

# **150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Commemoration**

**Port Washington/Ozaukee**

**1862 CIVIL WAR DRAFT RIOT**



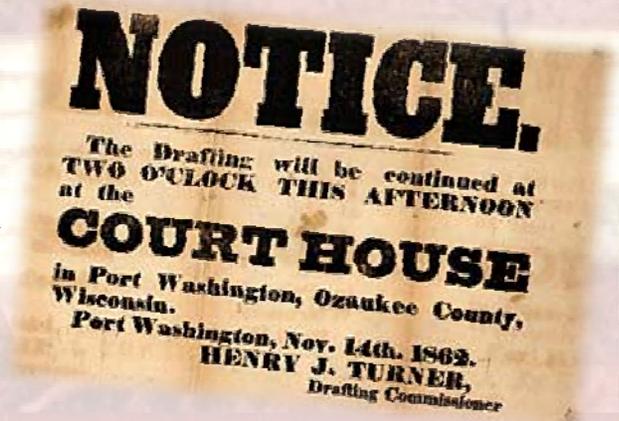
*William A. Pors*

# History

Civil War Draft Riot

Port Washington, Wisconsin

12 November 1862



- On the morning of November 11, 1862, William A. Pors, an attorney, businessman of the county seat in Port Washington, and draft commissioner of German Protestant descent, began working on the draft.
- Immigrant Catholic farmers, the majority of which were Luxembourgers from Port Washington and Belgium, already opposing President Lincoln's draft, declared a Civil War of their own, accusing Pors of exempting his Republican and Masonic friends from military service.
- As Pors prepared the draft, an angry crowd of over 200 farmers carrying clubs and bricks, marched up and rushed the courthouse. Pors was dragged to the door, thrown down the steps, and pelted with stones as he fled for his life. He took refuge in the post office cellar.

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- Pors eventually escaped town on horse and buggy, fleeing to Milwaukee for reinforcements.
- The mob moved through town chanting “No draft, no draft” looting, starting fires and causing destruction. The rioters seized and destroyed the draft rolls then roamed through the town looking for Masons to vent their anger on.
- They severely damaged the Masonic hall, looted businesses, and smashed windows and furniture in several residences, one belonging to Pors himself.
- They took the town cannon, normally used in the 4th of July celebration, forming a line and prepared to battle the Union Army, which they heard was on its way.



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*Governor Edward Salomon*

- Governor Edward Salomon dispatched eight companies of the 28th Wisconsin Regiment, who sailed up Lake Michigan from Milwaukee.
- Union troops landed in Ulao, Wisconsin and marched to Port Washington where they set up a line surrounding the village.
- At dawn on November 12, 1862 the men of the 28<sup>th</sup> quickly surrounded the rioters and occupied the town.
- Most of the mob fled, but more than 130 men were captured and first held at Camp Washburn in Milwaukee and then transported to Camp Randall in Madison, where they were held for about a month.
- Of the 130 captured, 13 were drafted into the army.
- The soldiers of the 28<sup>th</sup> celebrated their bloodless victory by restoring the national flag atop the courthouse.

# **150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration**

**Saturday, November 10, 2012**

Historic Ozaukee County Court House,  
Corner of Main Street & Wisconsin Street  
Port Washington

**Open House**

12:00 pm – 5:00 pm

**Program**

2:00 pm – 3:30 pm

# Program Includes

- Interpretive Storytelling of the Draft Riot
- Dedication of Wisconsin State Historic Marker
  - Veterans' Day Salute
  - Civil War Display
  - Sharing of Oral History
  - Music & Refreshments
- Tours of the Historic Ozaukee County Court House

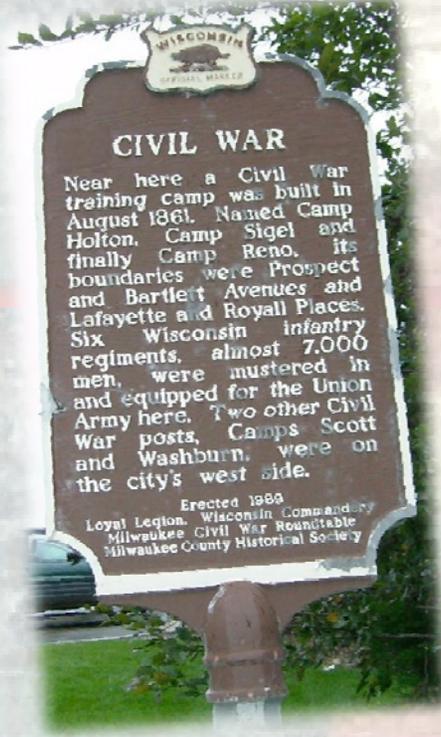


# Events Include

- Civil War Chorus providing musical entertainment
  - Reenactment of events leading up to and culminating in the riot
- Unveiling and dedication of the historical marker
  - Exhibit of Civil War memorabilia throughout Historic Court House
- Reception in the County Board Room, displays, artifacts, informational video's, etc.
  - Musical performance by Civil War musicians

# Civil War Marker

Sample



## Historical Marker

36" x 24" City Marker

5/8" lettering

Post mounted

Different text on each side

848 characters per side

Cost: \$1,680

Produced by State Historical Society

Located on Court House grounds

# **Event Sponsors**

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# University School Research

<http://53355699.nhd.weebly.com/context.html>

## "We Stand By the Flag -- But No Draft": The Story of the Port Washington Draft Riot

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*"...At this there was a rush forward. Many of them were armed with clubs, many had huge stones in their hands, and others had various implements. The first thing done was to demolish the draft box with a club, then they seized hold of Mr. Pors, or rather trampled upon him."*

*The Milwaukee Wisconsin, November 12th, 1862*



(Click to Enlarge)

The second drafting notice for Port

### The Buildup

On the morning on November 10th, 1862, there was barely concealed animosity in the township of Port Washington. Governor Salomon had called for a draft of eligible men in Ozaukee County and many people were angered.

The draft was set for the early afternoon. However, several hours before, a mob assembled. The mob chanted and waved signs that said, "No Draft," and various other things. The ringleaders were Nicholas Kemp and John Druecker. The draft commissioner, William A. Ross, was not fazed by this

# **Unlocking the Past**

## **Ozaukee County's 1901 Time Capsule Listing of Union Soldiers**

[http://www.co.ozaukee.wi.us/1901  
TimeCapsule/Listing6.htm](http://www.co.ozaukee.wi.us/1901TimeCapsule/Listing6.htm)

Union Soldiers who went from Ozaukee County 1861-1865

Town of Belgium

Eugene Antoni, Remond Ackermann, Jacob H Bernhardt, Rom. Barnick  
Nicholas Carellis, Jacob Kicker, Franz Driss, Nicholas Ellenbecker  
Ludwig Grimm, Gottfried Grimm, John Graff, John Glaetzer, Paul Hemm  
Michael Hoffman, Nicholas Ham, John Junis, Nicholas Groebe  
Nicholas Kleman, Mathias Jack, Mathias Kessler, Peter Lewen  
Nicholas Lewen, Paul Marx, John Marx, John Marso,  
Peter Michael, Anton Oberst, Lorenz Oberst, Peter Schamen  
Michael Schmidt, William Schuler, Nicholas Schumacher  
Nicholas Straues, Henry Ebour, Joseph Weiskopf  
Rom. Weiland, Rom. Moser, Michael Ham - 38

Town of Cedarburg

James Bygone, August Buefield, James Burtov  
Peter Burg, Patrick Castello, Pat Diegan, Wm. Groh  
John Heispresser, William Hamlin, Gustav Hemming  
John Lewis, Henry Myer, Michael Moldenkauer  
William Nevo, Thomas Pool, Henry Roth, William Rebling  
John Smith, Herman Schuman, Jacob Thilen  
Thomas Thule, Andrew Thule, Jacob Weiland 23

Town of Hedonia

Matthias Becker	Edward D Bradford	Chas W Bratt
Peter Beckens	Geo Bieser	Nicholas Bieser
Wm Daggitt	William Grimmelb	Chas Gaffield
Joseph Kudoma	John P Kustermacher	Horatio D Will
Gustave i. C Hyde	George Heding	Peter Hovan
Philip Harless	Wm H Hyde	Wm Jack
Joseph Foder	Chas Kocler	Gustave Klegle

Town of Fredonia (Continued)

Nicholas Kammer	William Kammer	Richard Kershaw
Alonso Littlefield	M Littlefield	Joseph Money
John P Seider	Barny O Plenzin	Peter J Powell
Peter Poulouge	Edward M O'Neil	Wm Portgens
John Pders	Jacob R Plenzanz	Peter Plenzanz
James Reeves	Richard Suerstmann	Kret Sauer
John B Sleehan	Jacob Schmidt	Michael Schmidt-
Michael Schmidt Jr.	Jerome Tulle	Wm Turck
Emil Umbrydt	O. Valentine	Nicholas Winand
James Wilson	Benjamin Welkes	Joseph Washbush
William Turk		

## Team of Grafton

Carl Ayers, Um Barton, Jos Baden, Joseph Boden, Jasper Daniels,  
Nathan Daniels, Claus Dickinson, John Joseph Doctor, Robert Coleman  
John Merrickson R P Merrickson John Leary Um Cooper Leo Cooper  
Wallis Davis Ephraim Cooper William Clark, Aubrey Collins Um Coleman  
Jerome Case Stewart Daniels, Baron S Daniels Joe Cramer  
Martini Coleman Hiram Franklin Stephen Franel - Chas Hatfield  
Christ Evanson Jas Harvey Wallis Zastrow Russow - Ben Kaffka  
Jacob Koller Jacob Kandel Joel Chas Kerner - Dewey King  
James Hardy Gustave Kastens Nick Kill - Jos Kramer - John Manning  
Fred Larramic Peter Mayer Peter J Manes J P. Mulnes  
Aho Manning John Murphy Melo Lison John Meader -  
Benjamin Meader, Julius Mentab Henry Saback John Miller  
Lars Nelson Nick Oswald, Chas W. Perry, John Paves - Peter Oswald  
Lorenzo Osfood Henry Rappolt, Leo Starkweather  
Clemens Schreiner, Peter Stephen Um Trosley - Stewart Lowley  
John Witzer James Whitkair Luther E White Doro. Witzer  
John F Wolf Bruce Wait -

## Town of Meyun

Jacob Briz - Richard Blett, Wm Baatz Bruno Brown Carl Beckman  
Henry Backborg Evander Brownwell Conrad Bar. Fredrick Dittmann Pat Klyan  
Geo Lischer John Fritsch. Bernard Grass Wm Kotterman. Henry-  
Hanerkoh, Wm Hansborg - Hans Heidel - Jos Holdenziel.  
Othet Hackenberg Henry Happort. Alvin Knolle Wm Hackenberg Wm Herzog  
John Lau, Wm Lubben. Henry Lydorf Morf Mann Michael Moore. Immanuel Munk  
Herman Munk Wm Matzold Andreas Moeller, Albert Nicolas Edward Neumeier  
Eustace Neuber. Theo Nicolai Julius Neumeister Anton Neumeister. Herman Opatz  
Poslet, Valentini Plumb. Seth Putnam, Wm Riggling Herman Roeber  
John Sletan. Anton Sieborlich Julius Seeberlich Joseph Seeberlich  
Michael Scheppsle. Julius Somish Joachim Stigermann  
Wm Sieginunt. Carl Schurmann Fredrick Selle, Hennick Schudt  
Jacob Strassborges. Chas Eronsen Julius Vellis Jos. Wals, Gottfrid Wendt  
Dallas Worth. Hcs. Morkusen John Wideman Fred Waf Peter Wurdwolk. 65

## Loon of Port Washington

Wm Becker, Geo Bates Wm Bold Ches Bish Henry Bisdor ER Blake Carl Bush  
Charles Bates John Boss. Peter Boss. Nicolas Bold. Ches Beger Peter Burg  
Fred Bartel Nicolas calling Andrew G Lawrence Michael Hardy Lewis McCandless  
Albert S Davis James H Leonard. Frank Ellenbecker Gustave Goldsmith  
Francis Feussidor James Huban Frost Holland John Hennessy Wm Haak  
Franklin Hoyt. Wm Lee. Richard L Bone Joseph Gardiner Ingonjianish  
Nicholas Jaeguekate. Joseph Johan Ward James Daniel Kellogg  
Richard E Kann Wm Kochler John Klopp Chas Klein. Nicholas Klein  
Nicholas Kiefer James Kerney. Oliver Labriech John C Lous Fred Lange  
Lewis F Miller. John Michael Nicholas Metzger Felix McCarthy  
Hennis Mangin Cornelius Murphy. Leopold Meyer Edward J Morgan  
William Mills Abraham Nelson Nathan Neuselade Nicholas Osundel  
Daniel O. Sullivan Wm Pierce Daniel A Perles Chas Power

Loam of Port Washington (Continued)

Erasmus Parr, Alanson Power, George Porget, William Richard  
Henry C Ramsey, Leopold Rappold, Gustav A Stark, Gustav Schuby  
Bernard Schuller, Haasler W Slav, John Schehan, A P Stone, John State  
Matthias Schuquendt, Peter Schlein, Herman J Schuller, John C Schroeder  
Ogden Tomlinson, Wallnut Ford, Z Turnbell, Jones Tommison, A Turner  
David A Vail, Geo Williams, Hoo E Willman, Hoo Willman, Pat Wukoh  
Milo M Weldon, Samuel Willman, Jos Weiskopf, John B Worling  
John P Wagner, Jos Wols, Morry Wukler 93-

## Town of Saukville

Claude Augustin, Mathew Boy August-Bet-He Geo Bernhard  
Anthony Collins Andrew Cowan Symon Chapman Wesley Chapman  
Patrick Carley Edward Dally, Chas Ed Feller Wm A Grinnell  
John Kough Chas Gross John Goggin Wm Goggin D F Hollows  
James O'Hare Silvester Hughes John Hartwig Bedrick Hafe  
Leuro Hemmann Robert-Ingersoll Patrick Kehue Henry Subers  
Herman Marklein Christian Mueller John McKinley Bedrick Milke  
Samuel O'Keel, Ralph Powell Wm Paulet David Reimer  
Silvester Reimer, Michael Smith Alois Satisch  
Henry Traubert Chas Thomas Bed Thomas John Thomas  
Chas Willis Pat Walsh Barton Westcott Andrew Zinke

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## Recapitulation

Belgium 38

Cedarburg 23

Bedonia 52

Grafton 71 Totals 388

Meyum 65

Port Washington 95

Saukville 44

Three Hundred Eighty-eight

# **Sponsor Websites**

**Ozaukee County**

<http://www.co.ozaukee.wi.us/>

**Luxembourg American Cultural Society**

<http://luxamculturalsociety.org/>

**Ozaukee County Historical Society**

<http://www.co.ozaukee.wi.us/ochs/>

**Port Washington Historical Society**

<http://www.portwashingtonhistoricalsociety.org/>

# Subject Reference Links

**Wisconsin Twenty-Eighth Volunteer Infantry**

<http://www.28thwisconsin.com/service/riots.html>

**A Day in the Life of the Civil War**

<http://lifeofthecivilwar.blogspot.com/2011/11/no-draft.html>

**Wisconsin Historical Society**

[http://www.wisconsinhistory.org/turningpoints/tp-024/?action=more\\_essay](http://www.wisconsinhistory.org/turningpoints/tp-024/?action=more_essay)

**Ozaukee County**

<http://www.co.ozaukee.wi.us/history/peters.html#Draft Riot>