

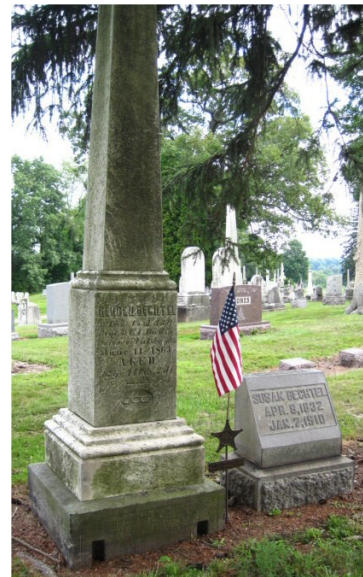
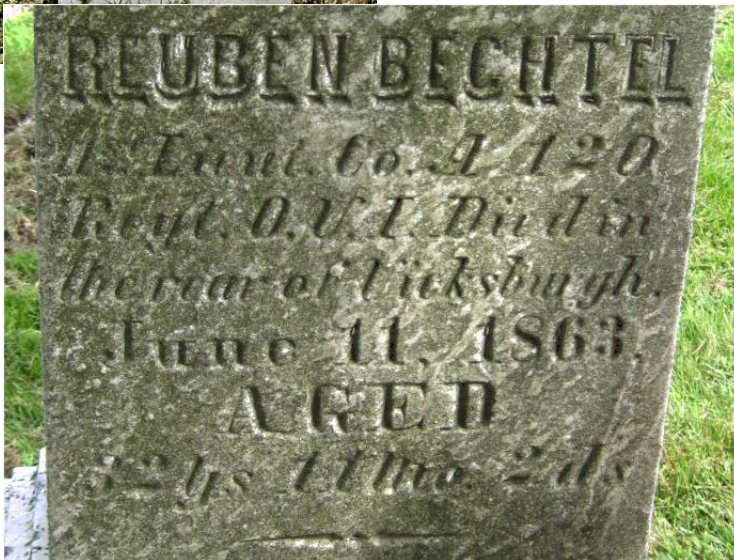
Company A, 120<sup>th</sup> OVI



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BECHTEL, Reuben\* 10 Aug 1862 1st Sergeant Bechtel was age 32 when he entered service. He was promoted from 1st sergeant in Company A to 1st Lieutenant Company B on 5 March 1863; died 11 June 1863 at Big Black River, Mississippi.

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Father:  
George  
BECHTEL  
[d. 1876]  
Mother:  
Elizabeth ?  
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[Ancestry.com died 1854, Wooster]

Birth: 9 Jul 1830 PA

Marriage: Susan TROUTMAN 14 Nov 1852 at Wooster Twp, Wayne Co OH.

Death: 11 Jun 1863 Big Black River, MS

Cemetery: Vicksburg National Cemetery, Warren Co, MS Bechtel, Rueben, d. 11 Jul 1863, Plot: O 4289, Lt, Civil War, Co A 120th OH Vol Inf; There is a stone for Reuben Bechtel at Wooster Cemetery in Wayne Co. OH.

Registers of Deaths of Volunteers, 1861-1865: Reuben BECHTEL, 1st Lieut. Co A, 120th OH Inf, died 11 June 1863 at Regimental Hospital, cause acute dysentery.

Wooster Republican, page 3, Thursday 25 Jun 1863: "Death of Lieut. Bechtel The friends of Lieut. Reuben Bechtel of the 120th regiment have just received sad intelligence of his death. He died on the 12th inst. [June] of dysentery. We have no particulars yet. Lieut. Bechtel was a true, brave and good soldier."

Available at GenealogyBank

Pension index: Reuben BECHTEL, A 120th OVI. Widow, Susan BECHTEL, filed 4 Aug 1863, Application 29195, Certificate 25822 , no state given.

1850 Census, Wooster Twp, Wayne County OH; George Bechtel, age 62 PA, a farmer; Elizabeth, age 59 PA; Reuben, age 18, a clerk. [ Reuben was youngest. Siblings: Elizabeth, Franie, Hetty, Sarah, Jacob B., Isaac, Abraham. Ancestry.com]

1860 Census [June 6th], Wooster Twp. West of North Market ST and north of West Liberty St, Wayne County, OH; Rheubin BECHTEL, age 29 PA, a grocer; Susan age 27 PA; Byron, age 5 OH; Caroline 6 months.

Susan continued to live in the Wooster area with her children.

1870 Census, Wooster Twp, Wayne county OH: Susanna Bechtel, age 36 PA, widow keeping house; Byron, age 15 OH, Caroline, age 10 OH; Reuben F, age 7 OH.

1880 Census, 1st Ward Wooster, Wayne County OH: Susan BECHTEL, age 44 PA, parents born PA; Reuben [T.] son, age 17 OH, parents born PA.

1890 Veterans Schedule: Wooster, Wayne Co OH: Line 18, House 83, Family 93: Susan, widow of Ruben BECHTEL, Lieut, Co A 120 OH Inf. Post office: Wooster, OH

1900 Census, have not found.

Death record in Ohio: Wife, File # 5574 Susan BECHTEL died 7 Jan 1910 in Wooster, Wayne Co OH. Retired, widow. Born 8 Apr 1832 in PA. Parents Jacob TROUTMAN and Elizabeth HEIM, born PA. Burial Wooster Cem. Informant R. T. BECHTEL of Wooster OH.

Pension at [fold3.com](http://fold3.com) :

Susan BECHTEL, widow of Reuben BECHTEL, 1st Lieut., Co A 120th OH Vols. Susan was of Wayne Co OH, post office Wooster. Reuben died 11 June 1863 at Big Black MS, of acute dysentery ("bloody flux").

Susan TROUTMAN and Reuben BECHTEL were married 14 Nov 1852 at Wooster Twp, Wayne Co OH.

Children:

Byron, 10 Feb 1855. attending physician was Dr. Moses SHAFFER.

Caroline, 25 Dec 1859, Elizabeth HAMILTON and Mary HAUSON/HANSON were present at her birth.

Reuben T, 10 Sep 1862, Elizabeth HAMILTON and Mary HAUSON/HANSON were present at his birth.

Widow Susan died 7 Jan 1910.

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