

Company A, 120th OVI



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LAWRENCE, John F. 25 Aug 1862
Private Lawrence was age 22 when he entered service. He was transferred to Co. H 114th OVI on 27 Nov 1864. Appointed Sergeant 1 Jan 1865. Transferred to Co F, 48th OVI, 24 July 1865. Mustered out 14 Oct 1865.

Father: John LAWRENCE
Mother: Sarah ROUCH
Birth: 27 Apr 1840 Wayne co, OH
Marriage: Eliza Jane PENLAND, 3 Oct 1867
Death: 16 Jan 1920
Cemetery: Greenhill Cem, Columbia City, Whitley Co IN

Pension Index: John F. LAWRENCE, Co F of the 48th, H 114th and A 120th OH Inf. Invalid filed 1890 Apr

30, Application 771896, Certificate 567964, filed in IN. Widow, Eliza J. LAWRENCE, filed 23 Jan 1920, Application 1151791, Certificate 883986, filed in Indiana John died 16 Jan 1920.

[History of Whitley county, Indiana, by Kaler, Samuel P and Maring, Richard H, 1907 , page 475-476 John F. Lawrence.] [See the full article on <https://archive.org>]

Page 843: "John F., who joined the One Hundred and Twentieth Ohio Volunteers, on account of inflammatory rheumatism was incapacitated for regimental duty, but was detailed for service at headquarters. Pp 475-476

John F. Lawrence, proprietor of the Hoosier Foundry and machine shops of Columbia City, is a native of Wayne county, Ohio, and the son of John and Sarah Elizabeth (Rouch) Lawrence, he born in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, the mother in Hagerstown, Maryland. They grew to maturity and were married in Wayne county, Ohio." Soldier's siblings: George W., Mary Ann Mowery, Malinda Rouch, Sarah Wagoner, Margaret J Kelly, Pricilla McMannis, Henry H, Lehanna McMannis, Isaiah E, and Levi.

"John F. Lawrence was born April 27, 1840, in Wayne county, Ohio. In September [page 476], 1860, he came to Indiana and for two years taught school in Whitley and Elkhart counties. **August 14, 1862, he enlisted at Wooster, Ohio, in Company A, One Hundred and Twentieth Ohio Infantry, with which he shared the fortunes and vicissitudes of war for three years and five months, participating in a number of battles, among them being an attack on Red River, where his regiment lost two hundred and thirty-six men. The regiment was on a boat going up the river to join the command and the one boat was attacked by five thousand of the enemy. The boat was disabled and floating to the opposite shore the survivors managed to escape, but one hundred and eighty-six of the four hundred and four men getting away. He was also in the attack on Mobile besides numerous skirmishes and minor engagements.** He returned to Indiana and engaged in the manufacture of lumber, in which he continued until 1885, when, in partnership with Frank Mossman, he established the foundry and machine shop in Columbia City of which he is now sole proprietor. The Hoosier Foundry and Machine Shop is one of the largest establishments of the kind in Northeastern Indiana.

On the 3d day of October, 1867, Mr. Lawrence married Miss Eliza J. Penland, who was born in Elkhart county, Indiana, October 7, 1847, being the daughter of John and Eliza (Abshire) Penland....[her] father, a soldier in the late civil war, lost his life in the battle of Chickamauga."

...They had seven children, Effie May Padgett, Charles C, Myron, James A, Sarah E Main, Blanch Meyer, Walter I.

1850 Census, Plain Twp, Wayne Co OH, Dwelling 115, Family 118: John L. LAWRENCE, age 42 PA, farmer; Sarah, age 43 PA; George, age 17 OH; Malinda, age 16 OH; Sarah, age 14 OH; Margaret, age 13 OH; Prescilla, age 11 OH; John, age 10 OH; Henry, age 8 OH; Leanna, age 7 OH; Isaiah, age 5 OH; Levi A., age 2 OH.

1860 Census, Plain Twp, Wayne County OH, page 265: John A. Lawrence, age 52 PA, farmer; Sarah, age 53 PA; Pricilla, age 21 OH; John, age 19 OH, farm laborer; Henry, age 18 OH, farm laborer; Isaiah, age 16 OH, farm laborer; Lehamina [female], age 15 OH; Levi A, age 11 OH.

Family Search says that John F LAWRENCE married Eliza Jane PENLAND on 3 Oct 1867. It says he was born

27 Apr 1840. His parents were John LAWRENCE and Sarah ROUCH.

1870 Census, Union Twp, Whitley Co IN, Dwelling 33, Family 31: Jon F. LAURENCE, age 29 OH, lumber manufacturer; Eliza Jane, age 22 IN; Effie May, age 2 IN; Charles M, age 5 months IN, born Dec 1869.

1880 Census Union, Whitley county, Indiana, page 471: John F.[40 OH], farmer, and Eliza J. [32 IN] LAWRENCE. Living with them were their children: Effie M.[11 IN], Charles M.[10 IN], Myron L.[8 IN], James A.[6 IN], Sarah E.[4 IN], and Mary B.[2 IN] Also living there were Albert Fox and Rachel Umel.

Not on 1890 Veterans Schedule in Indiana.

1900 Census, Columbia City, Columbia Twp, Whitley County, IN, page 66: John F LAWRENCE, age 60 OH, born Apr 1840, married 33 yrs, ? foundry, parents born PA; Eliza J, age 52 IN, born Oct 1847 married 33 yrs, 7 children/6 still living, father born OH, mother born IN; James A, son, age 36?, born Aug 1873, single, dry goods salesman; Sarah E, daughter, age 24 IN, born Aug 1875, book keeper; Walter I, son, age 18 IN, born Sept 1881, single, school.

1910 Main Street, Columbia City, Columbia Twp, Whitley County, IN, page 65: John F LAWRENCE, age 70 OH, first marriage, married 42 yrs, proprietor of foundry, parents born OH, column 30 indicates Union Army; Eliza J, wife, age 62 IN, first marriage, married 42 yrs, 7 children/6 still living, father born OH, mother born IN; Walter I, son, age 28 IN, single, trimmer in carriage factory.

1920 census [dated 9 January], N. Main Street, Columbia City, Columbia Township, Whitley County, IN, page 175: John F LAWRENCE, age 79 OH, no occupation, father born PA, mother born MD; Eliza J, wife, age 72 IN, father born OH, mother born IN; Walter I, son, age 38 IN, single, auto trimmer in auto factory. [This may be the listing of the household as of 1 Jan 1920.]

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Greenhill Cemetery, in Columbia City, Whitley County IN.

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