

OCCGS Civil War Veterans Project

Veteran's Information

Veteran's Name: Ferdinand FENSKY

Birth Date: 7 September 1838 ¹

Location: Prussia ²

Death Date: 7 August 1903 ¹

Location: San Pedro, Los Angeles County, California

Buried at: Santa Ana Cemetery

Plot Location: IOOF (1516)

GPS Coordinates: N33°46'04.90524" W117°50'21.25079"

(DMS) Datum: NAD83. Coordinates are +/- 1.00 feet of the grave location

Side Served - Union ²

Rank: Corporal

Company: G

Unit: 122nd Infantry

State: Illinois

Occupation: Carpenter

Family Information

Parents –

Father:

Birth Date/Location: Unable to locate

Death Date/Location:

Mother:

Birth Date/Location: Unable to Locate

Death Date/Location:

Spouse: Jeanette Wellke ^{5,6}

Birth Date / Location: 27 June 1846, Texas ⁶

Death Date/Location: 9 July 1908, Orange County, California ¹

Marriage Date / Location: 1870, Shawnee County, Kansas ⁴

Children –

Name: Louisa (Fensky) Loveland

Birth Date / Location: ABT 1874, Kansas ³

Death Date / Location: Unknown

Additional Information

New York Passenger Lists, 1820-1957, 859; Arrival: *New York*

Name: Ferdinand Finsky (Fensky)
Arrived Aug 19, 1859 on the ship Neptune
Reported age of 20, born about 1839, occupation carpenter
Ethnicity: Prussian
Place of Origin: Prussia
Departed Liverpool, England for New York, New York, USA

Member of Sedgwick Post No 17, GAR

Member of Lincoln Post No 1, GAR, Shawnee, Kansas

Illinois Civil War Muster and Descriptive Rolls Database

Ferdinand Fensky, Age 24, residing in Virden, Macoupin County, Illinois
5"7 ³/₄", Brown Hair, Blue Eyes, Single, Carpenter
Joined Co G 122IL US INF as a Corporal on 15 Aug 1862 at Virden, IL for a period of 3 years
Muster In: 4 Sep 1862 at Carlinville, IL, Muster Out: 15 Jul 1854 at Mobile, AL

Civil War Pension Index

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Ferdinand Fensky – Invalid - Apr 25, 1889, Kansas
Jennie Fensky – Widow -Sep 22, 1903, California

Kansas Historical Quarterly - The Migration of the Russian-Germans to Kansas by Norman E. Saul

"Fred Fensky says a Russian can shovel more pure dirt in a day than a white man can in two." [45]

45. *The Commonwealth*, September 10, 1874; February 13, 1876.

Los Angeles Herald, Volume 32, Number 185, 4 April 1905 **California Digital Newspaper Collection**

Ida Wendt to Jeanette Fensky-All property wherever located as sister and heir at law of Ferdinand Fensky, deceased \$1000.... George Fensky (signs George J. Fensky) to Jeanette Fensky-All interest in property as heir of Ferdinand Fensky, deceased \$1000. Charles Fensky to Jeanette Fensky-All interest in property as heir of Ferdinand Fensky. deceased\$1000. Mrs. Augusta Krauss to same— All Interest in property as heir of Ferdinand Fensky, deceased....\$1000. Mrs. Louise Pickens to same— All Interest in prop, of Ferdinand Fensky, deceased \$1000. Mrs. Johanna Schutt to same—

All Interest in property of Ferdinand Fensky deceased... \$1000. Friedrich Fensky to same— All interest in property of Ferdinand Fensky, deceased \$1000.

The Federal reporter

Excerpt from 242 Federal Report, Pickens et. Al. vs Merriam et. Al.— Court Case against Jeannette Fensky involving the handling of the estate of Ferdinand Fensky. Case started shortly after Ferdinand's death and continued on for several years before being settled.

Suit for an accounting on the part of the defendants for certain property belonging to the estates of Ferdinand Fensky and Jeannette Fensky, deceased, alleged to have been acquired by the defendants through various fraudulent acts perpetrated by them and by Jeannette Fensky and to be wrongfully withheld from the complainants, who claim to be the lawful heirs of Ferdinand and Jeannette Fensky, and for the cancellation of certain deeds. The complaint alleges, in part, as follows:

That the complainants are sisters of Ferdinand Fensky, who died intestate in Los Angeles county, Cal., on August 7, 1903, leaving property in California and Kansas, consisting of real and personal property; the latter being in the form of notes and contracts for the sale of real property located in Topeka, Kan., and cash amounting to \$10,000, aggregating \$100,000 in value.

Sources

The Federal reporter: cases argued and determined in the circuit and district courts of the United States, Volumes 241-242.

"Illinois Civil War Muster and Descriptive Rolls" Searchable Database, Illinois State Archives, An Index Compiled by Fred Delap in cooperation with the Illinois State Archives, <http://www.ilsos.gov/isaveterans/civilmustersrch.jsp>

National Park Service, Civil War Soldiers and Sailors System, searchable database on-line <http://www.nps.gov/civilwar/search-soldiers.htm>

National Archives and Records Administration. *Civil War Pension Index: General Index to Pension Files, 1861-1934* [database on-line]. Provo, UT, USA: Ancestry.com Operations Inc, 2000.

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- 1895 Kansas State Census, Shawnee County, Kansas, Roll v115_142, Family 98, Record for Ferdinand Fensky

"Pioneers in Blue and Gray", Civil War Veterans in Orange County by Gordon Bricken, First Edition, The Bricken Press, Santa Ana, California, Copyright 2009

New York Passenger Lists, 1820-1957, 859; Arrival: *New York, United States*; Microfilm Serial: *M237*; Microfilm Roll: *M237_194*; Line: *17*; List Number: *824*

California Digital Newspaper Collection, Center for Bibliographic Studies and Research, University of California, Riverside, <http://cdnc.ucr.edu>

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Seventh Census of the United States, 1850; (National Archives Microfilm Publication M432, 1009 rolls); Records of the Bureau of the Census, Record Group 29; National Archives, Washington, D.C.

- Harris, Texas; Roll M432_911, Page 33B, Family 576, Record for Jeannette Wellke

Footnotes

¹ Findagrave.com, Memorial # 8721967, Created by Shiver, Record for Ferdinand Fensky

² Illinois Civil War Muster and Descriptive Rolls Database, *An Index Compiled by Fred Delap in cooperation with the Illinois State Archives*, <http://www.ilsos.gov/genealogy/>

³ 1895 Kansas State Census, Shawnee County, Kansas

⁴ 1900 Census, Topeka Ward 1, Shawnee, Kansas

⁵ *The Federal reporter*: cases argued and determined in the circuit and district courts of the United States, Volumes 241-242. Pickens et. al. vs Merriam et. al.

⁶ 1850 Census, **Harris Texas**