

Company A, 120th Ohio Volunteer Infantry



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BATDORF, John H 18 Aug 1862 John Harrison BATDORF
Private Batdorf was age 22 when he entered service. He was captured 3 May 1864 near Snaggy Point on the Red River, Louisiana; mustered out 20 July 1865 at Camp Chase, Ohio.

Father: John BATDORF
Mother: Betsey MORGAN
Birth: 13 Sep 1840 in Shreve, Wayne County, OH
Marriage: Caroline BROWN, 28 Sep 1865
Death: 2 Oct 1926, Wauseon, OH
Cemetery: Zion Church Cem, Wauseon, Fulton County OH

Pension Index: John H. BATDORFF, Co A 120th OH Inf and D 114th OH Inf., applied 3? June 1885, Application 541350 [hard to read], Certificate 501226. John died 2 Oct 1926 at Wauseon OH.

Commemorative Biographical Record of Wayne County, Ohio, containing biographical sketches of prominent and representative citizens, and of many of the early settled families....by J. H. Beers & Co, 1889, P. 491
"Caroline, daughter of William W. Brown, married John Batdorff, September 24, 1865. Mr Batdorff was a member of Company A, One Hundred and Twentieth Ohio Infantry, and was a prisoner at Camp Ford, Texas, one year and twenty-four days. Mr. and Mrs. Batdorff have had three children: Russell B, born December 12, 1867; Mahlon, born October 18, 1871, was killed by an accident in a saw-mill at Damascus, Ohio, May 20, 1887; Viva Blanche, born January 29, 1886 in Liberty Center, Williams Co., Ohio."

Have not found in 1850 Census.

1860 Census, York, Fulton Co OH, Dwelling 325, Family 321: John BATDORFF, age 41 PA, farmer; [next page] Elizabeth, age 46 OH; Emanuel, age 20 OH, farm labor; John H, age 19, farm labor; Jeremiah, age 18 OH, farm labor; Lovina, age 14 OH; Austin, age 12 OH; Alias [male], age 10 OH; Aaron, age 8 OH; Almira, age 3 OH.

Wayne County Probate Court record: John H BATDORFF married Caroline BROWN on 28 Sep 1865 in Wayne County OH. Children listed at Family Search: Russell born 12 Dec 1867; Mahlon born 18 Oct 1871; Viva Blanche born 29 Jan 1886.

I haven't been able to find John and Caroline in 1870.

1880 Census, Liberty, Henry County OH, page 38: J. H. BADDORFF, age 40 OH, saw mill, father born PA, mother born VA; Caroline, wife, age 38 OH, parents born OH; Russell B, son, age 12 OH; Mahlon, son, age 8 OH.

1890 Veterans Schedule: Liberty, Henry Co OH: Line 48, House 253, Family 257: John H. BATDORFF, Pvt, Co A 120 OH Inf. Post Office: Liberty Center, Henry Co OH Disabilities.

In 1900 Russell B BATDORFF is living in York Twp, Fulton County OH, page 215. But, no sign so far of John and Caroline.

Caroline Brown Batdorff died in 1906. Buried at [Zion Cemetery](#), Wauseon, Fulton Co OH.

1910 Census, [can not read street]Adrain Ward 1, Lenawee, MI, Dwelling 363, Family 371: John H. BATDORFF, age 69 OH, second marriage, married 2 yrs., father born PA, mother born OH, has own income, marked UA for military service; Harriet E. wife, age 41, second marriage, married 2 yrs, 2 children/2 still living, parents born OH; [next page] daughter, ??Vera A., age 13 OH, parents born OH.

1920 Census, Soldiers and Sailors Home, Perkins Twp, Erie County OH, page 41: John H BATDORFF, age 79 OH, widower, parents born US.

Daily Record, 4 October 1926, page 3

JOHN BATDORF DIES

John Batdorf, former Wayne Co. citizen, died on Sunday at his home in Wauseon, Ohio. Mr. Batdorf was a member of the late Capt. James B. Taylor's company in the 16th OVI during the Civil war. Funeral services will be held at Wauseon, Tuesday. *[James B. Taylor was, of course, in the 120th and he and John Batdorf were not in the same company. James Taylor was in Company H.] [Wauseon OH is in Fulton county west of Toledo.]*

RB Hayes Obituary Index: John died 3 Oct 1926. [Doesn't match death record below]

Soldiers and Sailors System lists three John BATDORFF for Ohio, Co B 67th, Co D 114th and Co A 120th. The 114th and 120th would be this John Batdorf. Not sure about the 67th.

Sons of Union Veterans: Born 1840. Died 1926. Burial Zion Church Cem, county road 11, York Twp, Fulton County OH, Section 1.

Death record in Ohio: File # 65197, John Harrison BATDORF died 2 Oct 1926 in Wauseon, Fulton County, OH. Born 13 Sep 1840 in Shreve, Wayne County, OH. Divorced. Burial at Zion cemetery. His parents were John BATDORF and Betsy MORGAN. Informant Russell B BATDORF of Wauseon, OH.

Son: Death record in Ohio: File # 16335, Russell B BATDORF died 13 Mar 1934 in Wauseon, Fulton Co OH. Born 12 Dec 1867 in Wauseon. His father was John H BATDORF born in Wayne County OH. His mother was Caroline BROWN.

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