

Company B, 120th OVI



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SHAFFER, Henry 5 Aug 1862 SHAFER
Private Shaffer was 19 when he entered service. He was transferred to Co H 17th Regiment, Veteran Reserve Corps 31 Oct 1863; mustered out 30 June 1865 at Indianapolis, Indiana.

Enlisted at Lucas, Richland County.

Father: John SHAFER

Mother: Sophia ???HITCHMAN/HIPOCHMAN???see below

Birth: ?25 Dec 1843 [with date calculator] OH

Marriage: probably single

Death: 10 Jun 1882 Monroe Twp, Richland Co OH

Cemetery: [I.O.O.F. Cemetery \[Garden of Memories: Monroe Twp, Richland Co OH\]](#)

Age 38 yrs, 5 months, 16 dys

Pension Index: Henry SHAFER, B 120th OH, H 17th VRC, Invalid applied for 3 Aug 1868, Application 134795, Certificate 103640.

Mother, Sophia SHAFER, applied 18 Feb 1889, Application 398243,

Certificate 275249, filed in Ohio.

Richland County, Ohio Soldiers Discharges, v. 2, p. 171: Henry SHAFER, private, Capt Fergus WALKER'S Co. H, 17th Reg't Veteran Reserves, born Wayne Co., Ohio, age 19, 5'8", light complexion, grey eyes, dark hair, farmer, of Lucas. [Richland County Recorder's Office, Mansfield, Ohio. Contributed by Kerry Kimberly]

1850 Census, Monroe Twp, Richland Co OH, Dwelling 152, Family 152: John SHAFER, age 30 PA, laborer; Sophia, age 27 PA; Henry, age 6 OH; Sarah A, age 5 OH; Mary Ann, age 4 OH; Elizabeth, age 3 OH; Malinda, age 2 OH; Susan, age 6 months OH. [Ohio, County Marriages, 1789-1994: John P SHAFER married Sophia HIBAH/HIBCHMAN/HITCHMAN/HEIBAHMON, 24 Nov 1842, Richland Co OH. She was living in Richland Co OH according to the record.]

1860 Census, Monroe Twp, Richland County, OH, page 306: John SHAFFER, age 37 PA, tailor; Sophia, age 37 PA; Henry, age 16 OH, farm hand; Sarah A, age 15 OH, domestic; Mary, age 14 OH; Elizabeth, age 13 OH; Malinda, age 11 OH; John, age 9 OH; Sophia, age 7 OH; Catharine, age 6 OH; Andrew, age 4 OH; Clara, age 2 OH.

1870 Census, Monroe Twp, Richland County, OH, page 239: John SHAFER [but looks like SHALER or SHALU], age 48 OH, day laborer; Sophia, age 43 OH; Henry, age 28 OH; Sarah, age 26 OH; Mary, age 24 OH; Elizabeth, age 22 OH; Linda, age 20 OH; Sophia, age 17 OH; Andrew, age 15 OH; Kate, age 13 OH; Clara, age 10 OH; Jane, age 7 OH; Ettie, age 5 OH.

[Ohio Death Record: Ettie CHEW, wife of Garnett CHEW, died 9 May 1945 at Toledo, Lucas Co OH. Born 12 Apr 1863 at Richland Co OH. Father John SHAFFER. Mother Sophia HIPOCHMAN. Buried at Odd Fellows Cem, Lucas, OH.] [Andrew Jackson Shafer, husband of Margaret Milligan Shafer, died 29 Mar 1939 at Ontario, Springfield Twp, Richland Co OH. Retired farmer. Born Richland Co OH 15 July 1857. Father John SHAFER. Mother Sophia HIPPSMAN. Buried at Ontario.]

1880 Census, Monroe Twp, Richland County, OH, page 132: John SHAFFER, age 59 PA, farmer; parents born PA; Sophia, wife, age 58 PA, parents born PA; Henry, son, age 35 OH, single; Mary E, daughter, age 32 OH, single, works by the week; Margaret J, single, age 18 OH, daughter, Phebe E, daughter, age 16 OH, single.

1883 Pensioners, Richland County, Ohio, p. 292: Certificate #103,646 (sic). Henry SHAFER, Lucas P.O., diarrhea and dis. right shoulder, receives \$24.00 monthly. [Contributed by Kerry Kimberly]

Hardesty's Richland = Hardesty's Historical and Geographical Encyclopedia. [*Richland County OH version*] 1885...original available at the Ohio Historical Society. There is also a version of the soldier's biographies extracted from the above Hardesty's that has been published by the Richland County Genealogical Society, 1998 called Richland County, Ohio Civil War Veterans. This book says that Henry Shafer was injured by a fall from a train car while he was guarding prisoners who attempted to escape. He didn't die until 10 June 1882 at home in Monroe township, Richland county OH. His parents were John and Sophia Shafer. His siblings of which he was the eldest were Sarah Ann, Mary Ellen, Elizabeth, Melinda, Susana, John, Sophia, Catharine, Andrew, Clara, Jane, and Ettie.