

Joseph Feldkamp

Joseph Feldkamp was born in Rieste, Osnabruck, Hanover Germany to Joseph and Catherine Feldkamp. When he was 19, he immigrated to Cincinnati in 1856. Evidently family members were already there.

He enlisted in the Ohio fourth Cavalry in September of 1861 as a private in Company E. His brother George enlisted a few month later. He was wounded 3 times – and captured by John Hunt Morgan in Lexington. He was paroled a day later. He was mustered out in July of 1865, at the end of the Civil War.

After the war, in Jan of 1866, he married Maria Helmes. They had 8 children – 3 of which lived to adulthood.

Joseph and his brother George were chair makers. George, in fact, has a patent for a certain type of chair. They were very successful in a business called Geo Feldkamp and Bros. This was a retail and wholesale furniture manufacturing business and store which sold mattresses and bedding as well.

In 1885, there was an extensive fire at this five store facility. It was a total loss.

Later Joseph started his own chair making company with his son, Harry, called Jos Felkamp and Son Chair makers.

He died of heart failure in 1903. He is buried at Old St. Joseph in Cincinnati, Ohio