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Summary: Louis Blanke, A.K.A. Lewis Blanke.

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US Army Veteran during the US War Between the States. Service documentation provided separately. Enlisted May 6, 1861.

<https://www.nps.gov/civilwar/search-soldiers.htm#sort=score+desc&q=Louis+Blanke>

[https://www.nps.gov/civilwar/search-soldiers.htm#sort=score+desc&q=%223rd+Regiment,+Missouri+Infantry+\(3+months,+1861\)%22](https://www.nps.gov/civilwar/search-soldiers.htm#sort=score+desc&q=%223rd+Regiment,+Missouri+Infantry+(3+months,+1861)%22)

Served USA Mo 3rd Infantry Company B & E, Private until July 31, 1861 then transferred to Company D & G, 4th Mo Cavalry, Bugler.

Wounded at Pilot Knob, Mo. Oct., 1862. Gunshot leg wound and hospitalized at Jefferson Barracks. Listed as convalescent. Released April 16, 1863.

Reduced from Bugler to Private May 1, 1864.

Promoted from Private to Chief Bugler July 1, 1864 and assigned to Company Field and Staff.

Discharged Oct. 24, 1864. Expiration of Service.

Occupation listed as a Confectioner.

Died Oct. 30, 1906.

Buried Nov. 2, 1906 at Bethania Cemetery now known as Bethany in Wellston, Mo., on St. Charles Rock Road.

Buried in family plot under the name of Lewis Blanke. Family burial Lot card and tombstone pics included.

<https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/61527824/lewis-blanke>

Current USA tombstone issued to Louis Blanke acquired by the OHS through a donation. Location of origin is at 3551 Charlack Ct. (Ave). in St. John, Mo. Donation date is June 20, 1998.

Assumption: The donated USA tombstone would be issued at time or near of internment and installed at Bethania Cemetery, 1906. Wife, Mary, is buried there 1919. Daughter's family now owns the lot of 6 graves. They installed a new tombstone marking the family, circa. 1939 when Louis' son, William, died or when William's wife, Agnes Blanke, died in 1949. The marker is under the name of Lochmann, Section C, Lot 42.

The original would've been damaged due to erosion and not suitable for the lot. I contacted the Superintendent at St. Peter's Cemetery whom owns Bethany and he explained there is no room for a new stone.

It is still a mystery on how the marker ended up on Charlack Ave. The home appears to be a 1960's era home. It is unknown at this time if the property has any connection to the Blanke's.

The marker will remain at the Overland Historical Society on Gass and Lackland Rd. in Overland, Mo. and will be improved as far as possible and maintained in respect for the US soldier.