

## Captain Henry C. Schmid

On April 14, 1886, a group of Union veterans and friends of Captain Schmid gathered at Beck's Hall "for the purpose of drafting suitable resolutions of respect to their dead comrade. ... The following resolutions were drawn up and adopted: It has pleased an all-wise providence to remove from us our late comrade, Capt. Henry C. Schmid, to those unknown shores from whence no wanderer returns. We, his companions, mourn his loss deeply, and be it therefore

*Resolved.* That we have lost in Capt. Henry C. Schmid a brave soldier and friend, and the city of Louisville an upright, honorable citizen.

*Resolved.* That we sympathize with the family of the deceased in their bereavement, and that we hope that time, the healer of all sorrows, will also be instrumental to console them in their unreturnable loss.

*Resolved.* That we attend the funeral in a body and that these resolutions be sent to the press of Louisville with the request that they be published.

Col. R.M. Kelly, Capt. George Marker, Lieut. Henry S. Cohn, Committee."

The funeral procession began at 2:30 pm that same day at Schmid's house (1113 Baxter Avenue) with Eichhorn's band. Schmid's remains were interred with full military honors and ceremonies by the Grand Army of the Republic in Eastern Cemetery. At the grave, Mr. Charles Neumeyer, Mr. Henry S. Cohn, and General Whitaker, who commanded Schmid's regiment during the Civil War, all spoke. The Liederkrantz Society rendered two songs.

Captain Schmid was a member of the Sixth Kentucky Volunteers and was wounded at the Battle of Shiloh. Due to his injury, he could no longer work as a watchmaker, so he became a journalist for the *Volksblatt*, a daily Republic German paper, and the *Omnibus*. Schmid died of consumption, now known as tuberculosis. Upon his death, Schmid left his estate to his "beloved friend Mrs. Augusta Herrmann...as her sole and separate estate free from the claims and control of her husband Conrad Herrmann, or any subsequent husband she may have." Upon her death, the remainder of his estate was to go to her daughter Augusta, wife of Jacob Fry (Jefferson County Wills, Vol 12-13, 1883-1887).

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