

## Company B, 120<sup>th</sup> OVI



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RUMMEL, Joseph P. 2 Aug 1862 Joseph Peter Rummel  
2d Lieutenant Rummel was age 22 when he entered service. He was appointed 2d Lieut. 4 Aug 1862; promoted to Captain in [Co A](#) on 14 Mar 1863. Also served Co G 16th OH Inf. as a private. From Co A record: He was promoted from 2d Lieutenant on 14 Mar 1863; captured 3 May 1864 near Snaggy Point, on the Red River, Louisiana; paroled 27 May 1865; transferred to Co. K 114th OVI on 27 Nov 1864 while a prisoner of war. Mustered out 29 June 1865 at Camp Chase, OH, by order of War Dept.

Father: Peter RUMMEL

Mother: Susannah CLOPPER

Birth: 7 Feb 1840 in Richland County OH

Marriage: Eva R. REDRUP, 7 Mar 1866 Richland Co OH

Death: 21 Jan 1920, age 79, California

Cemetery: Mansfield Cemetery, Joseph Rice RUMMEL, Section OS-12, Lot 777. [Evalyn R. died age 76, 2 May 1919, Section OS-12, Lot 777.

California, Death Index, 1905-1939: Joseph RUMMELL died 21 Jan 1920 at age 79 in San Bernardino Co California. State file number 2899.

Ohio, Deaths and Burials: Joseph P. Rummell, died 1920.

Ohio Obituary Index: J P RUMMEL age 80 died 1920. [get Ashland Times-Gazette, Pg 4, 23 Jan 1920.]

Also obit in the Loudonville Democrat, Thursday, 5 Feb 1920, from Loudonville Public Library.

" Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Coe attended the funeral of J. P. Rummel of Mansfield, Thursday of last week. Mr. Rummel was an uncle of Mrs. Coe and died in California following a few days illness with pneumonia.

Pension index: Joseph RUMMEL, G 16th, K 114th and B 120th OH Inf. Invalid filed 25 Aug 1891, Application 1053108, Certificate 839942, filed in OH. [Note: I do find him listed in Company I 16th OH Inf. as being a private, age 21 in 1861. He entered that company on 22 April 1861 for a term of 3 months and mustered out with the company on 18 Aug 1861. The 16th OVI were on duty guarding railroads in West Virginia and then saw some action in that state (Phillippi, Laurel Hill and Carrick's Ford) before returning to Ohio.] Pension Card: Co B 120th OH, Co I 16th OH, Co K 114th OH. Died 21 Jan 1920 at Ontario.

<http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~ohrichla/BiographyShelf/BioShelf2.htm>

SEMI WEEKLY NEWS of 20 September 1893

It states that Joseph's father was Peter RUMMEL who came to Bunker Hill, Worthington Twp, Richland County in 1844. Joseph was born about 1840. After the war he was in the grocery business and then began manufacturing suspenders. He was still living at the time of the article.

"When the first call for troops was made in April, 1861, four men from Worthington township, went to Bellville and volunteered in Capt. Miller Moody's company I, 16th Ohio. They were J. P. Rummel, Willis Clark, John Simmons, and Oliver Lichty. After the close of that term of service Mr. Rummel re-enlisted for three years as a private in Co. B, 120th O. V. I. Before leaving camp Mr. Rummel was promoted to a lieutenant and seven months later wore the bars of a captain, and served his country faithfully until the close of the war."

Family Search says that Joseph Peter RUMMEL [RUMMELL] was born 7 Feb 1840 in Richland County OH. His parents were Peter and Susannah [CLOPPER] RUMMEL.

Richland County Probate Court Record: Joseph P RUMMELL married Eva R REDNEP on 7 Mar 1866 in Richland County OH.

1850 Census Worthington Township, Richland County OH: Peter RUMMEL, age 41 PA, a farmer; Susanna, age 41 PA; Jeremiah, age 19 PA, a blacksmith; Rebecca, age 17 PA; Barberrry, age 15 PA; Mary C, age 13 OH; Susanna, age 12 OH; Joseph P, age 10 OH; Martha J, age 7 OH; David F?, age 5 OH; Sarah E, age 4 OH; Samantha, age 2 OH.

1860 Census Worthington Township, Richland County OH: Peter RUMELL age 49 PA, a farmer; Susanna, age 50 PA; Barbary age 24 PA; Joseph C age 20 OH, Student; Martha age 17 OH; David L age 15 OH; Sarah E age 13 OH; Harriet I [Irene] age 8 OH.

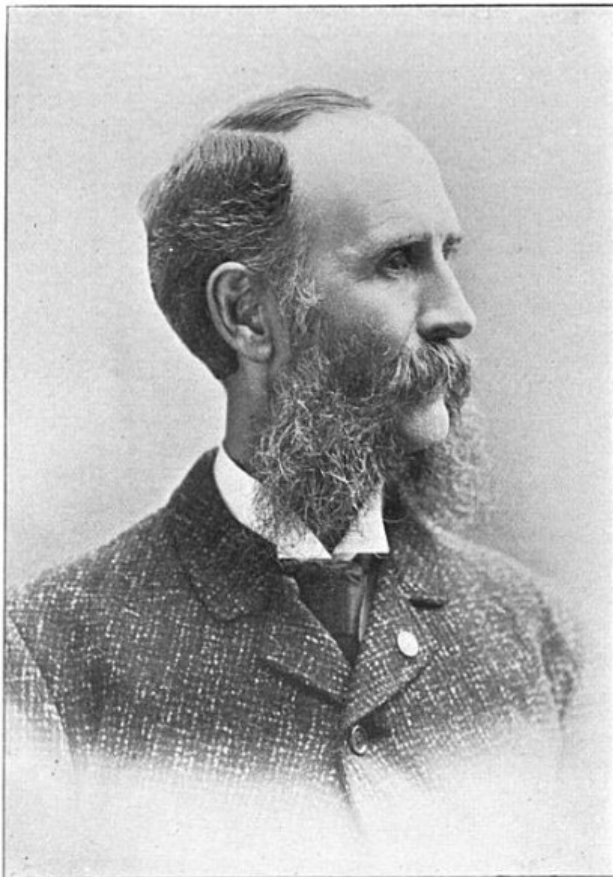
1870 Census 3d Ward Mansfield, Richland County OH: Joseph RUMEL age 30 born OH, a grocer; Eva age 25 OH; Wilbert age 3 OH.

1880 Census: Mansfield, Richland, Ohio: Joseph R. RUMMEL age 41 OH, suspender manufacturer, father born PA, mother, MD; Eva R, wife, age 39 OH, father born England, mother NY; Lulu E, dau, age 6 OH; Arthur C, son, age 1 OH; Jennie PRICE, niece, age 20 OH, a book keeper, parents born OH. [[The Western Suspender Company](#)] [[Artie C died 14 Nov 1883](#)]

1900 Census Ward 2, Mansfield, Richland County, OH, Park Ave. West street: Joseph P. RUMMELL, age 60, born Feb 1840 in OH, married 35 yrs, a collector, father born PA, mother born England; ??PF Ersaline R??, age 57, born Nov 1842 in OH, married 35 yrs, 6 children, 4 still living, father born England, mother NY; Frank G, single, age 19, born Oct 1880 in OH, single; Fred R, a draughtsman?, age 16, born June 1883 in OH; Charles L, age 11 born Jan 1889 OH.

Lula Rummel CAIRNS, daughter of Captain and Mrs. J. P RUMMEL, died in Feb 1905, She was married to George R. Cairns. Three brothers survived...Dr. Fran Rummel of Piqua. Gred Rummel, and Charles Rummel. [[Bellville Messenger](#), 24 Feb 1905]

March 1916 [Golden Wedding Anniversary](#) of Captain and Mrs. J. P. RUMMEL.



CAPT. J. P. RUMMEL.

[The Bright Side of Prison Life](#): experiences, in prison and out, of an involuntary sojourner in rebeldom: by Samuel A. Swiggett, Press of Fleet, McGinley, 1897.

Seth A. Swiggett was a captain in Co B, 36th IA. He had the following bio in his book. In the book he told the story of his time in the Civil War which included his escape from Camp Ford, Texas, along with Captain Benjamin Miller of Co D 120th OVI and Captain Joseph Rummel of Co B 120th OVI.]

Page 237 "Captain J. P. Rummel. J. P. Rummel was born in Worthington Township, Richfield [sic] county, Ohio, on February 7, 1840, and worked in the blacksmith shop of his father until he was eighteen years of age. He was the son of Peter and Susanna Rummel. Qualifying as a teacher, he began work as such in a district school, and was so engaged when the first call was made for troops to put down the rebellion.

"He enlisted as a private in Company I of the 16th Ohio Infantry, was in the first two engagements in Western Virginia, and was regularly discharged on August 18 of the same year. He re-enlisted on August 4, 1862, in Company B of the 120th Ohio Infantry, and became a second lieutenant before leaving camp. After the engagements at Chickasaw Bayou and Arkansas Post he was promoted to captaincy on March 14, 1863, and was with his regiment in the campaign of Vicksburg and in part of the Red River campaign, being captured in December [sic should be May], 1864, while en route up the river with an expedition to reinforce General Banks

at Alexandria. He was sent to Camp Ford, Texas, for imprisonment, escaped with the writer, as described

elsewhere, was taken sick at Shreveport, LA., after being recaptured, and remained there until the close of the war, being finally discharged from the army on June 29, 1865.

"On his return home he became a clerk in a hardware store, and continued at this occupation for about a year and a half, during which time he married Miss Eva R. Redrup, of Mansfield, and is now the principal proprietor of a manufacturing establishment there. He has four living children. His photograph is inserted opposite page 115." [See the photo.]

In the same book, about the end of their journey of escape, Swiggett wrote: Page 173: "...we walked right into a picket post of nine men, or, rather, right into plain view of them, they being fifty yards distant." [That was the beginning of the end of their journey.]

Page 176: "After our hosts had finished their supper we started for Arkadelphia [in Arkansas]....." "This was our twenty-first night out since leaving the stockade, and we were not 275 miles from Tyler, Texas, and fifty miles from Little Rock----'so near and yet so far.' " [They were eventually discovered to be Federals after a valiant effort to lie their way out of it, and were made prisoners. They were then taken down to Washington, AR, then to Magnolia AR, and then to Shreveport, LA. They were kept at Four Miles Springs for six weeks. Page 207: Swiggett was then sent back to Tyler, Texas, but Rummel was not sent with him because he was ill. Swiggett does not mention Miller at this point.]

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