

Company A, 120th OVI



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SPARR, Peter 14 Aug 1862

Private Sparr was age 21 when he entered service. He was transferred to Co. H 114th OVI on 27 Nov 1864. Transferred to Co F, 48th OVI, 24 July 1865. Mustered out 14 Oct 1865.

Father: Peter SPARR

Mother: Martha SNYDER [SNADER]

Birth: 5 Oct 1840, Wayne Co OH.

Marriage: Kate [Catherine] STAIR, 8 Oct 1867

Death: 20 Mar 1937, Creston, Wayne Co OH

Cemetery: Maple Mound -- Creston Cemetery, Creston, OH

Pension Index: Peter SPARR, F 48th, A 120th, and H 114th OH Inf.

Invalid filed COLORADO in 1890 Dec 6, Application 886531;

Certificate 683864 [Note: The little biographies below don't mention any time spent in Colorado.]

Headstone Applications for Military Veterans, 1925-1963: Peter SPARR, Pvt, Co A 120th OV Inf., Co H 114th OH Inf, 48th Battalion OH Inf. Died 20 Mar 1937. Burial Maple Mound, Creston OH. Civil War Vet. Shipped to W. I. McGLENEN, Adm. at Creston, Wayne Co OH. Application dated 29 May 1937.

1850 Census, Plain Twp, Wayne Co OH, Dwelling 278, Family 296:

Peter SPARR, age 54 PA, farmer; Martha, age 40 PA; Susanna, age 14

OH; William, age 11 OH; Peter, age 9 OH; John, age 8 OH; Benjamin, age 5 OH; Catharine, age 4 OH; David, age 2 OH; Jacob, age 5 months OH.

1860 Census Plain Twp, Wayne County OH, page 267: Peter SPARR, age 64 PA, farmer; William, age 21 OH, at college; Peter, age 19, farm labor; John, age 18, farm labor; Benjamin, age 15 farm labor; Catherine, age 13; David, age 12; Jacob, age 10; George, age 7. [The children after William are not marked as born in OH, but his census taker just did not put ditto marks on any of them. I am assuming that they all were born in OH just as William was.]

Wayne County Probate record: Peter SPARR married Catherine STAIR on 8 Oct 1867 in Wayne county OH.

1870 Census Plain Twp, Wayne County OH, page 302: Peter SPARR, age 29 OH, farmer; Catherine, age 21 OH; Bertie [male], age 1 OH.

1880 Census, Plain township, Wayne county, OH: Peter [39 OH] and wife Kate [30 OH] SPARR. They had one son living with them: Alva E. [11 OH].

1890 Peter was in Colorado. See Pension Index.

Peter SPARR must have been traveling around the country because I can't find him in the 1900 - 1920 census records.

Where was Peter? 1900 Census, Wooster City, Wooster Twp, Wayne Co OH, 54 South Market, Dwelling 28, Family 29: Alva SPARR, age 31 OH, born Dec 1868, parents born OH, laborer at preserving works; Anna, wife, age 26 OH, born July 1873, first marriage, 0 children, parents born OH; Kate E., mother, age 50 OH, born June 1845, one child/one still living, father born Germany, mother born PA.

Where was Peter? 1910 Census, Wooster Ward 4, Wayne Co OH, 47 W. Liberty Street, Dwelling 170, Family 194: Alva E. SPARR, age 41 OH, first marriage, married 11 yrs, parents born OH, preserves cook at canning works; Anna, wife, age 36 OH, first marriage, married 11 yrs, 1 child/1 still living, parents born OH; Frank, son, age 9 OH, parents born OH; Kate E, mother, age 60 OH, first marriage, married 42 yrs, 1 child/1 still living, father born Germany, mother born PA.

1930 Census, Creston Village, Wayne Co OH, 295 South Main, Dwelling 79, Family 80: Peter SPARR, age 89 OH, age at first marriage 25, parents born PA, Civil War veteran.

Hardesty's Historical and Geographical Encyclopedia [Wayne county Ohio version] page 486 Plain Township section

Peter Sparr, Jr. was three years and three months one of the defenders of the Nation. He enlisted at Wooster, August 14, 1862, and at Camp Mansfield October 5th following, was mustered into Company A, 120th Ohio Volunteer Infantry. The service of the regiment was in Kentucky and Tennessee, until it went under Sherman to the attack on Vicksburg, by way of Chickasaw Bayou and Arkansas Post. When the Regiment was at Youngs Point, early in 1863, Mr. Sparr was transferred to the 7th Michigan battery, with which he served eight months, then served with the 1st Wisconsin Battery for about a year, and then rejoined his regiment at Morganza Bend, Louisiana. The battles in which he participated while with the 7th Michigan Battery were Thompsons Hill, where he had two horses killed, Champion Hills, Big Black Bridge, Jackson, and in all fourteen engagements of the Vicksburg siege. With the 1st Wisconsin Battalion he took part in the expedition into the Tash country, west of New Orleans, three battles on the Red River expedition, and in the siege of Mobile. After rejoining his regiment he was in action at the assault on Fort Blakeley. He was in the hospital at United States Barracks, New Orleans, three weeks, and in convalescent camp, New Orleans, a month. With the regiment he spent five months in Texas under the reconstruction act, and was mustered out of service at Houston, on the 14th of October, 1865. He was one of the fortunate number furloughed home to vote for the second election of Lincoln. Peter and Martha (Snader) Sparr are the parents of Peter, subject of his sketch, and he was born in Wayne county, October 5, 1840. In this county, October 8, 1867, he was joined in wedlock with Kate Stair, who was born in Wayne county, June 15, 1849. They have only one son, Bert, born December 22, 1868. Mrs. Sparr is the daughter of Casper and Fanny (Harvey) Stair. Mr. Sparr owns and cultivates a farm in Plain township. He is past commander of Given Post, No. 133, G.A.R., and a staunch and unwavering member of the Republican party. His postoffice address is Wooster, Wayne county, Ohio.

Wayne County Graves Registration book: Peter Sparr's address at the time he died was Creston OH. He was born 5 October 1840 in Wayne county. He died 20 Mar 1937 in Creston. He is buried in Maple Mound Cemetery in Creston (Lot 65, block 1-B, grave 3) Next of kin listed was: W. J. McGlemmen of Creston. Peter was also in Company F of the 48th OVI.

Obituary: Wooster Daily Record, 20 Mar 1937 page 6 Died 20 Mar 1937.
CRESTON VET IS CALLED TODAY -- Peter Starr[sic] of Civil War Will Be Given Military Honors Monday Afternoon --

Peter Sparr, 96, Civil war veteran who served four years in the 120th regiment, Ohio Volunteer Infantry, which was raised in Wooster, Creston and other towns of the county, died Saturday morning at 11 o'clock in his home in Creston. He was one of the few remaining Civil war veterans in Wayne county and the last, with one or two exceptions, of the 120th regiment, which in former years took prominent parts in all civic affairs of the county and of the town in which the veterans lived.

The body is in the Murray funeral home, where funeral services will be held Monday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock with Rev. W. P. Michel officiating. Arrangements are being made for a military funeral by American Legion members. Interment will be in the Creston cemetery.

Death Record in Ohio: File # 22230, Peter SPARR died 20 Mar 1937 at Creston, Wayne County OH. His wife was Catherine STAIR SPARR. He was born 5 Oct 1840 in Wayne Co OH. His parents were Peter SPARR and Martha SNYDER, born PA. Burial Creston OH. Occupation says "confection" and Store Operator retired. It is marked yes, civil [war] for military service.

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