

Jacob Young (Jung)

Born Dec 12, 1844

Died: March 5, 1936

Period of Service: Civil War

Source: Cemetery –block 15,
Lot 1, People file, J. Miner

Jacob's father was born in Germany in 1817, and came to America in 1860 and settled in Berlin, WI and was a vinegar maker. He sent for 16 year old Jacob, who entered service on March 31, 1864 in Comp C 9th Wisconsin Infantry from Granville, WI. His engagements were at Spoonsville, AR, the Little Missouri, AR and Falls Church, VA. The 9th mustered out Jan 30th, 1866 and disbanded Feb 14th, 1866.

He lived in a house in Washington Harbor, and "saw many ships washed up on shore." His house burned down and he rebuilt it. Died of myocarditis at the age of 91. He was a former lighthouse keeper 1880-1889 on Pilot Island. Prior to that he was a fisherman from 1868 to 1880.

He "voted for every Republican president from Lincoln on"; he voted for Lincoln's second term when at the age of 19. He had changed his name from Jung to Young in August 1868. He stood in the reviewing line in Washington DC before Lincoln, a great thrill for him.

He married for the second time on 12/25/1897 to a girl named Anna Anderson from Denmark. He had first married Ann Wade in 1869. His children included Mary Francis, John Benjamin, Frederick Marvin, and Robert Garfield. He was also a grave digger on the Island.

(In the Jacob Young People file box is a note from Conan Eaton to a Miss Young to the effect that Joseph Lobdell may have gone from Washington Island to Beaver island to drive King Strang and the Mormons off Beaver Island.)