## **COLE COUNTY**



CHARLES GUSTAVUS "GUS" LOESCH

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Loesch, known as "Gus", was born on March 26, 1843, on a farm near Jefferson City in Cole County, Missouri, the eldest son of Gustav and Johanna (Mueller) Loesch, German immigrants who arrived in Missouri about 1839. Gus Loesch enlisted in the Union Army at Jefferson City on August 12, 1862, for three years of service. While serving with the 10th Missouri Cavalry he was captured on February 26, 1864, near Canton, Mississippi, and

spent a year in a series of Confederate prisons, including Andersonville. He was paroled near Wilmington, North Carolina, in February 1865 and mustered out at Benton Barracks in St. Louis on July 1, 1865.

Returning to Cole County, he married Sophia Kingery (1850-1927) in 1868, and they had six children: Emily Leona (Amos) 1869-1949, Sarah Louise (Reinhardt) 1871-1962, Enos Henry 1876-1952, Agnes Cordelia (Reinhardt/Mulvaney) 1878-1969, and Charley 1880 and Logan 1888, both of whom died in infancy.

Loesch lived on the family farm near Jefferson City almost his entire life. In his later years his birthdays were celebrated by large crowds of family and friends, and as one of the few remaining Civil War veterans in the state, his 100th birthday in 1943 was attended by Missouri Governor Forrest C. Donnell. Gus Loesch died of pneumonia in Jefferson City on March 22, 1944, four days short of his 101st birthday, and is buried in Johnston Cemetery in Cole County.

## [Bio from the Missouri State Historical Society]

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**Prince, Charles D.** (3 Aug 1845-17 Oct 1939) Drummer Co H 48<sup>th</sup> Mo Inf. Buried St Thomas Cemetery, Cole Co MO.