

Company A, 120th OVI



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ROUCH, Mahlon 16 Aug 1862

1st Lieutenant Rouch was age 21 when he entered service. He was appointed Sergeant from private [date not given]; promoted to Sergt. Major on 1 Jan 1864; to 2d Lieutenant on 21 Mar 1864 but not mustered; promoted to 1st Lieutenant to date 11 Aug 1864 by Special Order No. 235, dated Headquarters Army at Adj. General's Office Washington, D.C. 9 Oct 1886; mustered out to date 20 June 1865. [See also [Field and Staff](#)]

Father: Jacob ROUCH

Mother: Hannah SCHAFFER

Birth: 2 Jun 1841

Marriage: Margaret McQUIGG 16 Jun 1870, Wayne Co OH

Death: 1 Aug 1921, Wooster, Wayne Co OH

Cemetery: Wooster Cemetery

Relationship: Brother in law of John McQUIGG of Co A 120th

Pension index: Mahlon ROUCH, A 120th OH Inf. Invalid filed 25 Apr 1904, Application 1313802, Certificate 1082133, filed in OH. Widow, Margaret ROUCH, filed 22 Aug 1921, Application 1178106, Certificate, 913315, filed in Ohio. Pension card; Co A 120th OH, Sgt Maj 120th OH; Co B 120th OH. Applied for invalid pension, 25 Apr 1904. Widow applied 22 Aug 1921. Mahlon died 1 Aug 1921 at Wooster OH.

1850 Census, Plain Twp, Wayne Co OH, Dwelling 292, Family 310: Jacob ROUCH, age 40 PA, farmer; Hannah, age 42 PA; Phillip, age 16 OH. Rebecca, age 14 OH; George, age 12 OH; Mahlon, age 10 OH; George CARNES, age 70 PA.

1860 Census, Series: M653 Roll: 1051, Plain Twp, Wayne County, OH, page 268: Jacob ROUCH, age 51 MD, farmer; Hannah, age 54 PA; George K, age 23 OH; Mahlon, age 19 OH; Abraham, age 16 OH.

History of the Lawyers of Wayne County, Ohio, from 1812 to 1900, by Benjamin Douglas, Clapper Printing Co, 1900, page 85 - 86: His [Mahlon Rouch] soldier fortunes were identified with those of his regiment at Chikasaw [sic] Bayou, Miss., December 28, 1862, to January 1, 1863, and Arkansas Post, Jan. 11, and he passed through that terrible scourge of sickness and death among the troops at Young's Point, La.. withstanding and performing all the duties of the well soldier among the sick and dying, and with pick and spade and wheel-barrow, worked many days on the famous Grant Canal. He was in the march from Milliken's Bend to the rear of Vicksburg, and in the siege of that city until it fell; the final taking of Jackson,

and in the disastrous engagement on board the boat "City Bell," which was captured by the enemy near Snaggy Point, Red River, La., May 3rd 1864, when he was made a prisoner, and was held as such for thirteen months, in Camp Ford, near Tyler, Texas."

Wayne County Probate Court record: Mahlon C ROUCH married Margaret McQUIGG on 16 Jun 1870 in Wayne County OH.

1870 Census, Series: M593 Roll: 1280, Baughman Twp, Wayne County OH, page, 240: Mahlen ROUCH, age 32 OH, lawyer, Martha, age 24 OH, milliner. [Living in Joseph Blackwood's hotel.]

1880 census: Mahlon C. [39 OH] and wife Maggie [31 OH] Rouch were living in Wooster, Wayne county OH. He was a lawyer.

1900 Census, Series: T623 Roll: 1332, Bealle Ave, 2nd Ward Wooster, Wayne County, OH, page, 150: Mahlon ROUCH, age 59 OH, born Jun 1841, married 30 yrs, lawyer, parents born PA; Margaret, wife, age 52 OH, born Nov 1847, married 30 yrs, no children, parents born Ireland.

1910 Census, Series: T624 Roll: 1240, Bealle Ave, page 114: Mahlon ROUCH, age 68 OH, first marriage, married 39 yrs, lawyer in own office, father born MD, mother born PA, column 30 marked UA for service in the Union Army; Margaret, wife, age 62 OH, first marriage, married 39 yrs, no children, parents born Ireland [Scotch Irish].

1920 Census, Series: T625 Roll: 1448, Bealle Ave, Wooster, Wayne Co OH, page 131: Mahlon ROUCH, age 78 OH, lawyer in own office, parents born PA; Margaret, wife, age 72 OH, parents born Ireland.

Daily Record, 2 Aug 1921, page 1 Died 1 Aug 1921
CAPT. ROUCH TO BE LAID TO REST WEDNESDAY AT 2

Services Will be at United Presbyterian Church, Conducted by Rev. J.H. Spencer

The funeral of the late Captain Mahlon Rouch, who died at his home Monday afternoon [*online death index 1 Aug 1921 in Wayne Co OH*] will be held Wednesday afternoon at 2 o'clock at the United Presbyterian church. Rev. J.H. Spencer, pastor, will conduct the service.

Captain Rouch was a member of Given Post G.A.R. of this city and officers of the Post will read the memorial ritual of the order during the service. The members of the Wayne County Bar association will attend the services in a body. Interment will be made in the Wooster cemetery.

Captain Rouch is survived by his wife. Captain and Mrs. Rouch were married in 1870. Mrs. Rouch is a daughter of the late John McQuigg and is an aunt of General McQuigg of Cleveland. Capt. and Mrs. Rouch traveled life's journeys together for more than a half century. [*Mrs. Rouch was the sister of John McQuigg of this company. See his section above.*]

Life Sketch of Capt. Rouch

Mahlon Rouch was born in Plain township June 2, 1841 and the major part of his useful life was spent in Wayne county. His father was Jacob Rouch, a farmer, and upon the home farm Capt. Rouch spent his early days. He attended the neighborhood schools during the winter months. At the age of nineteen years he entered Witttenberg college at Springfield, where he remained two years.

On August 16, 1862 Capt. Rouch enlisted as a private in Company A 120th Regiment O.V.I. under Capt. Joseph H. Dowing. He saw gallant service in the army and won several promotions, rising from private to first lieutenant in rapid order. The promotion came to him while he was held a prisoner. He was a prisoner in Camp Ford near Tyler, Texas,

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for thirteen months. He received his discharge July 22, 1865, more than three months after the fall of Richmond, April 9, 1865.

Returned Home After the War

After the war Capt. Rouch returned to his home, taught school and conducted a farm for a time. He then entered the law department of the University of Michigan and was graduated therefrom in the spring of 1868. He was admitted to the practice of law in Ohio and began his practice in Orrville in 1870, remaining there four years. He moved to Wooster in 1874 and opened an office for the practice of law. In 1896 he formed a partnership with C.M. Yocum.

Capt. Rouch continued the practice of law until a few weeks ago when illness prevented him from making his daily trips from his home to his office. At his office he was always courteous and diligent in whatever task was undertaken. His was a busy life, filled with the activities of the years as they rolled past into history. He met situations as they came, often taking a staunch stand upon leading issues with a firmness that knew no deviation.

Expressions as to the character of Capt. Rouch were numerous today. As to his character as an upright man, Judge W. E. Weygandt said:

"I am grieved that we shall not again see Mahlon Rouch upon the streets nor in the court room. Capt. Rouch was a man of staunch character, of the strictest integrity and above all he was charitable toward those in whom he might see faults. The legal profession has lost a noble member."

Many of the civil war veterans, some of whom served with Capt. Rouch, were grieved beyond expression when the news of his death was told them.

"Capt. Rouch was a noble man, a brave soldier, a Christian gentleman and one who was loved by all comrades." is a summary of what the comrades said about Capt. Rouch.

Mahlon Rouch is buried at Wooster Cemetery, Wooster, Wayne county, OH....1841-1921

Death Record in Ohio: File # 48009, Mahlon ROUCH died 1 Aug 1921 at Bealle Ave Wooster OH. He was born 2 June 1841 in Plain Twp, Wayne Co OH. He was an attorney. His father was Jacob ROUCH, born MD. His mother was Hannah SCHAFFER, born PA. Burial was at Wooster Cem. Informant was Mrs. Mahlon ROUCH, of Wooster.

Death Record in Ohio: File # 65513, Wife, Margaret ROUCH died 20 Nov 1933 at Beall Ave, Wooster, Wayne Co OH. She was born 13 Nov 1847 in OH. Her parents were John McQUIGG and Sarah McAFEE, born Ireland. Burial was at Wooster Cem. Informant was Margaret BOVARD, of Wooster.

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