

Company A, 120th OVI



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METZLER, George W. 11 Oct 1862

Private Metzler was age 18 when he entered service. He was captured 3 May 1864 near Snaggy Point on the Red River, Louisiana; mustered out 19 July 1965 at Camp Chase, Ohio.

Father: Samuel METZLER

Mother: Elizabeth FORBES

Birth: 14 Mar 1844

Marriage: Caroline WEIKER, 29 Apr 1866, Wayne OH

Death: 19 Apr 1891

Cemetery: Carbondale Cemetery, Osage County, KS Application for government military stone available at National Archives and Ancestry.com. George w. Metzler, Pvt, Co A 120 Regt. Ohio Infantry. Carbondale Cemetery at Carbondale, KS. 1896

Pension Index: George W METZLER, A 120th OH Inf. Invalid filed 1887 Oct 14, Application 625830, Certificate 450697, filed in Kansas. Widow, Caroline METZLER, filed 14 May 1891, Application 512572, Certificate 357457, filed in Kansas.

1850 Census, Franklin Twp, Wayne Co OH, Dwelling 146, Family 151: Samuel METZLER, age 66 PA, farmer; Elizabeth, age 44 PA, farmer; William, age 25 PA, farmer; Thomas, age 18 OH, farmer; Ann, age 15 OH; Sarah J., age 15? OH; Samuel, age 9 OH; George W., age 6 OH; Malinda, age 5 OH; Mary KITTLEWELL, age 46 PA.

1860 Census, Franklin Twp, Wayne Co OH, page 77: Samuel METZLER, age 70 PA, farmer; Elizabeth, age 50? PA; Sarah, age 22 OH; Delia, age 20 OH; Samuel, age 18 OH; George, age 16 OH; Melinda, age 14 OH.

Wayne county OH probate court record: George W. METZLER married Caroline WEIKER on 29 April 1866.

1880 Census Osage County, Kansas: George W. [a farmer 36 OH] and wife Caroline [35 OH] METZLER Living with them were sons: Ralph [13 OH], Lewis [11 OH], Adam [6 KS], George C. [3 KS] and Raymond [5 months KS].

Hardesty's Historical and Geographical Encyclopedia [Wayne county Ohio version] page 495, Franklin Township section:

George W. Metzler had thirty-eight months of active war experience, enlisting August 5, 1862, at Wooster, mustering into Company C, [This seems to be incorrect since he is listed with Company A in the Roster book and is not listed at all in Company C.] 120th Ohio Volunteer Infantry, at Camp Mansfield, October 10, 1862,

and sharing the fortunes of the regiment until he was made prisoner, and mustering out at Columbus, Ohio, June 26, 1865. He took part in the battles of Chickasaw Bayou, Arkansas Post, Thompsons Hill, Champion Hills, Black River Bridge, the assaults on and siege of Vicksburg, and the battle of Jackson. He suffered at times during the service from sickness caused by drinking bad water, but was with his regiment when it embarked on the Red River expedition, acting as company clerk, to which he had been detailed for several months. He was on of the unfortunate ones who fell into the hands of the rebels when the steamer run aground at Snaggy Point, and he suffered the horrors of Camp Ford, the Tyler county, Texas, prison pen.

These were elsewhere portrayed in this work. He was one of the party who set up a lathe, turned themselves arrows, and headed them with old hoop iron, in a desperate determination to escape, which was discovered and stopped before reaching a head. His brother Samuel was a member of Company C, 16th Ohio Volunteers, from its organization to its disbanding, and was twice wounded, at Chickasaw Bayou and at Jackson. They were the two youngest sons of the fifteen children of Samuel Metzler, who was a soldier of the 1812 war. Samuel Metzler married first in 1816, Elizabeth Zinn, who died leaving him a daughter, Mary, born in 1817. He next married Mary Crone, who died in 1823, leaving him three children: Sarah, born in 1820; Elizabeth, 1821; John, 1822. In Pennsylvania, in 1824, Samuel Metzler married Elizabeth, daughter of Charles and Catharine (Woods) Forbes, and lineal descendant of General Forbes, who captured Fort Pitt (now Pittsburg), from the French during the French and English war. The eleven children of this marriage were born: Ellen, June 6, 1825; William, March 30, 1827; Catharine, January 7, 1829; Amanda, October 2, 1830; Thomas, November 18, 1832; Ann, November 3, 1834; Sarah Jane, March 25, 1837; Samuel, September 22, 1841; George W., March 14, 1844; Malinda, March 22, 1848; Delilah, born August 8, 1839, deceased.

George W. and Sarah J. [*his sister*] now live in Kansas, Amanda in Cleveland, Catharine in Missouri, and the others in Wayne county. This sketch is furnished by Thomas Metzler, a minister of the Church of God, and who, we learn, has been an extensive traveler, and whose lecturing card we append: "Travels around the world. Twenty-one days among the icebergs of the Southern Hemisphere; also in the North Pole regions. A visit to South America, Australia, England and Ireland, and nearly all the States of the Union."

Did not find on 1890 Veterans Schedule.

Sons of Union Veterans: George W METZLER died 19 Apr 1891. Burial Carbondale Cemetery, Osage County, KS.

1900 Census, Carbondale, Ridgeway Twp, Osage Co, KS: Carline METZLER, age 55 OH, widow, born Apr 1845, 8 children/6 still living, parents born PA, farmer; George, son, age 24 KS, single, born May 1876, farm laborer; Ross R., son, age 20 KS, single, born Dec 1879, farm laborer; Hope, daughter, age 16 KS, single, born Aug 1883.

1910 Census, Ridgeway Twp, Osage Co KS, page 201: Raymond R. METZLER, age 30 KS, single, parents born OH, general farmer; Caroline, mother, age 65 OH, widow, 8 children/6 still living, parents born PA.

1920 Census, Carbondale, Ridgeway Twp, Osage Co KS, page 238: Caroline METZLER, age 74 OH, widow, parents born PA. She is living in the same dwelling with Henry J. and Mary A. ROBERTS.

And listed at Interment.net.

Metzler, George W, b. Mar 14, 1844, d. Apr 19, 1891

Metzler, Caroline W, b. Apr 30, 1845, d. Mar 5, 1923

Metzler, infant, d. Aug 7, 1878, dau of GW & C

Metzler, Wilbur E, d. May 19, 1879, aged 7yrs 7mo??, son of GW & C

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