

Company A, 120th OVI



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SMEDLEY, Samuel 18 Aug 1862
Private Smedley was age 21 when he entered service. He was captured 3 May 1864 near Snaggy Point on the Red River, Louisiana; mustered out 8 July 1865 at Camp Chase, Ohio.

Wooster Republican 28 May 1863: Casualties in the 120th Ohio: Samuel Smedley, wounded slightly in left elbow.

Father: John SMEDLEY
Mother: Melinda NIXON
Birth: 13 Mar 1841 OH
Marriage: Kate M. SHELLHEMMER on 28 Feb 1869 at Cedar Co IA.

Death: 11 Nov 1922, San Jose, CA
Cemetery: Woodlawn Memorial Park, Colma, San Mateo Co CA

Pension Index: Samuel N SMEDLEY, A 120th OH and D 114th OH. Invlid filed 30 Jun 1880, App404094; Certificate265936 Widow, Catherine, filed 1 Dec 1922, Application 1197421; Certificate 928684 in California. Pension Card; Samuel died 11 Nov 1922, San Jose, CA.

1850 Census, Salt Creek Twp, Wayne Co OH, Dwelling 4, Family 4: John SMEDLEY, age 41 PA, farmer; Malinda, age 32 PA; Clamenza [female], age 11 OH; Saml, age 9 OH; Juliann, age 7 OH; William, age 4 OH; Elcy J., age one month OH.

1860 Census Salt Creek Twp, Wayne County OH, page 173: John Smedley, age 50 PA, farmer; Malinda, age 42 PA; Samuel, age 19 OH; Julian [female], age 16 OH; William, age 14 OH; Elcy Jane, age 10 OH; Nancy E. age 6 OH. [Wayne Co Probate Court record: John SMEDLEY married Melinda NIXON on 13 Oct 1836 in Wayne Co OH.]

Family Search, Iowa, Marriages, 1809-1992: Samuel N. SMEDLEY married Kate M. SHELLHEMMER on 28 Feb 1869 at Cedar Co IA.

1870 Census, [viewed at Heritage Quest] Muscatine Ward 3, Muscatine Co IA, Dwelling 112, Family 112: Saml MEDLEY, age 30 OH, ??teamster??. Kate, age 28?, can't read birthplace.

in-laws, 1870 Census, Moses and Mary SHELLHAMMER were living in Iowa Twp, Cedar Co IA. Children Leonard and Daniel were with them.

in-laws, 1880 Census, Moses and Mary SHELLHAMER were living in Iowa Twp, Cedar Co IA.

1880 Census...haven't located Samuel and Kate SMEDLEY yet.

1900 Census, Series: T623 Roll: 450, West Liberty, Wapsinonoc Twp, Muscatine County, IA, page 262: Moses? SHELLHAMMER, age 80 PA, born July 1819, married 44 yrs, parents born PA, occupation water??. Mary, wife, age 76 PA, born Mar 1824, father born Switzerland, mother born Germany, married 44 yrs, 5 children/2 still living; Samuel SMEDLEY, son-in-law, age 59 OH, born Mar 1841, married 31 yrs, parents born PA, an aptitroir???[must be optician..see 1910 census]; Kate, daughter, age 57 IL, born Mar 1848, father born PA, mother born OH, married 31 yrs, 2 children/1 still living.

1910 Census, Series: T624 Roll: 415, E. Third St, 2nd Ward Muscatine, Muscatine County, IA, page 62: Samuel SMEDLEY, age 65 OH, first marriage, married 40 yrs, parents born NJ (Unkn), Optician, [Not marked for military service]; Kate, wife, age 58 IA, first marriage, married 40 yrs, 1 child/1 still living, parents born NJ (unkn).

Have not found 1920. Kansas or California???

[Wooster] Daily Record, 13 Nov 1922, page 8

SAMUEL SMEDLEY DIES IN THE WEST

Samuel Smedley, uncle of Charles Lautenschlager of this city, died a few days ago in San Jose, Cal., according to word received today by Mr. Lautenschlager. The deceased was a son of the late John Smedley and after serving in the Civil war lived in Iowa and Kansas. A few years ago he went to San Jose to live a retired life.

The deceased is survived by his wife, a daughter, one brother, William Smedley, and two sisters, Mrs. Jane Blosser of near Applecreek and Mrs. Orrville Kindig of Malletcreek, O. [*Mallet Creek is in Medina county OH.*] [*Orville D. Steele Kindig married Nancy Ellen Smedley who was born in 1854 in Litchfield Twp., Medina Co., OH*] [*Charles Lautenschlager's mother was Julia Anna Smedley.*]

San Jose Mercury News, 12 Nov 1922, page 7:

"Samuel N. Smedley, Civil War Veteran, Dead. Samuel N. Smedley, aged 82, died very suddenly at his home, 94[?] Hollywood avenue yesterday morning. Mr. Smedley had not been in the best of health for several weeks but his condition was not considered serious. Mr. Smedley was a civil war veteran, having enlisted at the age of 21 years in Co A 120th Ohio of which state he was a native. He was confined in a rebel prison 14 months and at the time of his death was a member of Bennett Post G A R this city. He leaves a widow and one daughter and a number of relatives and friends to mourn his departure. Funeral services Monday, November 13 at 10:30 a.m. In the funeral parlors of Curry & Grippen ????. Interment in the afternoon in Masonic cemetery San Francisco."

Family Search, US Veterans Administration Pension Payment Cards, 1907-1933: Catherine [Kate] was reported as remarried 7 Dec 1924. No other name given. Address written on record: 156 E. Saint John St., San Jose, California. certificate 928684

[So far we have these siblings for Samuel Smedley: Julia Anna, Nancy Ellen, William, & Jane.]

Brother's Death Record in Ohio: File # 49160, William Nixon SMEDLEY died 13 Aug 1927 at East Union, Wayne County OH. Born 24 Mar 1846 in OH. His parents were John SMEDLEY and Malinda NIXON, born PA. Burial at Apple Creek.

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