

Company A, 120th OVI

FRANKS, Abraham 19 Aug 1862 [Civ. War Soldiers and Sailors site lists Abram as an alternate spelling.] Private Franks was age 23 when he entered service. No other information given in the Ohio roster book.

Unknown if this is the correct man below.

Father: Uriah FRANKS
Mother: Elizabeth WATTS [Family Search]
Birth: <1839> OH
Marriage: 1Hannah M Mariah SOUDER 1862 [Ancestry.com]
2Maria BUTTERMORE, 1 Jan 1864 Noble Co IN
Death: 13 Aug 1912, Noble County IN
Cemetery: Cosperville Cem, Elkhart, Noble Co IN

There is a photo of his grave at Find a Grave, but it has no indication of military service. Family Search says that Abram FRANKS born in OH in 1839 married Mariah BUTTERMORE on 1 Jan 1864 in Noble County IN. It says he died 13 Aug 1912 in Noble County and is buried in Cosperville Cemetery, Elkhart, Noble County, IN. He is listed at this site in that cemetery, but no mention of Civil War regiment:

<http://gen.nobleco.lib.in.us/Cemeteries/Csprville.htm>

Not on Pension Index.

The webmaster of a fine site on the [Franks](#) family says that the Abraham/Abram FRANKS in her database [and the man identified below] could be the correct person but she has no evidence at this time. She says that the Abraham below was already in Indiana in 1863, so if he served in the 120th it was for a very short time. This is probably why there is no other information given in the roster book.

1850 Census, Chippewa, Wayne Co OH, Dwelling 251, Family 259: Uriah FRANKS, age 53 PA, farmer; Eliz, age 46 PA; Saml, age 21 OH, occupation looks lik Nech-o, or maybe Mcho; John, age 17 OH, farmer; Abram, age 11 OH; Henry, age 7 OH; Uriah, age 6 OH; Jos, age 4 OH; Sidney A, age 14 OH; Eliz, age 2 OH.

1860 Chippewa Township, Wayne County OH: Uriah FRANKS, age 60 PA, a farmer; Elizabeth, age 55 PA; Abraham, age 20 OH, a farm hand; Henry, age 18 OH, a farm hand; Uriah, age 16 OH, a farm hand; Joseph, age 13 OH; Elizabeth, age 11 OH.

1870 Elkhart Township, Noble County, IN: Abraham FRANKS, age 30 OH, a farmer; Mariah, age 28 PA; Carrie V, age 5 IN; Florence B, age 3 IN; Marion B [male], age 2 IN; Forrest, age 6 months IN. [Reason and Elizabeth FRANKS and family are living in the next dwelling.]

1880 Census, Elkhart twp, Noble County, IN, page 371: Abraham FRANKS, age 40 OH, farmer, father born PA, mother born OH; Maria, wife, age 39 PA, parents born PA; Carrie, daughter, age 15 IN; Florence daughter, age 13 IN; Marion R, son, age 12 IN; Forest, son, age 10 IN; Arther, son, age 8 IN; Belle, daughter, age 6 IN; Gertrude, daughter, age 4 IN; Edger, son, age 2 IN; infant son, age 6 months IN, born in October. [Uriah 81 and Elizabeth 76 FRANKS are living in the next dwelling. Reason FRANKS is living near by.]

1900 Census, Elkhart Twp, Noble County, IN, page 45: Abram FRANKS, age 60 OH, born July 1839, married 38 yrs, farmer, father born PA, mother born OH; Maria, wife, age 59 PA, born Dec 1840, married 38 yrs, 12 children/10 still living; parents born PA; Arthur, son, age 18 IN, single, born Mar 1872, farm laborer; Gertrude, daughter, age 24 IN, born Jan 1876, single; Charles, son, age 17 IN, born Feb 1883; Mabel, daughter, age 15 IN, born Jan 1885.

1910 Census, Elkhart Twp [south half], Noble County IN, page 48: Abraham FRANKS, age 70 OH, first marriage, married 40 yrs, has own income, father born PA, mother born OH; Maria, wife, age 69 PA, first marriage, married 40 yrs, 12 children, 10 still living, parents born PA; Charles, son, age 27 IN, single, farmer. [Arthur FRANKS is living next door.] [Column 30 is not marked for military service.]

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