

## Company A, 120<sup>th</sup> OVI



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SHURTZ, William D. 14 Aug 1862

Private Shurtz was age 20 when he entered service. He was transferred to Co. H 114th OVI on 27 Nov 1864.

Transferred Co F, 48th OVI, 24 July 1865. Mustered out 14 Oct 1865.

Father: John Hamilton SHURTS

Mother: Nancy CURL

Birth: 1845 Rahway, NJ

Marriage: 1 Mary GOODNATURE, 19 Apr 1867 at Ft. Wayne, Allen Co IN

2 Katherine [Kittie] KIEFFER, 4 Nov 1875 at Holmes Co OH

Death: 28 Nov 1913 Montgomery Co OH.

Cemetery: Woodlawn Cemetery, Ada, OH. [Hardin Co OH] Also Stone at Prairie Township Cem, Holmesville, Holmes Co OH for first wife, Mary [wife of W. D. Shurts], and infant born 1871. At this Holmes county stone there is a flag and GAR emblem also.

Pension Index: William D. SHURTZ , F 48th, A 120th, and K 114th OH Inf. He applied for an invalid's pension in Ohio on 5 Mar 1891, Application 1002503, Certificate 802019, filed in OH. Pension Card: Died 28 Nov 1913 at Ada, OH.

1850 Census, Prairie Twp, Holmes Co OH, Dwelling 878, Family 896: John H. SHURTS, age 45 NJ, carpenter; Nancy, age 42 NJ; Robert, age 21 NJ, stone mason; Pheby, age 13 NJ; Samuel, age 10 NJ; Jacob, age 7 NJ; William, age 4 NJ; Andrew, age 2 NJ.

1860 Census, Series: M653 Roll: 989, Prairie Twp, Holmes County, OH, page 376: John H SHIRTS, age 56 NJ, stone mason; Nancy, age 53 NJ; Pheby, age 22 NJ, William, age 14 NJ; Samuel, age 19 NJ, day laborer; Jacob, age 17 NJ, day laborer.

1870 Census, Series: M593 Roll: 1224, Prairie Twp, Holmes County, OH, page 142: William SHIRTS, age 25 NJ, farmer; Mary, age 22 NY. [Mary died 29 May 1871.]

Family Search, Indiana, Marriages, 1780-1992: William D. SHURTS married Mary GOODNATURE on 19 Apr 1867 at Ft. Wayne, Allen Co IN. Mary died 29 May 1871.

Family Search, Ohio, Marriages, 1800-1958: W. D. SHIRTZ married Kate KIEFFER on 4 Nov 1875 at Holmes Co OH.

1880 Census, Series: T9 Roll: 1076, Village of Shreve, Clinton Twp, Wayne County OH, page 123: William SHURTZ, age 33 NJ, parents born NJ, carpenter; Kittie, wife, age 30 OH, parents born OH; Esspy C, son, age 3 OH father born NJ, mother born OH; Owen K, son, age 9 months OH, born in September 1879, father born NJ, mother born OH.

1900 Census, Series: T623 Roll: 1284, 2nd Ward Ada, Liberty Twp, Hardin County, OH, page 215: William D SHURZ, age 54 NJ, born Feb 1846, married 24 yrs, carpenter, father born Germany, mother born NJ; Kittie, wife, age 51 OH, born Mar 1849, married 24 yrs, 6 children/3 still living, father born PA, mother born OH; Esby K, son, age 22 OH, born Apr 1878, single, school teacher; father born NJ, mother born OH; Owen K, son, age 18 OH, born Sep 1881, single in school; Dale D, son, age 11 OH, born Feb 1889, father born NJ, mother born OH.

1910 Census, Series: T624 Roll: 1187, South Gilbert St, 2nd Ward Ada, Liberty Twp, Hardin County, OH, page 161: William D SCHURTZ, age 65 OH, widowed, house carpenter, parents born PA, Column 30 marked UA for service in the Union Army; Dale D, son, age 21 OH, single, dredge crane operator, parents born OH.

US National Homes for Disabled Volunteer Soldiers, 1866-1938, Dayton, Montgomery Co OH: William D. SHURTZ, Co a 120 OVI and Co H 114 OH Inf. Private. Mustered out 14 Oct 1865. Born Rahway, NJ. AGE 68 when taken into Home. Ht 5'11", fair complexion, blue eyes, gray hair, can read and write, Protestant,

carpenter, residence subsequent to discharge Columbus OH. Widowed. No name and address given for nearest relative. Admitted 24 Nov 1913. Died 28 Nov 1913, 9:45 pm. mitral valve and bronchial asthma. Notified by telegram 29 Nov 1913 to O. K. SHURTZ [son], [1263 Eastwood Ave](#), Columbus, OH. Body sent to Ada OH

Many dates and names on this page and these obituaries were contributed by Susie Lewis Struckhoff. This soldier was her gt gt gt uncle. His sister, Deliverance Shurtz TERRY, was her gt gt gt grandmother.

Obituary from the University Herald, (Ada, Ohio), dated 5 December 1913

William D. Schurtz, a former resident of Ada, died at Dayton, O., on November 28th and his body was brought to Ada last Monday for interment at Woodlawn. His sons, O. K. And D. D., of Columbus, and Dr. Espy Schurtz, of Waterloo, Ind., were here for the funeral. The funeral services were held from the Ream chapel where fitting words by the Rev. Mr. Bradshaw were said. Mr. Schurtz is remembered as a good man, with principles of integrity well founded and with a personality congenial to all who knew him. He was and honored veteran of the Civil War.

Another obituary ... labeled Ada record ... publication and date unknown

Death of W. D. Shurtz

At Columbus, Ohio, on November 28 , 1913, occurred the death of William D. Shurtz, a former resident of this city. He had been an invalid for some years with a complication of diseases. He was a carpenter by trade but in recent years was incapacitated for following his work and since the death of his wife in this city on December 26, 1909, he made his home with his sons in Columbus.

Mr. Shurtz was born in New Jersey on February 5, 1845. While yet a small boy his parents moved to Holmes County, Ohio, and there lived until his enlistment for service as a Union Solder. He enlisted on August 14, 1862, with the 120th Ohio Volunteers and was assigned to Co. A. With the decimation of its ranks he was transferred, on November 27, 1864, to Company H, 114th Ohio and again was transferred, on July 24, 1865, to Company F. of the 48th Ohio, and was with this Company mustered out of service at Baltimore on October 14, 1865.

During his military service the regiments with which he was connected passed through 13 engagements. He was on board the "City Belle" when it sank in the Red River on May 31, 1864, and was one of the few men with endurance to save his life by swimming ashore.

In 1878 he was united in marriage to Katherine Kieffer, of Wayne County, Ohio, and shortly afterward they moved to Ada, where they made their home during the life of his good wife.

He leaves three sons: Dr. Espy K. Shurtz, of Waterloo, Indiana, and O. K. and D. D., of Columbus. The remains were brought to Ada and on Monday forenoon Minister Marion J. Bradshaw conducted the funeral service at the Ream chapel and the remains were laid to rest in Woodlawn.

Mr. Shurtz was an honorable man - clean and honest in all his associations and dealing with his fellowmen; he was respected by every person who enjoyed his acquaintance. He was quite and retired in manner. He was a member of the Disciple church and was faithful in all his obligations to his family, the church and state.

Family Search, Death record in Ohio: File # 65526, William D SHURTZ, Company C 120th Ohio Inf., died Nov 28 1913 at National Military Home (Hospital), Jefferson Twp, Montgomery County OH. He was widowed. He was a carpenter. Born 1845 in New Jersey. Information about parents unknown. Burial Ada, Ohio.

Son, Family Search, Death record in Ohio: File # 35628, Owen Kieffer SCHURTZ died 7 June 1942 at Columbus OH. He was born 17 Sep 1880 in Shreve, OH. His father was William D SCHURTZ, born NJ. His mother was Katherine KIEFFER, born Holmes Co OH.

Sister, Family Search, Death record in Ohio: File 38654, Sarah E. TERRY died 1 July 1912 in Holmesville, Holmes Co OH. Widow. Born 6 Apr 1832 in NJ. Father J. H. SHURTZ born NJ. Mother Nancy CURL, born NJ. Burial Prairie Twp Cem. Informant Ada F. KIDD of Holmesville OH.