

OUT OF THE PAST ... HERMAN LUDWIG

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Van Amburgh Bandwagon. Photo by: Rod Everhart

Born in Lorsch, Bergstraße, Hessen, Germany in September 25, 1831, Herman immigrated to the United States in Aug 1846, with his parents, Philipp and Margaretha Massoth Ludwig.

Prior to the Civil War, Herman was the band leader of a cornet band for the Van Amburgh circus, which traveled throughout the Eastern and Midwestern United States. He was involved with the James Robinson circus as well, from 1859-1861.

He served as a musician during the Civil War, in Companies F & S of the 8th Ohio Military Infantry, from September 3 to October 3, 1862. Herman first married Martha McGee in Cincinnati, Ohio, and they had four children: Rossa Belle (1854), William C. (1856), Reuben Herman (1859), and Abbie (1863).

In 1875 in Cincinnati he married Kate Gößwein Graf, widowed mother of four, and they had one child, Lyell Jacob (1879). In 1881 Kate, Herman, and their family moved to Evansville, Indiana, where Herman worked as a music teacher, from his home on Read Street.

Herman was admitted to the Old Soldiers' Home in Dayton, Ohio, on 18 Jan 1901, by his son William C. Ludwig. He died there six years later on November 18, 1907, at the age of 75.

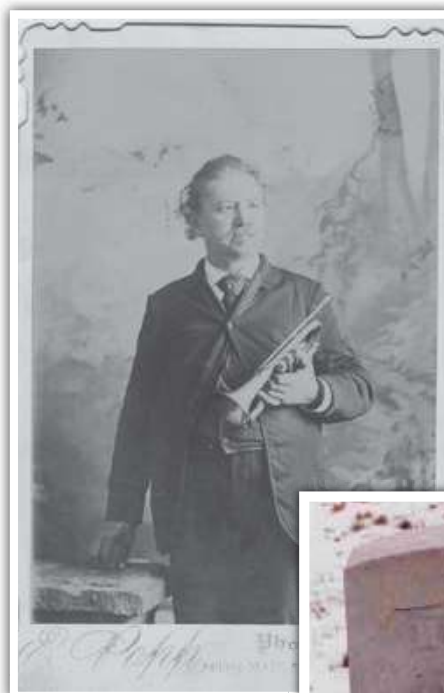
The Dayton Daily Journal, dated 21 Nov 1907 included the following obituary:

The funeral of Herman Ludwig, a veteran of the Civil War,

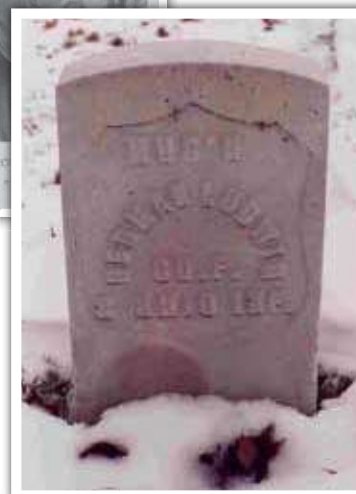
who passed away at the National Military Home Monday, was held Wednesday afternoon from the cemetery chapel in charge of the chaplain, Rev. Harry Kuhlman. With the usual honors paid to soldiers the venerable fighting man of the glorious old Eighth Ohio Regiment was laid away beneath the sod. He was one of the popular men of the post and his death is much regretted, particularly among the members of Company 6 to which he belonged. His last illness was a short one for he was borne down by a sudden stroke of paralysis and staved off the reaper for only a few days at the hospital. Among those who attended the funeral were his son "Judge" Ludwig, a proofreader on the Cincinnati Post, and his wife.

Burial:
Dayton National Cemetery
Dayton
Montgomery County
Ohio, USA

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Herman Ludwig,
Bandmaster



Herman Ludwig
Tombstone