

**Carl and Fredericka Witt**  
**Children William, Augusta, Louise, Herman Carl, Mary, and Joseph**

Frederika Witt, the second wife of Carl (his first wife passed away in Wisconsin), was killed on August 18, 1862, and Carl and five of his children fled to Fort Ridgely. The family stayed at the fort until the worst fighting was over and then headed to New Ulm, then to St. Paul and finally to Belle Plaine, where they were housed with other refugees. They made this long journey to find daughter, Augusta, who had been working in New Ulm when the attacks happened and they eventually found her.

In 1863, they relocated permanently at Union Hill, LeSueur County, where Carl met and married widow Helen Giesen. Carl now had four sets of children: four from his first wife Louisa: William, Augusta, Louise and Herman Carl; two from his second wife Fredericka: Mary and Joseph; two step-children Frank and Elizabeth Giesen; and four children from his marriage to Helen: John, Margaret, Henry and Helena.

Carl died in 1885 at the age of 65 and is buried in St. John's Cemetery in Union Hill. Altogether, Carl Witt was the grandfather of 85 grandchildren and 18 step-grandchildren.

William married Antoinette Brahy, died in 1920 and is buried in the Shakopee Cemetery in Scott County. They had 12 children.

Augusta married Joseph Hoffman; she died in 1894 and is buried in St. John's in Union Hill. They had 9 children.

Louise married Peter Klinkhammer; she died in 1894 and is also buried in Union Hill. They had 12 children. Peter was a soldier in the Minnesota 10th, Company G and was stationed in Mankato in December 1862.

Herman Carl lived until 1932 and is buried in Union Hill. He married Matilda Spaetgens and they had 9 children.

Mary married Peter Bettendorf, died in 1903 near St Cloud and they had 8 children.

Joseph married Elizabeth Fischenich, died in New Ulm in 1945, and is buried in the New Ulm Catholic Cemetery. They had 8 children.

William enlisted in Lt Sheehan's Company as a Citizen Soldier on Aug 19, 1862 at Fort Ridgely. During this time he severely and permanently dislocated and lacerated his left hand. He could no longer farm and instead became Clerk of Courts in Scott County and elsewhere. When he applied for a pension in 1905, affidavits were filed on his behalf by Dr. D. C. Jones, Mary Converse, John Clasen, Joseph Perrault and Thomas Brennan.