

# Historical Clippings

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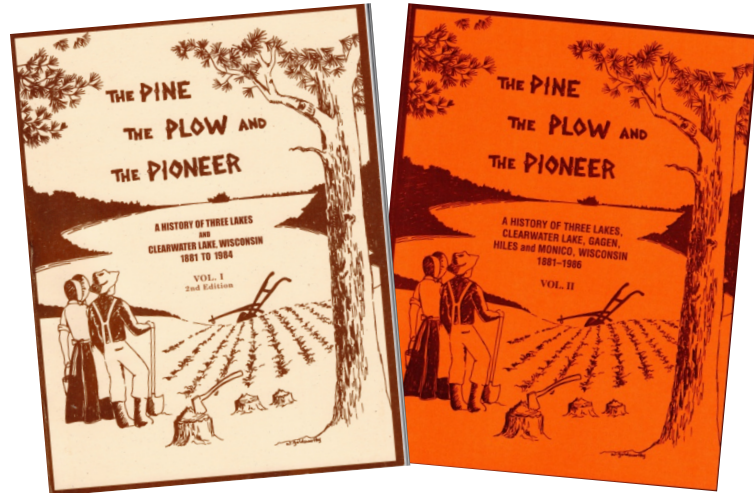
## *For Love of Country*

### November, When We Traditionally Honor Our Veterans

In 1981 the community of Three Lakes celebrated 100 years of their history. A group of people hoping to document and save the stories of the early days of the town created what eventually became the Three Lakes Museum and Historical Society. They encouraged everyone in the community to write their stories, their memories, and their family history in the area. Within just a few years they had compiled two volumes that were published as *The Pine the Plow and the Pioneer*.

These books included many stories of the brave men and women who grew up in Three Lakes and went on to bravely serve our country in the many conflicts since World War I, and to those people we are forever grateful.

There are few stories however of the veterans of the Civil War that settled in this area. A list found in the museum archives compiled by R.T. Krueger in 2006 shows that as many as 14 residents were indeed Civil War veterans. A few names are familiar, but more are not. One whose story we do know is that of Nichlaus Pomes. The Pomes family story has been recorded in Volume I of *The Pine the Plow and the Pioneer*.



THREE LAKES CIVIL WAR VETERANS Compiled by R.T. Krueger February 2006	
AUGUST ASSMAN	B of 32 Mass; d. Nov. 2, 1898 Oneida Co, wife Anna From '90 & '95 census
THOMAS WILLIAMS	I of 45 Penn From '90 & '95 census
ELI MATTOON	K of 7 Wis; b. 1840; possibly d. Jan. 23, 1904 in Waupaca Co. From '95 census
NICHOLAS POMMES	E of 14 US; probably d. 1897; daughters Mary & Louisa; local connection; From '95 census
J W BOYANT	A of 5 cav From '95 census
CHARLES W RUSSELL	E of 118 NY; died at 3 Lakes; From '90 & '95 census
FRED FRENCH	A/C of 44 Wis; murdered at Pine Lake in 1898; buried in 3 Lakes; lots of local info – bio in old local history; From '90 & '95 census
JOHN SNYDER	C of 24 Ill; From '95 census
HANS ANDERSON	49 Ill Cav; From '90 census
SIDNEY VERBECK	K US inf; possibly d. Jan. 15, 1902; possibly served in 1848! From '90 census
FRANK STEINER	B of 9 Wis; probably d. in Washington State Jan 1905; From '90 census
MATTHEW PECK	C of 10 Wis; From '90 census
EZRA TYLER	From 1910 census
JAMES MCCRARY	From 1910 census

## *The Pomes Family Story*

As told in *The Pine the Plow and the Pioneer vol.I*

with much of the story taken from *The History of Lincoln, Vilas and Oneida Counties Wisconsin. 1924*

Nichlaus Pomes, a Civil War soldier, established a home in the town of Three Lakes, Oneida County, which his wife and children subsequently developed into a fine farm. He was born in Belgium, March 10, 1834, and was educated there, immigrating to the United States in 1860, and settling in the state of Wisconsin. It was a critical period in the history of the nation. The Civil War broke out and young Pomes, moved by the spirit of adventure, enlisted in Company E, 14th Wisconsin Volume Infantry.

At the Battle of Bull Run, July 21, 1861, he was wounded in the ankle, which caused him to be lame for the rest of his life. This disability caused his early discharge from the army.

He returned to Wisconsin and re-entered the ranks of civil industry, for the most part doing carpenter work. On July 29, 1879, he was married to Anna M. Wickert, who was born in Manitowoc County, Wisconsin, September 13, 1853. In 1893, Nichlaus and his family moved to Oneida County, taking a homestead in the town of Three Lakes, which he started to improve, and although handicapped by his crippled leg, he made some progress when death called him on May 7, 1897. His wife remained

on the homestead and proved it up with the help of her children, developing it into a fine farm. To help pay expenses she had to keep boarders - mostly loggers.

In 1909, Anna Pomes sold the farm and moved to the village of Three Lakes, where she established a new home, buying a dwelling-house, which, with the aid of her sons was remodeled into one of the prettiest residences in the village. It was of cobblestone veneer construction, with a large screened porch. Here in her declining years, she enjoyed a life of comparative leisure after many years of arduous toil and anxiety.

Anna Pomes reared a family of five children. A son Ben married Mary Koshuta and their son James was the Three Lakes Postmaster for many years.



**Pomes home**

If you recognize any of the Civil War veterans on R T Kruegers list, or know of any other, please consider sharing their story by contacting the Three Lakes Museum. Thank you



