

Company A, 120th OVI

RAY, John* 22 Aug 1862

Private John Ray was age 42 when he entered service. He died 10 July 1863 at Columbus, Ohio. The Roll of Honor says he is buried at Orrville, Ohio.

Father: Joseph RAY

Mother: Elizabeth DRURY

Birth: 14 Jan <1822-3>

Marriage: Sarah Ellen FREEMAN, 27 Jan 1852

Death: 10 July 1863, Columbus OH

Cemetery: Orrville Presbyterian Cemetery or Lutheran Cemetery in Orrville [Grave Registration card] Orr Cemetery, corner N. Mill St and East Church St, Orrville OH. [Find a Grave](#) John H. RAY.

Relationship: ??brother of Samuel RAY of Co A, 120th OVI

Registers of Deaths of Volunteers, 1861-1865: John RAY, Private, Co A 120th OH Inf, died 10 July 1863 at Seminary General Hospital in Columbus OH. Cause: chronic diarrhoea.

Pension Index: John RAY, Co A 120th OH Inf. Widow, Sarah E. RAY, applied 30 July 1863 Application 28680; Certificate 11669.

Grave Registration Card and Burial records, Wayne County OH: Born 14 Jan 1828. Wife, Sara E.

About John's birth year: Ohio Obituary Index says he was 41 when he died in 1863. That would put his birth year at about 1822-3. But it says that John H. RAY, Co A 120th OVI, was born 14 Jan 1828. Buried in Lutheran Cem, Orrville, Wayne Co OH. Wife Sara E. If you look at the Census records, 1822-3 would be closer.

1850 Census, District 2, Washington Co, MD, Dwelling 53, Family 54: Joseph RAY, age 62 MD, black smith; Elizabeth, age 54 VA; John, age 27 MD, cooper; Joseph, age 20 MD, cooper; Andrew, age 15 MD, tailor; Jacob, age 12 MD; *Samuel age 7 MD.*

Dwelling 52, Family 53: James RAY, age 35 PA; Nancy, age 40 PA; Mary, age 11 PA; Samuel, age 9 PA; Cathani C., age 7 PA; Elizabeth, age 4 PA; William, age 1 MD.

Dwelling 51, Family 52: Susan ARNOLD, age 35 MD; Susan, age 16 MD; Maria, age 14 MD; Emily, age 6 MD; *John L. Ray, age 1 MD.* [Could this be the John who is living with the soldier in the 1860 census in Wayne C OH?] [A theory about John L. born <1849>, could he be the twin of William, same age and living next door.]

Wayne County Probate Court record: John RAY married Sarah Ellen FREEMAN on 27 Jan 1852 in Wayne County OH.

1860 Census, Green Twp, Wayne County OH, page 60: John RAY, age 36 PA, labourer; Sarah, age 30 OH; Samuel, age 15 OH [see Samuel below]; John, age 10 MD; Alpheus, age 8 OH; Benjamin, age 6 OH; Milton, age 5 OH; ???? [male] one month OH [Is this Charles who is in the 1870 census with his mother?]; Elinor, age 2 OH. [Samuel may be the soldier's brother. John, age 10 is probably not his son...could be a nephew.

[Also living in Wayne Co were: Joseph RAY, 76 MD, East Un. Twp; Elizabeth RAY, 66 VA, same household; Jacob RAY, 23 Md, wife? Amelia; Joseph RAY, age 40? MD, wife? Mary.] [Ohio Obit Index: Joseph RAY, died in Wayne Co OH, was in War of 1812 and is buried at East Union Cem, Wayne Co OH.]

1870 Census, Green Twp, Wayne Co OH, page 223: Sarah RAY, age 42 PA; Alpheus, age 18 OH, farm laborer; Benjamin, age 16 OH, farm laborer; Milton, age 15 OH, farm laborer; Elenore, age 13 OH; Charles, age 11 OH; Mary C, age 8 OH.

Widow Sarah died 1875.

Siblings, Benjamin Ray's death record says father John was born in Pa. Charles Ray's death record did verify Sarah Freeman as his mother but said that father John was born in OH.

Brother's [Death record in Ohio](#): File # 64738, Jacob RAY died 11 Nov 1913 at Wellington Twp, Lorain Co OH. Married. Farmer. born 21 Jan 1837 at Dayton OH. Father Joseph RAY. Mother Elizebeth DRURY, born MD. Burial Wellington OH. Informant Ica or Iea YOUNG of Wellington OH.

Pension at fold3.com :

John RAY, Co A 120th OH Reg, Private, died 10 July 1863 of chronic diarrhoea at military hospital in Columbus OH..

Widow Sarah Ellen FREEMAN RAY, age 37, Resident of Green Twp, Post Office Orrville, Wayne Co OH [affidavit

dated 25 July 1863]. Sarah Ellen FREEMAN and John RAY married 27 Jan 1852 at Wayne Co OH [by Abraham Holms, Minister of the Church of God]. Witnesses to affidavit were Benjamin F. SIMPKINS, brother in law of Sarah E. RAY and Edgar FREEMAN, brother of Sarah E. RAY.

Children:

Alpheus E., born 3 Nov 1852, Wayne Co OH, S. C. WILLFORD, M. D. was attending physician.

Benjamin F., born 15 Jun 1854, Wayne Co OH, S. C. WILLFORD, M. D. was attending physician.

Milton Allan, born 10 Apr 1856, Wayne Co OH, Mrs. Anna FREEMAN and Mrs. Matilda KLING were in attendance at the birth.

Eleanora A., born 12 May 1858, Wayne Co OH, D. L. MONCRIEF, M. D. was attending physician.

Charles H., born 13 May 1860, Wayne Co OH, S. C. WILLFORD, M. D. was attending physician.

Mary C. . born 1 Sep 1862, Wayne Co OH, S. C. WILLFORD, M. D. was attending physician.

Milton Allan RAY was living at 1201 Francis St, St. Joseph, MO on 11 July 1935. He had sent for information from the pension files. He wanted to know his age as it was given in the pension records.

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