

Company B, 120th OVI

KENTON, William* 12 Aug 1862 KINTON

Private Kenton was 21 when he entered service. He died 18 Feb 1863 at Young's Point, Louisiana. [His death date should probably be 3 Jan 1863 according to pension papers.]

In the Roll of Honor in the back of the Official Roster: buried at Vicksburg, Mississippi

Father: Thomas KINTON

Mother: Pollie STEWART

Birth: 22 Aug 1841

Marriage:

Death: 18 Feb 1863 at Young's Point, Louisiana

Cemetery: Vicksburg, Mississippi [Not listed at Vicksburg]; He is also included on the family gravestone as William KINTON, born 22 Aug 1841, died near Vicksburg, 18 Feb 1863, Co B, 120th OVI, at Hastings Presbyterian-Union Cemetery, Richland Co OH. See [Find a Grave](#).

Registers of Deaths of Volunteers, 1861-1865: William KENTON, Private, Co B 120th OH Inf, 18 Feb 1863 at Regimental Hospital. Cause: pneumonia.

Not on Burial Registers, Military Posts and National Cemeteries, 1862-1960

Not on Headstones Provided by gov't.

Pension Index: Mother Polly KINTON applied. [Polly is often a nickname for Mary.] Pension Card: William KINTON, Co B 120th OH Inf. Mother applied 21 Apr 1863, Application 19096, but no certificate is recorded. [Note: Polly died 6 Feb 1884 which may be why there was no certificate. See [Find a Grave](#). Pollie's husband was Thomas who died in 1844.]

This may be the marriage record of William's parents:

Ohio, County Marriages: 1789-1994, Richland Co OH.

3 Jan 1839 Mr. Thomas KEILER married Miss Polly STEWART by ordained minister of the Apociate Reformed Presbyterian Church, James Johnson. [Contributed by Kerry Kimberly]

1850 Census, Monroe Twp, Richland Co OH, Dwelling 15, Family 15: Harriet KINCON, age 31 OH; William, age 9 OH; Martha J, age 7 OH; Thomas, age 5 OH.

1860 Census, Monroe Twp, Richland Co OH, Dwelling 218, Family 221: Nancy THOMPSON, age 27 OH, domestic; Mary KENTON, age 40 OH; William, age 18 OH, farmer; Martha J., age 16 OH, domestic; Thomas N, age 15 OH, farmer.

Brother's Death record in Ohio: Certificate #58190. Thomas Newton KINTON died 20 Sep 1926 at Monroe Twp., Richland Co., OH. Born 17 Dec 1844 at IN. Father, Thos. KINTON, born Ireland. Mother, Polley STEWART, born OH. Married Mary A. Marlow. Burial Monroe Cemetery. Informant John F. Kinton. [Monroe Cemetery is also known as Hastings Presbyterian Cemetery. Contributed by Kerry Kimberly]

1880 Census, Monroe Twp., Richland Co., OH, dwelling 256, family 270, viz: Thos. M. (sic) KINTON, 35 IN, farmer; Mary A., wife, 26 OH; Ociea C, daughter, 5 OH; Thomas R., son, 3 OH; William, son, 2 OH; Harrie E., son, born Nov 1880 OH; Mary J., sister, 36 OH; Polly, mother, 60 OH, father born PA, mother born OH. [Contributed by Kerry Kimberly]

Pension papers sent to me by Debbie Ferdetta. Thanks, Debbie!

The papers indicate that William Kinton died 3 Jan 1863 of camp fever, although February was mentioned. [Camp fever was usually typhoid.]

Mother, Polly Kinton, lived in Lucas [Hastings post office] Richland Co OH.

William Kinton was employed by his grandfather from the time he was 14 yrs old.

Polly wrote: My oldest son William Kinton was born 22 Aug 1841. My second son Thomas N. Kinton was born 17 Dec 1844. My daughter Martha J. Kinton was born 15 July 1843.

William's father, Thomas, died in Kasciusko co IN on 29 sep 1844. Wm's mother, Polly, said that "no person was present at time of his death excepting my sister, Nelly Stewart."

Testimony of Jacob and Eli Berry of Hastings PO, Richland Co OH: "Polly Kinton the mother of William Kinton

rented her fathers farm. Receiving one third of produce raised on said farm, William Kinton and Thomas his brother, three years younger and much less able bodied, did the work. The proceeds of said labor was used for the support of Polly Kinton's family between the periods of April 1856 and 1862. The claimant's farm of 80 acres was purchased April 1st 1864 the amount paid down being \$800 (eight hundred dollars). There yet remains an encumbrance of \$800 on the farm. The present value of the farm in our opinion would be \$40 per acre or thirty five hundred. "

Polly died 6 Feb 1884.

Letter from William to his mother:
Camp Oliver Tenn

Dec 19th ???
Mrs. Polly Kinton

Respected mother your letter of the 8th is just read
I am glad to hear that you are all well
I am nearly as well as usual
I hope that all will be right in a few days.
I finished writing a letter to Grandfather just after dinner
Since writing that I have seen Hughes
he reports that L Ryder?? is getting better.
They are tolerably comfortably ??situated?? and get about as good rations as in camp
If Levi was at home in his present condition he could not assist his father much
The only thing that could be done would be to make him more comfortable
As soon as his discharge can be filled he will be sent home

You said that you put some checks into a letter that you sent to me
If you put them in I did not get them
I perhaps dropped them and when I opened the letter
For just as I rec'd the letter I was ordered to report to the officer of the day immediately
And I was so anxious to hear the news from home that I opened the letter as I walked along and if they were in I dropped them and did not notice them.
I am sorry to hear that you are afraid of me deserting my religion.
I have too high a sense of my honor to degrade myself thus
It is true that a large number of the members of this reg't have deserted the religion they once embraced
The joys of this world will not compensate for the glories above.
I hope that you will remember us at a throne of glory.

In regard to the provisions and meat especially I will just say that I think that the pork packers must have been laying up a supply of meat for the last 3 or 4 years for we do not get any port except ???side and ham which is not fit to eat.
Some of it would eat pretty well but our cook Lt. Norrick is too lazy to prepare it in good style.
We draw fresh beef twice a week which some times is cooked pretty well but too often it is so tough that we can scarcely chew it.
While in camp we have drawn bread which is sometimes hard and sometimes soft.
On some occasions we sell our old pork and buy cornmeal and make mush and then fry it which eats pretty well.
When at Louisville our ??? laid in a supply of crackers for our

trip down the river which did not contain a particle of salt
The boys got so sick of them that they could scarcely eat them
The weather is pretty fine
we have only had one rain since we came to camp.
It is not very cold
the ground scarcely ever freezes here.
We sleep pretty comfortably here at night
Our gum blankets come in good play at night to spread on the ground and then make our bed on them
In speaking of the health of the reg't I should have told you that our surgeon took sick while at ??Cerrington?? and resigned
Since we came here one of the assistant surgeons has taken sick.
Consequently our surgical aid is pretty slim
As my time is rather limited I must close
Hoping that we may soon meet again and enjoy the society that I love so much I will bid you good bye
I am so ever your affectionate son

Wm. Kinton

P.S. If you direct your letters to Cairo instead of Louisville they come much quicker for the reason that they come quicker by railroad than by water.
And also so many packets are engaged by Government that there is not a regular time to carry the mail.