

Company A, 120th OVI



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RAY, Zachariah 13 Aug 1862

Sergeant Zachariah Ray was age 23 when he entered service. He was discharged 10 Feb 1863 on a Surgeon's certificate of disability.

Father: Henry RAY

Mother: Eliza CUNNINGHAM

Birth: 9 June 1839 OH

Marriage: Harriet FOX

Death: 9 June 1920, Alliance, Stark County OH

Cemetery: Alliance City Cemetery, Captain Zacharia Ray.

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Pension Index: Zachariah RAY, A 120th, C 67th, G 48th, and unassigned ?????2nd? Battalion VRC.

Invalid filed 1915? June 8. Widow, Harriet M. RAY, filed 6 July 1920 in Ohio. [Note: The index also shows that he was in Company G of the 16th OVI and I do find him listed in that company as being a private, age 21 in 1861. He entered that company on 22 April 1861 for a term of 3 months and mustered out with the company on 18 Aug 1861. The 16th OVI were on duty guarding railroads in West Virginia and then saw some action in that state [Phillippi, Laurel Hill and Carrick's Ford] before returning to Ohio. It also lists him as being in two other regiments but they were hard to read.] Pension card: Co A 120th OH, Co G 16th OH, Co C 67th OH, unassigned 2nd Battalion Veterans Reserve Corps. Invalid application 8 Jun 1865, Application 71090, Certificate 47319. Widow, Harriet M. RAY, filed pension application 6 Jul 1920, Application 1160364, Certificate 896284, filed at Alliance, OH. Zachariah died 6 Jul 1920. His tombstone says he was Captain in Co. B 59th Battalion.

Need 1850 Census. Just can't find it.

1860 Census, Prairie Twp, Holmes County, OH, page 375: Henry RAY, age 47 PA, cradle maker; Eliza, age 46 OH; Juliann, age 18 OH, servant; Charles H, age 16 OH, day labor; William D, age 14 OH. [So where was Zachariah? He was married <1860>]

1870 Census Village of Shreve, Clinton Twp, Wayne County OH, page 123: Zachariah RAY, age 30 OH, carpenter; H M, [female], age 24 OH; O F, [female] age 9 OH; M B [male], age 4.

1880 census, page 126: Zacharia [41 OH] and his wife Hariett [34 OH] RAY were living in Shreve, Wayne County Ohio. He was a carpenter. Also living there was their son, Moris [13 OH] RAY.

1900 Census Alliance, Lexington Twp, Stark County OH, page 249: Zachariah RAY, age 60 OH, born June 1839, carpenter, married 40 yrs, father born PA, mother born OH; Harriet M, wife, age 54 OH, born June 1845, married 40 yrs, number of children area left blank, father born VA, mother born PA.

1910 Census Alliance, Lexington, Twp, Stark County OH, page 209: Z RAY, age 70 OH, 1st marriage 50 yrs, parents born OH, a carpenter, Union Army indicated; Harriet M, wife, age 64 OH, first marriage, married 50 yrs, 3 children/2 still living, father born VA, mother born PA; Blanche H BOYERS, granddaughter, age 20 OH, first marriage, married 0 yrs, parents born OH; Clarence A BOYERS, grandson-in-law, age 20 OH, first marriage, married 0 yrs, father born OH, mother born IN, metal worker, case and register & register company.

1920 Census Alliance, Washington Twp, Stark County OH, page 157: Zachariah RAY, age 81 OH, married, retired, parents born OH; Harriette M, wife, age 74 OH, married, father born VA, mother born PA.

Death record in Ohio: Zachariah RAY died 9 June 1920 at Alliance, Stark County OH. He was born on the same calendar date 9 June 1839 in OH. He was a carpenter and contractor. His wife was Harriet M RAY. His father was Henry RAY, born PA. His mother was Eliza CUNNINGHAM, born OH. He was buried in Alliance City Cemetery. The informant was Harriet M RAY, of Alliance.

Death record in Ohio: Son, Morris B RAY, of Alliance, Stark Co OH, died 19 Nov 1919. He was born 7 July 1866 Shreve OH. His parents were Zachariah RAY and Harriet FOX, born Loudonville OH.

Brother, Death record in Ohio: File 22117: Jeremiah RAY died 13 Apr 1911 at Prairie Twp, Holmes Co OH. Married. Farmer. Born 2 Mar 1837 in Ohio. Father, Henry RAY, born PA. Mother, Eliza CUNNINGHAM, born PA. Burial ?Prairie Twp Cemetery

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