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From: John M. Swartz
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Re: Fredrig Swartz

I was very pleased to find your Web site and the amount of work that you have done over the last number of years. Let me start by giving you some information on Fredrig Swartz. His tombstone reads:

Frederick - Feb. 3, 1844 - Feb. 1, 1934

He is buried in the Westfield Cemetery, Westfield, NY.

The following is his obituary which appeared in the Westfield Republican on Wednesday, February 14, 1934.

TAPS ARE SOUNDED

Death of Frederick Swartz Thursday Night, Feb. 1, 1934,
Leaves Only One Survivor of Civil War Veterans in Ripley; Served Throughout the War and Was in Some Major Engagements.

Death on last Thursday night claimed one of two remaining veterans of the Civil War in Ripley, leaving Robert M Rownd, Sr., as the sole survivor of that conflict. Frederick Swartz died at the home of his daughter Mrs. Louise Crouch, Maple avenue aged 90 years.

Frederick Swartz was born in Germany on February 3, 1844 and the date of his death was February 1, 1934. When he was 14 years of age he came to this country with his parents, landing in New York after crossing the Atlantic in a sailing vessel, the trip requiring nearly six weeks. From New York the family came directly to Chautauqua county where the remainder of his life was spent.

At the outbreak of the Civil War Mr. Swartz enlisted in Company E, of the 154th Regiment of the New York Infantry and served throughout the war, having been in some of the major engagements of that conflict, notably the Battle of Gettysburg, the Chancellorsville battle and was with Sherman on his march to the sea.

Mr. Swartz spent the active part of his life in farming and lived for many years at Volusia, south of Westfield. In 1867 he was married to Dorothea Rian, four children being born to this union. The mother passed away October 28, 1902. In 1905 he was married to Mrs. Charles Hutchinson, who died in March 1917, at their home in State Line. Since that time he has made his home with his daughter, Mrs. Louise Crouch, in Ripley.

He was a faithful member of the Methodist Episcopal church in whatever community he lived, his last membership being in Ripley M. E. church which he has loyally supported. He was also interested in other religious organizations and gave liberally of his time and means for their upkeep and development.

He leaves a large circle of relatives and friends to mourn his passing. He is survived by his four children: Mrs. Elmer Willing and Mrs. Leon Meeder of Westfield; Mr. Carl F. Swartz of Silver Creek, and Mrs. Louise Crouch of Ripley; also two step children: Mrs. Edward McCale of

Fredonia and Louis Hutchinson of Westfield; six grand children: Mrs. D. A. McMillen of Yellow Springs, Ohio; Mrs. J. H. Martsolf of Westfield; Wesley Meeder of Ann Arbor, Mich.; Fred and Helen Swartz of Silver Creek and Mrs. Thompson Rownd of Ripley; three great grandchildren: John Willing Martsolf, Ruth Elizabeth Martsolf and Harry Leiscester Rownd. One sister, Mrs. Louise Pierce of North East, and three brothers: Carl of Westfield, Philip of Mabton, Wash., and Louis of Findley Lake.

The funeral was held from the Ripley M. E. Church Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock, in charge of his pastor, Rev. B. L. Middaugh. Members of the Charles A. Morehouse Post of the American Legion attended in a body, acting as pallbearers and guard of honor. At the grave the flag was removed from the casket and the taps were sounded. Burial took place in the family lot in Westfield cemetery. - Ripley Review

I am the grandson of Louis (Swartz of) Findley Lake. I would like to get more information on Frederick (Fredrig). In particular, I would like to trace the family back to Germany and am hoping that Frederick's military records might be of some help. Also note that the family changed their name from Schwartz to Swartz sometime in the early years after arrival (1856-1858?). Frederick's grandfather Joseph Schwartz is buried in the Volusia cemetery and his father Frank Swartz is buried in the Westfield cemetery. Note the spelling change. I went to the National Archives and they indicated that Frederick's records were transferred to the Veterans Administration. I have not yet followed that lead and am not quite sure how to follow up on obtaining those records. Perhaps you can give me some advice. Also, is there an easy way to get copies of some of these newspaper articles?

Thanks for the response. If a great nephew will work as a descendent, I'd love to be included in your group. I am anxious to receive whatever I can to help research the family. Let me know if this transmission is received.

John Swartz