec 3: Transferred to Louisville, KY as a prisoner of war.
- Dec 4: J.H. Seelbach appeared on a roll of prisoners of war in Louisville, KY. He was transferred to Camp Douglas for the remainder of the war.
- 1865 May 4: Sent to New Orleans for exchange.
- May 11: Arrived in New Orleans for exchange.
- May 23: Exchanged and released from Federal custody in New Orleans, LA.
- 1866 Feb 20: John Henry Seelbach married Clara Ann Kolb in Texas.
- 1870 Aug 5: The US Federal Census enumerated in Nacogdoches County, TX listed Henry Seelbach as a thirty year old farmer from Prussia. He lived with his wife, Clara, and her sister, Lenny Kolb. Henry and his family lived next door to his mother and father.
- 1880 Jun 24: The US Federal Census enumerated in Nacogdoches County, TX listed J. H. Seelbach as a thirty nine year old farmer. He lived with his wife and five children.
- 1900 Jun 24: The US Federal Census enumerated in Nacogdoches County, TX listed John H. Sealbach as a fifty nine year old farmer born in Germany. He lived with his wife, six children and one nephew.

- 1910 Apr 26: The US Federal Census enumerated in Nacogdoches County, TX listed J.H. Sealbach as a seventy two year old farmer who lived with his wife, three daughters, and multiple grandchildren. He was listed as a veteran of the Confederate Army.
- 1911 Oct 19: John Henry Sealbach died. He was buried in the Pleasant Hill Cemetery in Nacogdoches, TX.



<sup>3</sup> [Seelbach, Lavinia & John Henry Sealbach \(ancestry.com\)](#)

<sup>4</sup> [John Henry Sealbach \(1841-1911\) - Find A Grave Memorial](#)