

Christian Nix Records

Widow's Pension Form

Department of the Interior

Pension Office

Washington, D.C. Feb [sic] 23, 1874

Madam

You are hereby notified that your claim for pension, as Widow of Christian Nix Certificate No. 26696, has been allowed at \$15 per month, commencing Jan [sic] 1, 1863 and \$2 additional for each child while living and under the age of sixteen years, c. [sic]

July 25 66

payable at the Pension Agency in Milwaukee Wis [sic]

Your pension certificate has been issued and sent to the Pension Agent at the same place, who will forward to you, upon receipt thereof, and quarterly thereafter, proper vouchers for payment thereupon. The note indorsed upon said vouchers will explain when and how they shall be executed by you, and how the payment thereupon will be made.

The fee to be paid to your attorney for the prosecution of your claim is \$-, and no more, and the same will be deducted from your first payment by Pension Agent.

Respectfully,

J.H. Baker

Commissioner.

To: Mary Nix

617 Sherman St.

[crossed out] Milwaukee Wis

Widow's Pension Form

No. 26696 Increased

United States of America

Department of the Interior

Pension Bureau

It is hereby certified, That [sic] in conformity with the laws of the United States Mary Nix Widow of Christian Nix who was a 2nd Lt. Co. "D" 24th Reg't [sic] Wis Vol is entitled to a pension at the rate of Fifteen dollars per month, to commence on the first day of January 1863 and to continue during her widowhood, unless she shall forfeit her rights thereto. And she is also entitled to two dollars per month additional for each of the following named children while living and under the age of sixteen years, to wit:

Commencing 25 July 1866

Sixteen 7 May 1879

Henry C.

Given at the Department of the Interior this twenty third day of February one thousand eight hundred seventy four [sic] and of the Independence of the United States of America the ninety eighth

B R Bruren

Acting Secretary of the Interior

Countersigned

J. H. Baker

Commissioner of Pensions

[On side] Former payments covering any portion of the same time to be deducted.

Letter to His Wife

[background info] Born in Eberbach, Baden, Germany, at the age of fourteen, Christian Nix sailed to America with his parents, Catherina and Johann Georg, in steerage aboard the ship Hendrik Hudson (1851). In 1861, at the age of twenty-five, Christian married in

June, joined Capt. Lindmann's Company F of the 6th Regiment of the Wisconsin Volunteers as a third sergeant in July, and wrote this letter to his wife, Maria Kasper, from Arlington Heights, Virginia, in October. The original letter has been translated from the German.

DEAR MARI!

I answered your last letter and pointed out to you also the support, I think it is best that Ehlmann does not manage this so that you turn to your cousin Willi Kasper, because of this I think he will provide it certainly if possible. therefore the records which I have sent earlier to Ehlmann and which I give to Williams. I have included a letter for him in which I asked to help you, dear Mari I have sent you already some this letter Roberte [sic] with the Soldier's Dream of Home. I will explain to you now the picture and the dream in words.

The dear Lord, I will thank God if I can come home even in three years but we don't want to think that. Therefore I feel obliged for your benefit and advantage to take trouble to get your support from the city like from the State of Wisconsin because one does not know dear Mari how things will be with me then you will thank me probably for it when I am no longer alive.

And if I should return it is good also because one does not know how, I will return, [illegible] therefore take this letter which is enclosed and take it as soon as possible to William with the list which Ehlmann has sent. He certainly will take care of everything and you will let me know about it.

I will close and I wish you a good night. I have a cold [illegible] and the nights here are already very cold in tents or under the sky.

Your loving spouse, Christian Nix

The Soldier's Dream of Home

The earth lies peacefully in the dark night.

The stars shine in the sky.

I stand on my watch far away from you.

When the Fatherland called

The citizens and all sons against the enemies,

I, too, grasped the musket

In order to revenge the case of the Union.
In a rush, I hugged my crying fiancée [sic]
And ran to my crowds.
Who knows if ever my eye again sees whom I loved.
And when I stand so alone
Away from you in a far distance
During the quiet night and moonshine,
Then I think of you with pleasure
When I lie down to sleep
Tired from the day's burden and misery.
A dream comes up to me-
A picture from my home valley.
There I dreamed I returned back to my love.
Gladly I embraced my wife
And was glad that I had not stayed,
But the drum beats and I awake.
Gone are the dreams
Which in a quiet summersnight [sic]
Brought delight to my heart
While the moon was shining.
from the one who loves you very much,

Christian Nix

Arlington Heights, Va

October 21, 1861

[footnote- Christian Nix, a second lieutenant with the 24th regiment of the Wisconsin Volunteers, died at the Battle of Murfreesborough [sic], Tennessee on January 5, 1863.]

Form to become a Citizen of the United States

State of Wisconsin

Milwaukee County

SS

Christian Nix personally appeared before the subscriber, the Clerk of the Circuit Court of said County, being a Court of Record and made oath that he was born in Baden on or about the year Eighteen hundred and thirty six that he emigrated to the United States, and landed at the Port of New York on or about the month of June in the Year Eighteen Hundred and Fifty that it is bona-fide his intention to become a citizen of the United States, and to RENOUNCE FOREVER all allegiance and fidelity to any Foreign Prince, Potentate, State or Sovereignty whatever, and particularly to Frederic Prince Regent of Baden whereof he is a subject.

Subscribed and sworn to the 3rd day of Nov AD 1857

Christian Nix Matthew Keenan Clerk

State of Wisconsin

Circuit Court, Milwaukee County

I, MATTHEW KEENAN, Clerk of said Circuit Court, do hereby certify, that I have compared the foregoing with a Record on file in my office, that it is a correct transcript therefrom, and the whole thereof, as the same remains of Record in my Office.

In Testimony Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand, and affixed the seal of said Court, this 3rd day of Nov AD 1857

Matthew Keenan Clerk

[seal]

Marriage Certificate

Sold by H. Niedecken and Co., Milwaukee

Marriage Certificate

State of Wisconsin

Milwaukee County

SS

Be it Remembered, That [sic] on this fourth day of June AD 1861, at the Justice Office in the Second Ward of the City of Milwaukee, personally appeared before me, a Justice of the Peace in and for said County Mr. Christian Nix a white person a son of Johann

Georg Nix and of Catherina born Greulich now a resident of the City of Milwaukee Wisc [sic] born at Eberbach in Baden Europe on the 2nd day of August 1836, a soldier by occupation, and Miss Maria Kasper a white person, a daughter of Heinrich Kasper and of Charlotte born Goetter now a resident of the City of Milwaukee Wisc [sic] born at Crenznach in Prussia Europe on the 13th day of March, A.D. 1840 and presented themselves to be JOINED IN MARRIAGE, whereupon both parties were duly sworn and examined, and not finding any legal objection to the marriage of said parties, in the presence of Frederik Schumacher of the City of Milwaukee Wisc [sic] and of Werner von Bachel of the same place as aforesaid. I united in the bonds of Matrimony the said Christian Nix and Maria Kasper.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand the day and year first above written.

Alexander Holzhausen Justice of the Peace

[on back] Marriage Certificate Christian Nix and Maria Kasper June 4, 1861

Third Sergeant Appointment Form

To all to whom these Presents Come: Greeting,

I hereby certify, that reposing special trust and confidence in the patriotism, fidelity and good conduct of Christian Nix, I HAVE APPOINTED AND CONSTITUTED, and by these presents DO APPOINT AND CONSTITUTE him Third Sergeant of Captain Lindmann's Company "F" of this the 6th regiment of Wisconsin Volunteer and as Third Sergeant with rank from the 16th day of July A.D. 1861, and I do hereby authorize and empower him to execute and fulfill the duties of that office, according to law, and he is required to observe and follow such orders and directions as he shall from time to time receive from the Commander-in-Chief, or any other, his superior officers, according to the rules and discipline of war, and according to the constitution, and laws of this State and of the United States.

In Testimony Whereof, I, LYSANDER CUTLER, Colonel Commanding, have hereunto subscribed my name at Head Quarters Madison, Wis., this 16th day of July A.D. 1861.

L Cutler Colonel

Frank A. Haskell Adjutant

Christian Nix

[on back] Died Jan. 3, 1863 in 24th Wis. was wounded at 31 Dec. 1862 Stones River
Enlisted in '61 June 6 Reg Wis Vol

Discharge Declaration

To all whom it may concern:

Know Ye, That Christian Nix a Sergeant of Captain Werner von Bachelles' Company, (F.) Sixth regiment of Wisconsin Vols, who was enrolled on the 16th day of July one thousand eight hundred and sixty one [sic] to serve Three years, is hereby Discharged from the service of the United States, this Fifteenth day of August, 1862 at Cul [sic] Pepper Court House by reason of Promotion.

(No objection to his being re-enlisted is known to exist.)

[footnote at end]

Said Sergeant Christian Nix was born in Eberback in the State of Baden, Germany is Twenty six [sic] years of age, Five foot six inches high, Light complexion, gray eyes, Blond hair, and by occupation, when enrolled a Clerk.

Given at Cul [sic] Pepper this 15 day of August 1862.

L. Cutler Col. 6 Wis Vol.

[footnote- This sentence will be erased should there be anything in the conduct or physical condition of the soldier rendering him unfit for the Army]

Second Lieutenant Appointment Form

State of Wisconsin

Edward Salomon, Governor

To all whom these presents shall come,

Greetings:

Know Ye, That [sic] reposing special trust and confidence in the patriotism, Fidelity and Good Conduct of Christian Nix Wis. I have appointed and constituted, and by these presents do appoint and constitute him Second Lieutenant in Twenty Fourth Regiment Wis. Vols. Under Gen Order No. 75 From War Department with rank from July 18, 1862. And I do Hereby Authorize and empower him to execute and fulfill the duties of that office according to law; and he is required to observe and follow such orders and directions as he shall from time to time receive from the commander-in-chief, or any other his Superior Officer, according to the Rules and Discipline of War, and in accordance with the Constitution and Laws of this State.

In Testimony Whereof, I have hereunto subscribed my name, and caused the Great Seal of the State of Wisconsin to be affixed.

Done at Madison, this Eighteenth day of July in the year of our Lord One Thousand Eight hundred and sixty two.

By the Governor,

Edward Salomon

James L. Lewis

Secretary of State

Aug. Gaylord

Adjutant General

[note in upper right hand corner] Mustered as 2nd Lieut. August 19, 1862; R.S. Smith
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Last Will and Testament of Christian Nix

In the name of God, amen: I, Christian Nix of the City and County of Milwaukee and State of Wisconsin, of the age of twenty four [sic] years, and being of sound mind and memory, do make, publish and declare, this is my last will and testament, in manner following that is to say:

First, I give and bequeath to my wife Mary Nix, born Kasper, all the following Estate interests lying and being in the County of Milwaukee and State of Wisconsin, known and described as follows, to wit: one Story frame building, situate in Joel Kneeland's Park, in Kneeland's Addition, in the Ninth Ward of the City of Milwaukee in the County of Milwaukee aforesaid (see lease from Kneeland to me) together with all hereditaments and appertanances [sic] thereunto belonging as in any wise appertaining: I have and to hold the premises above described to the said Mary Nix

And Second [sic], I give and bequeath all the rest, residue and remainder, of my personal estate, goods and chattels, outstanding claims or demands at the time of my death, of what nature or any kind soever, to my said wife Mary Nix whom I hereby appoint sole executrix of this my last will and testament, hereby revoking all former wills by me made.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this fifteenth day of June in the year of our Lord One thousand eight hundred and Sixty One.[sic]

Christian Nix

[seal]

[written on back] The written instrument, consisting of one sheet was at the date thereof, signed, sealed, published and declared, by the said Christian Nix as and for his last will and testament in presence of us, who at his request and in his presence, and in the presence of each other, have subscribed our names as witnesses thereto.

Alexander Johnson residing at Milwaukee City and County of Milwaukee and Sate of Wisconsin

Otto Schorse residing at the City of Milwaukee aforesaid

Carl Lampe residing at the City of Milwaukee aforesaid