

Company A, 120th OVI



Cemetery Photo Credit: Jim Cox at [Find A Grave](#)

Photo: Simon and Susannah HOLMES, 1919 contributed by a descendant.

A copy of the pension papers filed by Susannah Holmes shows that Simon Holmes the soldier of Company A of the 120th died 24 Oct 1922 in Ft Wayne Indiana. She had married Simon Holmes on 16 Feb 1869 at Cridersville, Ohio. The webmaster who sent me this information has a page of photos that need ids. [Page address no longer works.] <http://home.comcast.net/~jensgen/images/unknown%20Harrigans.htm>

HOLMES, Simon 13 Aug 1862 Private Holmes was age 19 when he entered service. He was discharge 7 Apr 1864 at Cleveland Ohio on a Surgeon's certificate of disability.

Father: George HOLMES

Mother: Eliza HARDING [George's death certificate at Find a Grave]

Birth: 18 Apr 1843, Wayne Co, OH [George's death certificate at Find a Grave]

Marriage: Susannah STEMEN KESSLER, 16 Feb 1869, Auglaize County OH

Death: 24 Oct 1922, Ft. Wayne IN

Cemetery: Lindenwood Cemetery, Fort Wayne, Allen County, IN

Pension Index: Simon HOLMES, Co A, 120th OH Inf. Invalid pension filed 9 June 1866, Application 109639, Certificate 561993, no state given; widow's pension, Susannah Holmes, Indiana, 5 July 1923, Application 1207485, Certificate 945041, filed in IN. Simon died 24 Oct 1922 at Fort Wayne, IN. There is a note on the card about Josiah KESLER who was in Co H, 179th OH Inf.

1850 Census, Congress, Wayne Co OH, Dwelling 349, Family 361: George HOLMES, age 45 MD, farmer; Eliza, age 24 PA; Simon, age 8 OH; Eli, age 6 OH; Soloman, age 4 OH; Joel, age 1 OH; Anna, age 3 OH; Anna HOLMES, age 1 month OH; Abram HOLMES, age 25 PA.

1860 Census, Congress twp, Wayne Co OH, Dwelling 1170, Family 1158: [Bottom of the page] Eliza HOLMES, age 4 [must be mistake] widow, PA; [next page] Simon HOLMES, age 16 OH, farm laborer; Eli, age 14 OH; Solomon, age 13 OH; Anna, age 12 OH; Joel [male] age 10 OH; Isaiah, age 5 OH; Catharine, age 3 OH; George, age 1 OH. [[George HOLMES](#) had died Feb 1860.]

Auglaize County Probate Court: Simon HOLMES married Susanna KESSLER on 16 Feb 1869 in Auglaize

County OH.. [note: Her maiden name was Susannah STEMEN and she was previously married to Josiah KESLER.]

1870 Census Cridersville Village, Auglaize County OH, Dwelling 12, Family 12: Simon HOLMES, age 26 OH, a laborer; Susanna HOLMES, age 31 OH; Lydia HOLMES, age 8 months OH; Rachel KESLER age 13 OH; Peter KESLER, age 11 OH; Abraham KESLER, age 8 OH; Mary E KESLER, age 6 OH.

1880 Census Liberty, Van Wert county, OH, Dwelling 11, Family 12: Simon HOLMS, age 35 OH, a laborer, parents born PA; Susanna, wife, age 40 OH, parents born OH; Mary KESSLAR, stepdaughter, age 16 OH, parents born OH; Sally Alleice HOLMS, other, age 10 OH, parents born OH; William Anthony HOLMS, son, age 9 OH; Barbara Ann HOLMS, daughter, age 6 OH; Cary Eliza HOLMS, age 5 OH. Also living there were John BROWN a school teacher and two laborers named Lorenz SMITH and A James BURR.

Did not find on 1890 Veterans Schedule in OH or in IL.

1900 Census, 391 62nd St, 34th Ward Chicago, Hyde Park Township, Cook County IL, Dwelling 136, Family 503: Simon HOLMES, age 57 OH, born Apr 1843, married 31 yrs, a car repairer, parents born OH; Susan, age 61 OH, born Jan 1839, married 31 yrs, 11 children/10 still living, father born OH, mother born VA; William, son, age 28 OH, born Jan 1872, single, a mercantile agent; Anna, daughter, age 27 OH, born Apr 1873, single; Carrie, daughter, age 24 OH, born July 1875, single; Kitty, daughter, age 19 OH, born Aug 1880, single; Christian, son, age 16 OH, born July 1883, in school. Also living there was William REID a boarder.

1910 Census, 519 North Washington St, 2nd Ward, Van Wert city, Van Wert County OH, Dwelling 237, Family 251 : Simon HOLMES, age 67 OH, marriage one, married 43 yrs, a laborer on railroad, father born PA, mother born OH; Sussan, wife, age 71 OH, marriage 2, married 43 yrs, 11 children/10 still living, father born PA, mother born VA; Katherine, daughter, age 26 OH, single, no occupation; Christian, age 25 IN, single, machinist on railroad. Two boarders were also living there Walter BOLENBAUGH and Alvia KESLER.

1920 Census, 536 Organ Ave, 6th Ward Fort Wayne, Allen County IN, Dwelling 193, Family 198: Right side is not readable but you can read: Simon HOLMES age 75; Susan, wife, age 80; Katherine, daughter, age 39 , single; Nancy STEMEN, sister-in-law, age 75, single.

Simon died 24 Oct 1922 and is buried Lindenwood Cemetery, Fort Wayne, Allen County, IN. [Susannah](#) died 25 June 1927 [Find a Grave]

WAR DEPARTMENT
O. C. M. G. Form No. 623
Approved Aug. 12, 1913
Revised Sept. 24, 1923

PLEASE MAKE OUT AND RETURN IN DUPLICATE

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Simon Holmes Co. A 120 Ohio Inf.

NAME	RANK	COMPANY	U. S. Regiment, State Organization, or Year	Division, if World War Veteran
Simon Holmes	Private	A	120 Ohio Inf.	Oct 24-1922

State from which Decedent came if World War Veteran	DATE OF DEATH	NAME OF CEMETERY	Located in or near—	
			CITY	STATE
		Lindenwood	Fort Wayne	Ind.

TO BE SHIPPED TO	PERMANENT ADDRESS
F. Furthmüller (Name of consignee.) Fort Wayne Ind Allen County (Give town, county, and State.)	Fort Wayne DATE May 10 1927 I hereby agree to accept the headstone at above destination, freight prepaid, and properly place same at decedent's grave. F. Furthmüller, Consignee.

DO NOT WRITE HERE.

Verified: JUN 9 1927

Ordered: _____

From: _____

Shipped: 3-10-28

Address: Fort Wayne Date: May 10

This application is for the UNMARKED grave of a _____ It is understood the stone will be furnished and delivered at the railroad station or steamboat landing above indicated, at Government expense, freight prepaid, and agreed it will be promptly removed and set up at private expense. State whether soldier, sailor, marine, Army nurse, etc.

Mrs Corrie E. Holmes, Applicant.

Stones must not be requested for any grave at which a private stone, monument, or other permanent marker is already erected or is to be erected. 8-8654

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