

Company A, 120th OVI



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HUNTSBERGER, Isaac D. 20 Aug 1862
Private Huntsberger was age 25 when he entered service. He was wounded and captured 3 May 1864 near Snaggy Point on the Red River, Louisiana; discharged 10 Feb 1865 at Tripler Hospital in Columbus, Ohio on a Surgeon's certificate of disability.

Father: Jonas HUNTSBERGER
Mother: Catharine DILL
Birth: 4 July 1837 Cumberland Co PA
Marriage: Elizabeth KURTZ 19 Oct 1865, Wayne Co OH
Death: 23 May 1920, Los Angeles, CA
Cemetery: Meriden Cemetery, Meriden, Jefferson Co, KS
Relationship: Benjamin F. KURTZ, Co A 120th OVI, brother in law.
There is an obit in Orrville Courier

Crescent, 28 May 1920, page 1, available at Wooster, Wayne County Public Library.

Pension Index: Isaac D HUNTSBERGER, A 120th OH, invalid filed 1865 Apr 25, Application 66687, Certificate 50691. Isaac died 23 May 1920 at Los Angeles, CA.

Not on Headstone Applications.

1850 Census, East Pennsboro, Cumberland Co PA, Dwelling 78, Family 78: Jonas HUNTZBERGER, age 44 PA, farmer; Catharine, wife, age 38 PA; John, son, age 19 PA; Isaac, age 13 PA, son; Jonas, age 9 PA, son; Samuel, age 6 PA, son; William, age 3 PA, son.

1860 Census, East Union Twp, Wayne Co OH, Family 464: Jones HANSBERGER, age 54 PA, farmer; Isaac, age 22 PA; Samuel, age 16 PA; Catherine OLMAN, age 23 PA.

1870 Census Village of Ashland, Ashland County OH: Isaac D HUNTSBERGER, age 33 PA, works in hardware store; Elizabeth, age 28 OH; Ira, age 3 OH; Harvey age 1 OH.

1880 Census East Union Township, Wayne County OH: Isaac HUNTSBERGER, age 42 PA, a farmer, parents born PA; Elizabeth, wife, age 39 OH, parents born PA; Ira, son, age 13 OH, assists on farm; Harvey, son, age 11 OH, assists on farm; Anna, daughter, age 9 OH; Benjamin, son, age 8 OH; Bertha, daughter, age 6 OH; Elsie, daughter, age 3 OH; John, son, age 9 months OH; William, son, age 9 months OH.

Hardesty's Historical and Geographical Encyclopedia [Wayne county Ohio version] page 492 East Union Township section:

"Isaac D. Huntsberger enlisted at Wooster, August 20, 1862, and at Camp Mansfield, October 17th, was mustered into Company A, 120th Ohio Volunteer Infantry. After serving at Covington, the regiment was hurried forward to Memphis, and down the Mississippi under Sherman to take part in his movement against Vicksburg. Its first battle was Chickasaw Bayou, next Arkansas Post, where companies A and F led the storming part that swept up to the fort and took it. Their next service was the inglorious canal digging at Youngs Point, where Mr. Huntsberger was detailed to act as orderly over those assigned from his company.

They also helped to bridge the bayou at Richmond, Louisiana. Thence moved under Grant toward Vicksburg, and at the bombarding of Grand Gulf Mr. Huntsberger was ill, and forced to remain an inactive spectator. He rejoined his regiment in time for the battle at Thompsons Hill, but continued with the pioneer corps until Vicksburg was reached, helping to clear the obstructions for the planting of the batteries for the battles of Champion Hills, Big Black River Bridge, and for the passage of the army to the siege. Before Vicksburg, with this corps he was digging trenches, building breastworks and planting guns. The day the Stars and Stripes

floated again over that city, was the anniversary of his birth, and will ever be considered by him the proudest day of his life. With the pioneer corps he went with Grant to Jackson, and was with the regiment when it was transferred to Louisiana, where companies A and F were still singled out for special service against bushwhackers. When on the Red River expedition, the City Belle was run ashore at Snaggy Point, Mr. Huntsberger was one of the first to jump ashore, May 3, 1864. He was wounded in the heel, just as he landed, and was made prisoner. After some hours his wound was dressed, and the next day he was taken to Chaneyville prison, Louisiana, where he was held one and a half months, and saw most of those captured with him die. He was then paroled, sent to Alexandria [Louisiana], and from there into our lines. By New Orleans and St. Louis he returned to Columbus, and there he was discharged from the service February 10, 1865. Jonas and Catharine (Dill) Huntsberger were parents of Isaac D., who was born in Cumberland county, PA, July 4, 1837. In East Union township, Wayne county, Ohio, October 19, 1865, he married Elizabeth, daughter of Jacob and Anna (Gans) Kurtz. She is a native of this township, born January 31, 1841, and their children were born here: Ira K., October 17, 1866; Harvey H., August 7, 1868; Anna E., August 24, 1870; Benjamin D., May 8, 1872; Bertha M., April 13, 1874; Elsie L., June 22, 1877; John W. and William N., August 27, 1879; Fannie G., July 22, 1883. Farming is Mr. Huntsberger's occupation, and East Union is his postoffice address. His brother Jonas was in service and drowned at the explosion of the Sultana in the Mississippi river. His wife's brother, Benjamin F. Kurtz, died in the service, at Milliken's Bend, April 16, 1863." [See Benjamin Kurtz of this company, below.]

Looking at the census records in 1900, Ira, John and William may have gone west to Colorado and Kansas.

Did not find in 1890 Veterans Schedule.

1900 Census, 620 Lincoln St, Topeka, Shawnee Co KS, Dwelling 9, Family 9: I. D. HUNTSBERGER, single, age unk PA, born July unk, parents birthplaces unk, clerk; Anna, daughter, age 29 OH, single, born Aug 1870, father born PA, mother born OH, bookkeeper; Grace, daughter, age 16 OH, single, born July 1883, father born PA, mother born OH, in school.

1910 Census, Clay St, 3rd Ward Topeka, Shawnee KS, page 71: Isaac HUNTSBERGER, age 72 PA, widower, parents born PA, clerk in pension office [column 36 NOT marked for military service]; Anna, daughter, age 39 OH, single, parents born PA, bookkeeper in laundry; Grace, daughter, age 26 OH, parents born PA; no occupation; James HUGHES, lodger, age 32 KS, single, parents born US, stock seller correspondents school.

1920 Census, 1625 West 24th St, Los Angeles Assembly Dist 72, Dist 322, Los Angeles, CA, Dwelling 61, Family 79: Isaac D. HUNTSBERGER, age 82 PA, widower, no occupation, parents born PA; Anna, daughter, age 49 OH, single, father born PA, mother born OH.

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Died 23 May 1920

"Isaac Huntsberger Dies At Los Angeles.

William Huntsberger received a telegram on Sunday, announcing the death of his brother Isaac, in a hospital in Los Angeles, Calif. Death was due to kidney trouble, with which he suffered for several months. Mr. Huntsberger was aged 82 years, and had he lived until July 4th, he would have attained his 83rd year.

He was born in East Union township and spent his early life in this county. He is well known by our older citizens. He served during the Civil war with Company A, 120th O. V. I., and was wounded and captured during the Banks expedition in the spring of 1864. He was honorably discharged in February, 1865. He spent 28 years in the pension department of the government, and of that 20 years in Topeka, Kansas, and 3 years in Washington, D. C.

He frequently visited his brother in this city and during the Grand Army encampment at Columbus was his guest, stopping off for a few days visit. Besides his brother, he is survived by six children, all living in the west.

Funeral services will be held at Topeka, Kansas, on Friday afternoon."