

Company A, 120th OVI



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WELLS, Benjamin S. 12 Aug 1862
Private Benjamin Wells was age 38 when he entered service.
He was discharged on 28 Nov 1863 at Columbus, Ohio on a
Surgeon's certificate of disability.

Father: Benjamin WELLS
Mother: Elizabeth STURGES
Birth: 15 Aug 1823, Lancaster Co PA
Marriage: 1Elizabeth BALES, 7 May 1850
2Barbara MOLTZ [SMITH, SHARP]
Death: 31 July 1907, Burton City, Wayne Co OH
Cemetery: Union Cemetery, Dalton, Wayne County OH

Pension Index: Benjamin S WELLS, A 120th OH. Invalid
filed 24 May 1877, Application 236659, Certificate 155248.
Benjamin died 1907.

Grave indicates Co A 120th.

1850 Census, Paint Twp, Wayne Co OH, Dwelling 1, Family
1: Geo KIMMEEL?, age 39 PA, tailor; Eliza, age 39 PA; Lucy
A., age 13 OH; Josephine, age 5 OH; Benj. WELLS, age 25
PA, tailor. [George's name is spelled KIMEL in the 1860
census.]

1860 Census, West Lebanon, Paint Twp, Wayne County OH,
page 204: Benjamin WELLS, age 36 PA, tailor; Elizabeth,

age 36 OH; John W, age 4 OH; Naracisus E [female] age 1 PA.

1870 Census, Sugar Creek Twp, Wayne Co OH, pg 352: Benj. WELLS, age 46 PA, tailor; Elizabeth, age 44
OH; John W., age 17 OH, tinner ap??; [next page] Anna, age 12 OH; Rebecca, age 8 OH.

1880 Census, Burton City, Wayne Co OH, pg 26: Benjamin WELLS, age 56 PA, married, tailor, parents born
PA; Rebecca, daughter, age 18 OH, house keeper, father born PA, mother born OH, single.

Hardesty's Historical and Geographical Encyclopedia [Wayne county Ohio version] page 508 Baughman
Township section:

Benjamin Wells enlisted at Wilmot, Stark County, in Company A, 120th Regiment "shared in all the
movement of the regiment, and in the battles of Chickasaw Bayou, Arkansas Post, and then returned to the
Mississippi, where hard work on fortifying, miasma [infection floating in the air], and bad drinking water
made him sick. From May to August, 1863, he remained on light duty, then obtained a thirty days furlough
home. At its expiration, he reported at Cincinnati, but was found not able for field service, and was sent to
Camp Dennison hospital. There he remained sick through September, October and November, until
discharged on a surgeon's certificate of disability, November 28, 1863. At Mount Eaton, Wayne county, May
2, 1864, he enlisted in Company G, [166th Ohio National Guard](#), served with that regiment in its garrison
duties at Ft. Ethan Allen [in Washington DC], and was mustered out with it at Cleveland, September 9,
1864."

"Benjamin S., son of Benjamin and Elizabeth (Sturges) Wells, was born in Lancaster County, Pennsylvania,
August 15, 1823,. In Queenville, Stark County, Ohio, May 7, 1850, he married Elizabeth, daughter of David
and Nancy (Morgan) Bales. She was born in Wayne County, August 12, 1825, and died after having been the
mother of five children, born: Charlotta, April 16, 1851, died April 26, 1852; John Wesley, April 10, 1853,
lives in Massillon; Neresis, August 8, 1858, lives in Silver City, New Mexico; Justin B., January 25, 1861, died
April 5th following; Rebecca Alice, February 25, 1862, lives in Massillon. The second marriage of Mr. Wells
was with Barbara, daughter of George and Mary (Welch) Moltz, and they have no children. She was born in
Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, December 16, 1840, and was married twice previous to her union with Mr. Wells.
Her first husband was Adam Smith. Their only child was named Willie, and he is deceased. In 1867 she
married Joseph Sharp, who had been a soldier, a member of Company E, 178th Ohio Volunteer Infantry. He
died July 5, 1881, leaving two children born; Myrtle E. July 2, 1868; Turine F., July 2, 1873. Mr. Wells is
engaged in tailoring in Burton City, and is still afflicted with deafness, resulting from his service in the 120th
regiment."

1890 Veterans Schedule: Baughman Twp, Wayne Co OH: Line 16, House 245, Family 247: Benjamin WELL, Pvt, Co A 120 OVI. Post Office Burton City, Wayne Co OH. Disability: Partial Deafness. ?Discharged? Camp Dennison OH.

1900 Census, Baughman Twp, Wayne Co OH, pg 16: Benjamin WELLS, age 76 PA, born Aug 1823, married 17 yrs, parents born PA, tailor; Barbara, wife, age 59 PA, born Dec 1840, married 17 yrs, 3 children/2 still living; parents born PA.

Second wife: Ohio Obituary Index: Barbara WELLS, wife of Benjamin S, died age 62 at Burton City OH, 3 Nov 1903. Born 17 Dec 1840. 1st husband: Joseph SHARP. Dalton Cemetery.

Wayne County Grave Registration: Benjamin died 31 July 1907, age 84, in Burton City, Wayne County, and is buried at Union Cemetery, Dalton, Wayne County OH. [note: suicide]

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