

Company A, 120th OVI



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TAGGART, William R. 20 Aug 1862
Private Taggart was age 24 when he entered service. He was captured 3 May 1864 near Snaggy Point on the Red River, Louisiana; mustered out 19 July 1865 at Camp Chase, Ohio.

Father: William TAGGART
Mother: Lydia REITER
Birth: 14 Aug 1838 OH
Marriage: Rachael VANOSTRAND [Van Nostern], 3 Mar 1859, Wayne County OH
Death: 25 Feb 1924
Cemetery: Meriden Cemetery, Meriden, Jefferson Co, KS

Pension Index: William A TAGGART, D 114th and A 120th OH. Invalid filed 29 May 1888, Application 657436; Certificate 423581 in KS. Widow, Rachel TAGGART, filed 24 Mar 1924, Application 1217.241, Certificate 949,711 in Kansas. Pension card: William died 25 Feb 1924 at Meriden, KS.

1850 Census, Wayne Twp, Wayne County OH, page 273: William TAGGART, age 38 OH; Lydia, age 35 PA; James, age 14 OH; **William R, age 12 OH**; Samuel U, age 8 OH; Joseph, age 6 OH; Emmet F, age 5 OH; Isaac M, age 3 months OH. [Family Search member: William TAGGART married Lydia A. REITER in 1835.]

Wayne County Probate Court Record: William R. TAGGART married Rachael VANOSTRAND on 3 Mar 1859 in Wayne County OH.

1860 Census, Wayne Twp, Wayne County OH, page 147: **Wm TAGGERT, age 21 OH**, farm hand; Rachel, age 19 OH; James A., 10 months OH. [Note: living one house away from Wm Taggart Sr. and Lydia and children.]

1870 Census, Wooster Twp, Wayne Co OH, pg 393, Dwelling 199, Family 187: William R. TAGGART, age 32 OH, farmer and lawyer; Rachel, age 29 OH; James A., age 10 OH, Elmer E., age 8 OH; Mary J., age 4 OH; Infant, age 1 OH.

1880 Census, Wooster, Wayne Co OH, pg 355, Dwelling 8, Family 8: William TAGGARET, age 41 OH, farmer, father born PA, mother born OH; Rachel, wife, age 39 OH, parents born PA; Elmer, son, age 19 OH, on farm; Mary J., daughter, age 14 OH; John, son, age 11 OH; Wallace, son, age 8 OH; Joseph, son, age 5 OH; Susan, daughter, age 1 OH.

Did not find on 1890 Veterans Schedule.

1900 Census, Rock Creek Twp, Jefferson County KS, page 334: William R TAGGART, age 61 OH, born Aug 1838, married 42 yrs, farmer, father born OH, mother born PA; Rachel, wife, age 59 OH, born Oct 1840, married 42 yrs, 8 children/8 still living, parents born PA; John, son, age 31 OH, single, born Apr 1869, farm laborer; Wallace E, son, age 28 OH, single, born Jan 1872, occupation part????; Joseph, son, age 24 OH, single, born Nov 1875; Mandy M, daughter, age 17 KS, single, born Mar 1883.

1910 Census, Rock Creek Twp, Jefferson County, KS, page 130: William R TAGGART, age 71 OH, farmer, father born OH, mother born PA, first marriage, married 51 yrs; Rachel, wife, age 69 OH, first marriage, married 51 yrs, parents born PA; John, son, OH, age 41, married 0 yrs, farm?; Ada M, daughter-in-law, age 33 OH, married 0 yrs; Elmer E, son, age 48 OH, widowed, laborer????farm??. There is a notation in column 30 where the census indicated military service. It should say UA for Union Army, but is hard to read.



The Topeka State Journal, 4 Mar 1919 Home Edition, page 3: [Topeka, KS]

"Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Taggart

March 3, 1919, Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Taggart of Meriden, Kan., entered on their sixtieth year of married life. On March 3, 1859, William Reitar Taggart and Miss Rachel Van Nestran were united in marriage at Wooster, Wayne county, Ohio. They lived on a farm two miles east of Wooster until 1882, when they came to Kansas and purchased a farm four and one-half miles northeast of Meriden, where they have resided ever since.

Mr. Taggart was a soldier of the Civil war. He enlisted in the 120th Ohio Volunteer Infantry in 1863[sic, 1862] and served until the end of the war, taking part in the siege of Vicksburg and in all of the principal battles leading up to the capture of that town. He was with General Banks in the latter's campaign up the Red

River, was captured by the Confederates at Naggy[sic, Snaggy] Point in 1864, and was a prisoner in Libby [sic, Camp Ford]. Tyler, Tex., for thirteen months, or until the close of the war. He has been a member of the I. O. O. F. lodge for nearly sixty years.

Eight children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Taggart, seven of whom are living. They are: Joseph Taggart, 1259 Lane street, Topeka; J. A. Taggart, Los Angeles, Cal.; John W. Taggart, Elmer E. Taggart, and W. E. Taggart, all of Meriden, Kan.; Mrs. Frank Metzger of Ozawkie, Kan., and Mrs. N. O. West of Akron, Ohio. The Taggarts also have thirty-three grandchildren and fourteen great grandchildren living.

Mr. and Mrs. Taggart are in the best of health and expect to see many more returns of their wedding anniversary. Their many friends desired to observe yesterday's event with a fitting demonstration, but owing to the fact that the Taggart children are so widely scattered, and also because of the prevalence of influenza in the neighborhood, the project was given up."

In 1920 Census, William may be listed as John M, age 80, father of John Taggart, living in Rock Creek Twp, Jefferson County KS, page 43. Rachel, mother, is also living there. Listed lower on the same page is Wallace with his family.

Daily Record, 26 Feb 1924 page 1

WILLIAM TAGGART IS CALLED TO HIS REST

William Taggart, former Wooster resident and a member of one of the oldest and best known families in Wayne county, died at his home near Topeka, Kan., yesterday, according to news received Monday by Grant Taggart, a nephew, of Wooster.

Mr. Taggart was 86 years old and the funeral and interment will take place in Kansas.

The deceased is survived by the following brothers: I.M. Taggart, of Massillon; E.S. Taggart of Akron; J.M. Taggart of Columbus; and one sister, Mrs. W.P. Hatfield of Chicago.

William G. Cutler's History of the State of Kansas Biographical Sketches

W. R. TAGGART, farmer and stock-raiser, Section 33, P. O. Meriden, is a native of Ohio, and was born in Wayne County, August 14, 1838; was educated and reared in his native county. In 1862 enlisted in Company A., **One Hundred and Twentieth Ohio Volunteer Infantry**; was at Vicksburg and a number of other general engagements; was on the Red River expedition, where he was taken prisoner and held for thirteen months at Tyler, Texas, being relieved from there at the close of the war. Mr. Taggart resided in the Buckeye State, following agricultural pursuits until the spring of 1882, when he became a resident of Kansas, locating on his present farm. He was married in Ohio to Miss Rachel Van Nostern. They have seven children - James A., Elmer E., Jennie M., John, Wallace, Joseph and Susan A. He is a member of the I. O. O. F. and Royal Arcanum.