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**RE: INFORMATION ABOUT THE REICHARD FAMILY**

The Reichard Family came to America from Germany c.1850. George Reichard (1830-1908), and his son, Calvin L. Reichard (1871-1958) were farmers, both living on land surrounding Reichard's Lake. The lake was named for George's father. George and Calvin were both members of West Sand Lake Fire Co.

There were 3 families with the Reichard surname in the Town of Sand Lake during the 1800's. Stillman Reichard enlisted in the Union Army 1864, 10<sup>th</sup> Regt.

There was a Henry G. Reichard (b. c.1847, d. 1926). During the Civil War, Henry Reichard's father sold horses to the U.S. Government. A teenager at the time, it was Henry's job to test his father's horses for strength by swimming them across Crystal Lake and back to ascertain whether they were good enough for use by the Union Army. "If the horse can't make it, you'll just have to swim back by yourself!" Henry's father would tell him. If the horse was able to complete the trip, he was judged fit for use by the Union Army.

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