

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



SHERMAN, Henry S. 24 Sept 1862 Henry Stoddard  
SHERMAN

Private Sherman was 18 when he entered service. He was promoted to Sergt. Major 26 Sept 1862. [ On January 14, 1863, for meritorious conduct at Chickasaw and Arkansas Post, he was promoted to Second Lieutenant; March 15, 1863, promoted to First Lieutenant of Company I; April 17, 1863, he was appointed Adjutant of the regiment; on July 31, 1863, he resigned that office to accept a position on the staff of his distinguished uncle, General William T. Sherman. ]

Recommended Reading:

Sherman's Civil War: Selected Correspondence of William T. Sherman, 1860-1865, Brooks D. Simpson, Jean V. Berlin, UNC Press Books, Jul 2, 2014. On page 515 the general is upset that Henry has quit the army even though he was an adjutant. He thinks that Henry will not be satisfied to sit and study. He seems to blame his brother Charles for Henry's decision to leave. Apparently Henry left around the first of August, 1863.

Family photos courtesy of David Sherman Carter [dcarter@bhsusa.com](mailto:dcarter@bhsusa.com) gt gt grandson of Henry.  
Henry's daughter, Sarah Rathbone Sherman, married Edward Perkins Carter.

Father: Charles T. SHERMAN

Mother: Eliza Jane WILLIAMS

Birth: 29 Apr 1845, Mansfield, Richland Co OH

Marriage: Harriett A. BENEDICT, 2 June 1875 in Cuyahoga County OH

Death: 24 Feb 1893, at sea on the S. S. Lahn

Cemetery: Lakeview Cemetery

<http://www.lakeviewcemetery.com/>

<http://www.lakeviewcemetery.com/lakeview.pdf>

Relationship: Nephew of General William T. Sherman



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Parents' marriage: Charles T. SHERMAN married Eliza Jane WILLIAMS, 2 Feb 1841, Montgomery, OH. [Note: Montgomery in a city in Hamilton Co OH. However, there is also a Montgomery County in Ohio.]

[A History of Cleveland, Ohio, Volume 1 by Samuel Pet Orth.]

Page 786 lists Hon. C. T. Sherman as United States Judge for the Northern District of Ohio, 1867 - 1873.

Page 263, Father, Charles T. Sherman was the brother of General William Tecumseh Sherman and Senator John Sherman.

Page 149 - 150, Lake View Cemetery: "At a meeting of gentlemen held May 24, 1869, the Lake View Cemetery Association was organized and two hundred acres were purchased on Euclid ridge, bordering on Euclid avenue. The name Lake View was given it by Judge Sherman."

[A History of Cleveland and Its Environs: Biography by Elroy McKendree Avery, Lewis Publishing Company Page 81: "Thomas Ewing was a member of the United States Senate from 1831 to 1837, was secretary of the treasury, was the first incumbent of the office of the cabinet position secretary of the interior, and was a leading whig and afterwards equally notable for his leadership in the republican party. It will be recalled that Thomas Ewing adopted the fatherless William Tecumseh Sherman, who later married one of Ewing's daughters."

1850 Census, Madison Twp, Richland Co OH, Dwelling 468, Family 471: C. T. SHERMAN, age 40 CT., lawyer; Eliza J, age 29 OH; [next page] Mary, age 8 OH; Henry S, age 6 OH; John E, age 3 OH; Precilla ARMSTRONG, age 15 Ireland.

1860 Census, 1st Ward Mansfield, Richland County OH, page 5: Chas SHERMAN, age 49 CT, lawyer; Eliza J, age 38 OH; Mary, age 18 OH; Henry, age 16 OH; John age 12 OH; Anna, age 10 OH; Eliza, age 8 OH; Lizzie, age 2 OH. [Note: Cleveland Necrology File: Charles T. SHERMAN, record dated 4 Jan 1879, Cemetery record, Reel #074, 1 Jan 1879, Charles T. Sherman, in the 68th year of his age. Residence 479 Prospect St. 1811 - 1879 Lakeview Cem.]

MILITARY RECORD OF THE SONS OF DARTMOUTH IN THE UNION ARMY AND NAVY 1861-1865 COMPILED BY MAJOR E. D. REDINGTON, '61 REVISED AND EDITED BY MAJOR W. H. HODGKINS, Hon. '97

[Page 112]Henry Stoddard Sherman: Enlisted as private in Company B, One Hundred and Twentieth Ohio Volunteers, September, 1861, when not quite eighteen years of age; was appointed sergeant major at once; promoted to second lieutenant Jan. 14, 1863, for gallant conduct on the battlefield; March 15 of the same year was promoted to first lieutenant of Company I, and April 16 made adjutant of the regiment, and held that position until he resigned, in August or September, 1863. From January to April, 1863, he served as aide-de-camp on the staff of the general commanding the Second Division, Fifteenth Army Corps; in July, 1863, he accepted a position on the staff of his uncle. Gen. William T. Sherman. Lieutenant Sherman went with his regiment from camp at Mansfield, O., to Covington, Ky., thence by river, in 1862, to Memphis, Tenn., thence under General Sherman to Yazoo River; took part in the attack on Haines Bluff; participated in the battle of Arkansas Post, January, 1863, thence to Milliken's Bend and Young's Point; [p113] took part in all the operations during the siege of Vicksburg, and in the expedition under General Sherman to Jackson, Miss. In Colonel Speigel's report of the battles preliminary to the siege of Vicksburg, he makes special mention of the services of Adjutant Sherman, and among other things says : " Though young in years, he has shown himself a veteran upon the field." He left the army to enter the class of 1866. Died Feb. 24, 1893, S.S. " Lahn " en route for Europe.

Found in [Representative Citizens of Ohio Memorial -- Biographical](#), by G. Frederick Wright, Memorial Publishing Co, NY, 1917, pp 76 -79.

Sherman graduated from Dartmouth College at Hanover, NH in 1866. He took up law studies with his father in Mansfield and was admitted to the bar of OH in 1868. He became District Attorney for district of northern OH and moved to Cleveland. He resigned in 1877 and went into a law partnership with James H. Hoyt. The firm was named Sherman and Hoyt, eventually being known as Sherman, Hoyt and Dustin. He was a Republican, member of St. Paul's Church and one of the incorporators of University School of Cleveland.

1870 Census, City of Cleveland, 6th Ward, Cuyahoga Co OH, Dwelling 69, Family 72: Chas T. SHERMAN, age 58 OH, federal judge; Eliza W, age 52 OH; Henry S, age 25 OH, lawyer; Anna W, age 19 OH; Lydia M, age 17 OH; Louisa, age 13 OH; George HAYES?, age 31 England, laborer; Mary BARNHART, age 23 PA, domestic servant; Nellie GIBBONS, age 16 OH, domestic.

Family Search shows a Henry S SHERMAN born 29 Apr 1844 in Mansfield, Richland County OH whose parents were Charles T. SHERMAN and Eliza Jane WILLIAMS.

Cuyahoga County Probate Court record: Henry S. SHERMAN married Harriette A. BENEDICT on 2 June 1875 in Cuyahoga County OH.

1880 Census, 423 Prospect St, 6th Ward, Cleveland, Cuyahoga County, OH, Dwelling 103, Family 106:

Henry S. SHERMAN, age 35 OH, lawyer, father born CT, mother born OH; Harriet B, age 31, wife, OH, parents born MD; Sarah R., daughter, age 4 OH; Henry S, Jr. son, age 8 months OH. [Two Irish servants were also living there.]

1890 Veterans Schedule: Cleveland, Cuyahoga Co OH: Line 33, House 420, Family 432: Henry S. SHERMAN, 1st Lieut, Co B 120th OH Inf. Discharged after length of service. No comments.

Plain Dealer [Cleveland OH], 12 Mar 1893, page 11:

"Brought Home. Arrival of the Body of the Late Henry Sherman—His Sudden Death on Shipboard

The body of the late Henry S. Sherman arrived in the city Saturday morning in a private car of the New York, Lake Erie & Western railway and is now at his recent home, No. 933 Prospect street.

The steamer Havel, upon which the remains were shipped from Southampton, arrived at New York Friday morning about 10 o'clock, having been delayed on account of some injury to her machinery. Attorney James H. Hoyt, Judge S. E. Williamson, Mr. Joseph K. Bole and Mr. E. P. Williams of Cleveland were at the deck to receive the remains which were encased in a metallic casket. As soon as possible the body was placed in the private car of the Erie road and arrived in Cleveland on the 9:40 train, Saturday forenoon.

The trip was uneventful and at the depot in this city were Col. George Garretson, Col. Pickands, Mr. Charles W. Bingham, Mr. Edward Harvey, Mrs. J. H. Hoyt and others. The remains were transferred to J. K. Brown's undertaking establishment, thence to the home on Prospect street.

The funeral will occur at the family residence Monday morning at 11 o'clock, the services to be conducted by Rev. Dr. C. S. Gates and Rev. Thomas Lyle.

Mr. James H. Hoyt received a letter last evening from Judge Cable of Lima, who was one of the party accompanying Mr. Sherman to London, giving particulars of the sad event. On Wednesday after leaving New York, the sea was very rough and all the passengers were sick. Mr. Sherman suffered more than the rest and the ship's surgeon attended him while a steward remained at his bedside as nurse. The following day Mr. Sherman became much better, and though he remained in bed, there was no thought of very serious illness.

On Friday afternoon, about 4:30, Judge Davis, who was in the next stateroom, heard Mr. Sherman groan, and rushing to the bedside, found him expiring. Before anything could be done, Mr. Sherman was dead from heart failure. The shock was great to the gentlemen, for little was thought to have ailed him save sea sickness. Sadly the body was laid away until Queenstown was reached, and from there the sad news was cabled home and the remains sent back."

Plain Dealer [Cleveland OH], 5 Mar 1893, page 6:

High Tributes to the memory of the late Henry S. Sherman by his brethren of the bar.

".....The meeting was held in the United States district court room, and was presided over by United States Judge A. J. Ricks.....The most exacting and wearisome case in which he [Sherman] was ever engaged and one that called for the exercise of the highest order of professional ability, was the one so recently decided in this court concerning the patent for the process of reducing aluminum by electrolysis. It carried him into the broad domain of science, involving the principles of chemistry and electricity more than law. The most learned experts in chemical science in this country were examined, and the burden and responsibility of the case, though shared by eminent associate counsel, I know were the most onerous of any that ever fell upon him."

Cleveland Leader, 2 Mar 1893, page 3:

".....Mr. Sherman was the head of the well-known law firm of Sherman, Hoyt & Dustin. He was a nephew of Senator John Sherman and the late General William Tecumseh Sherman, and the son of the late United States District Judge Charles T. Sherman....."

"Henry Stoddard Sherman was born in Mansfield, O., in 1845. When the war broke out he was a student at Kenyon College, but soon afterwards, responding to the patriotic dictates of his heart, resigned his studies and went to the front as a first lieutenant in a regiment which was being recruited in his neighborhood. Not long afterwards he was detailed on the staff of his eminent uncle, General William Tecumseh Sherman, serving with distinction till 1864, when he resigned from the army and entered Dartmouth College. From that institution he subsequently graduated and immediately came to this city, studying in the law office of Willey & Cary. He graduated in 1869 and soon afterwards became Assistant United States District Attorney, holding that office until 1875...."

Sherman "remarked to Judge Ricks, who was his classmate in Kenyon and a near personal friend....he was tired and worn out and wanted the rest his trip would give him, but was sorry he had to travel by the German Lloyd line as he had an idea the boats were not as comfortable as some of the other lines. Judge Ricks told him he had crossed on the Lahn the year before and had found it most comfortable. He gave Mr. Sherman a letter to Captain Hellmers of the Lahn, in which he said that the bearer was a nephew of the great General Sherman, a fact calculated to weigh with a German holding a national admiration of the

military. Mr. Sherman was greatly relieved with the news that the boat was comfortable, and gratified at receiving the letter."

Plain Dealer [Cleveland OH], 13 Mar 1893, page 1:

"Last of Earth. Simple and Impressive Services Over the Remains of Henry S. Sherman – Borne Away to Tomb.

Very simple and beautiful were the services over the remains of the late Henry S. Sherman Monday morning, held at his residence, No. 933 Prospect street, and the large attendance by prominent members of the bar and others was a fitting tribute to his memory.

The funeral was held at 11 o'clock and was conducted by Rev. C. D. Bates of St. Paul's church, assisted by Rev. Thomas Lyle of Memorial Church of the Good Shepherd. The services consisted of the Episcopal burial service and a scripture lesson from the thirteenth chapter of First Corinthians. At their conclusion it was announced that the burial would be private and the friends dispersed.

The remains were encased in a beautiful burial casket covered with broadcloth and silver plate on the lid bore the inscription: 'Henry Stoddard Sherman. 1845-1893.' The casket rested in the front parlor before the fireplace and was completely covered with flowers, consisting of pansies, hyacinths and roses. A large wreath was on the side of the casket and the mantlepiece, tables and chairs surrounding were laden with magnificent floral pieces. Among them was a pillow from the Loyal Legion. The body was not exposed to view. The members of the family occupied the parlor during the services. With them were major Gen. Nelson A. Miles of the United States army, who was a brother of Mrs. Sherman, and Mr. Tecumseh Sherman of New York, son of Gen. W. T. Sherman, a cousin of the deceased, who came to the city to be present at the funeral.

The pall bearers were Judge A. J. Ricks, Judge Samuel E. Williamson, Col. James Pickards, Col. George A. Garretson, E. P. Williamson, C. A. Brayton, J. K. Bole, Thomas Goodwilhe, Prof. Bernadotte Perrin and Capt. Penny of the United States army. Interment was at Lake View cemetery."

Cleveland Necrology file

Henry S. SHERMAN, record dated 13 Mar 1893, cemetery record, Cleveland Necrology file, reel #074: At sea, Feb 24, Henry S, son of the late Judge Charles T. SHERMAN. Funeral March 13. born 1845 - died 1893. Lakeview Cemetery. [Note: Section 10, Lot 16]  
Henry, 29 Apr 1845 - 24 Feb 1893  
Harriette, 23 Oct 1845 - 26 Oct 1929

[Note: In 1900 the widow Harriett B SHERMAN was living with her mother Sarah BENEDICT, in Glenville, Cuyahoga County OH, on Haldeman Ave. Her parents were born in NY. Also living there were Henry S SHERMAN [20] and George B SHERMAN [14]. They had 4 servants and a coachman.] [Note: child born 31 Jan 1886 in Cleveland to Henry and Harriett.] [Note: Harriette's father, George A. BENEDICT (5 Aug. 1812-12 May 1876), was the editor of the CLEVELAND HERALD from 1857-76.]

Cleveland Necrology File, Cleveland Public Library: George Benedict SHERMAN, son of Harriette B. Sherman and the late Henry S. Sherman, at New Haven on Monday, Oct. 26, aged 17 years. Funeral services at the residence, No. 933 Prospect st., on Thursday at 12 m. Burial private

Found in Representative Citizens of Ohio Memorial -- Biographical, by G. Frederick Wright, Memorial Publishing Co, NY, 1917, pp 76 -79.

The letter below actually came from Cincinnati, Ohio, April 15, 1903. "Our late companion, Adjutant Henry Stoddard Sherman was elected a member of the Military Order of the United States, through the commandery of Ohio, February 6, 1884. Class I., Insignia 3156

"The accompanying report of the Committee appointed to prepare a tribute to his memory, is printed in accordance with the Regulations of the Commandery."

"By order of Major General Jacob D. Cox, U. S. V., Commander, Robert Hunter, Captain U. S. V., Recorder."

"The following tribute to his memory, prepared by a committee of the Military Order of the Loyal Legion of the United States, forms a fitting conclusion of this testimonial: It was also published in The Deke Quarterly, Volumes 11-12 by Delta Kappa Epsilon [with permission]

Delta Kappa Epsilon Quarterly, Feb 1893, pp 179 - 180

*Henry Stoddard Sherman, born at Mansfield, O., April 29, 1845; died at sea, February 24, 1893*

*"The occasions have been too frequent of late when the Companions of the Ohio Commandery have been called to express their grief over the death of one of their members. But in most cases the loss has been some companion gathered in the fullness of years, and after a long life of usefulness and honor. Even under such circumstances the loss has touched the ever-flowing fountains of their grief, and has called for*

*expressions of sincere sorrow and tender sympathy."*

*"But we are now called upon to express our grief over the death of one who was suddenly called in the very prime of life, in the bloom of manhood, and in the midst of a successful professional career, buoyant with the hope of reaping a rich harvest, the result of matured professional powers. To the companions who have had the pleasure of a personal acquaintance with him, his many noble qualities are well known. He was modest and retiring in his manner; his heart was ever open to those who approached him for advice or help. The very soul of honor, he had a very high standard of personal and professional conduct, and, though never asserting these virtues, they were so conspicuous that all who knew him felt their silent influence, and were better men from the intercourse and friendship which resulted from contact with him.*

*"He entered the army as a private soldier in Company A, 120th O. V. I., in September, 1862, when not quite eighteen years of age, and though surrounded with powerful influences through which he could easily have risen to a higher official position, he performed the duties of soldier in the ranks until promoted to Sergeant-Major. On January 14, 1863, for meritorious conduct at Chickasaw and Arkansas Post, he was promoted to Second Lieutenant; March 15, 1863, promoted to First Lieutenant of Company I; April 17, 1863, he was appointed Adjutant of the regiment; on July 31, 1863, he resigned that office to accept a position on the staff of his distinguished uncle General William T. Sherman. In Colonel Speigel's report of the battles preliminary to the Siege of Vicksburg, he makes special mention of the services of Adjutant Sherman, and among other things, says: 'Though young in years, he has shown himself a veteran upon the field.'*

*"He took part in the battles of Chickasaw, Arkansas Post, Grand Gulf, Thompson's Hill, Port Gibson, and the other battles preliminary to the Siege of Vicksburg, including the charges on May 19th and 22d, at Vicksburg.*

*"Though always proud of his services in the army, he never referred to them in a boasting spirit, but wore the rosette of our order, and allowed it to proclaim the fact that he was a companion of our Loyal Legion. Of the companionship he was very proud, and looked forward to the day when his eldest son should be able to wear the rosette indicating the membership of the second class.*

*"Under these circumstances, words can but feebly represent the profound sorrow we all feel. But to put upon record a fitting expression of our grief and sympathies, we propose the following resolutions:*

*"Resolved, That by the death of Henry S. Sherman, we lose one of our most honored and worthy companions.*

*"Resolved, That we commend the example of his services to the Government in the tender years of his life, as an illustration of true patriotic love and devotion to our country, and as one worthy to be perpetuated upon the records of this order.*

*"Resolved, That we tender to the wife and children and kindred of our deceased companion our deepest sympathy in their bereavement, and that a copy of these resolutions be sent to them.*

*A. J. Ricks*

*H. K. Cushing*

*H. C. Ranney*

*Committee.*

Delta Kappa Epsilon: Henry Stoddard Sherman is listed twice in the 1890 Catalogue. Lambda Kenyon '64 and Pi Dartmouth '66. The Lambda listing indicates that he resided at 933 Prospect Street, Cleveland, and that he was a lawyer. It states that he was at Lambda 1860-61. The Pi listing adds that he was a "Private, Sergeant, Major, Ist. Lt., and Adjnt., 120 th Ohio Infantry, and U.S. Attorney, Dist. Of Ohio 1869-75. He married Harriette A. Benedict, Cleveland Ohio June 2, 1875 The 1910 Catalogue indicates that he died February 24, 1893 enroute to Europe on the S.S. Lahn He is shown as being the brother of John Edward Sherman who was at Kenyon College between 1867 and 1868 and at Beta Chi (Western Reserve University at that time) in 1868-1870.

1910 Census, 1867 East 93rd St, 25th Ward Cleveland, Cuyahoga Co OH, Dwelling 134, Family 150: Mrs. Henry S. SHERMAN, age 60 OH, widow, 3 children/2 still living, parents born NY; Jinnie SHEPHERD, servant, age 32 England, single, parents born England, private family servant

1920 Census, 1867 East 93rd St, 20th Ward Cleveland, Cuyahoga Co OH, Dwelling 46, Family 172: Harriette B. SHERMAN, age 65 OH, widow, parents born NY; Jennie SHEPHERD, maid, age 43 England, single, immigrated 1908, parents born England, private home servant; Mary DONAHUE, age 50 OH, single, servant, parents born OH, private home servant. [Note, son Henry S. was living next door with wife Edith and son Henry, son John, and daughter Elizabeth and 4 servants.]

Henry's son, Yale University, Class of 1902:

Henry Stoddard Sherman was Secretary and Treasurer, Crowell & Sherman Company, contracting engineers, 3111 Carnegie Avenue, Cleveland, Ohio

Residence, 1883 East Ninety-third Street, Cleveland, Ohio

Born October 11, 1879, in Cleveland, Ohio, the son of Henry Stoddard Sherman, Dartmouth 1866, a lawyer (died in 1893), and Harriette (Benedict) Sherman. He is of English ancestry. His Yale relatives are a brother, George Benedict Sherman, ex-1907 (died during Freshman year), and a cousin, Philemon Tecumseh Sherman, 1888 S.

Prepared at the University School, Cleveland, where his chief activity consisting in being fired twice, and each time taken back the next day. In college "attempted Football

Team and Crew spasmodically and failed utterly, due to prejudices of the coaches."

Married Edith Lydia McBride.

Two sons Henry Stoddard, Jr., born May 31, 1908, and John, born April 25, 1910.

Also studied at Massachusetts Institute of Technology

Served in Troop A, Ohio National Guard, for a year.

' ' My life was a blank between graduating and getting married, as I spent it at Boston Tech some nineteen hours a day and in Cleveland afterwards realizing how little I knew. When I got married, however, everything got rosy and I am now employed in raising the two best future Elis that ever were. I soon found that my best claim to fame would lie not so much in what I did myself, but rather in being the only father on record of two presidents of the United States. Even then I fear that the cold world won't give me proper credit but hand it over to my wife, where it belongs. At any rate, when the time comes you will find that they will both understand the fallacy of a third term, and that even in politics it pays to be decent. ' '

Grandson 2] *Henry Stoddard SHERMAN, Jr., died 27 Dec 1928 [newspaper date], age 20, died suddenly Dec 26; son of Henry S and Edith McBride SHERMAN, Richmond Rd, South Euclid OH. [Note: born 3 May 1908 in Cuyahoga Co OH.]* [I found Henry Stoddard Sherman Jr. listed in the Class of 1928, Yale University, New Haven CT.] [Death record: Born 31 May 1908. fracture of skull, kicked by horse.

Sons of Union Veterans: Henry Stoddard SHERMAN. Born 29 Apr 1845. Died 24 Feb 1893. Burial, Lakeview, Cleveland OH, Section 10.

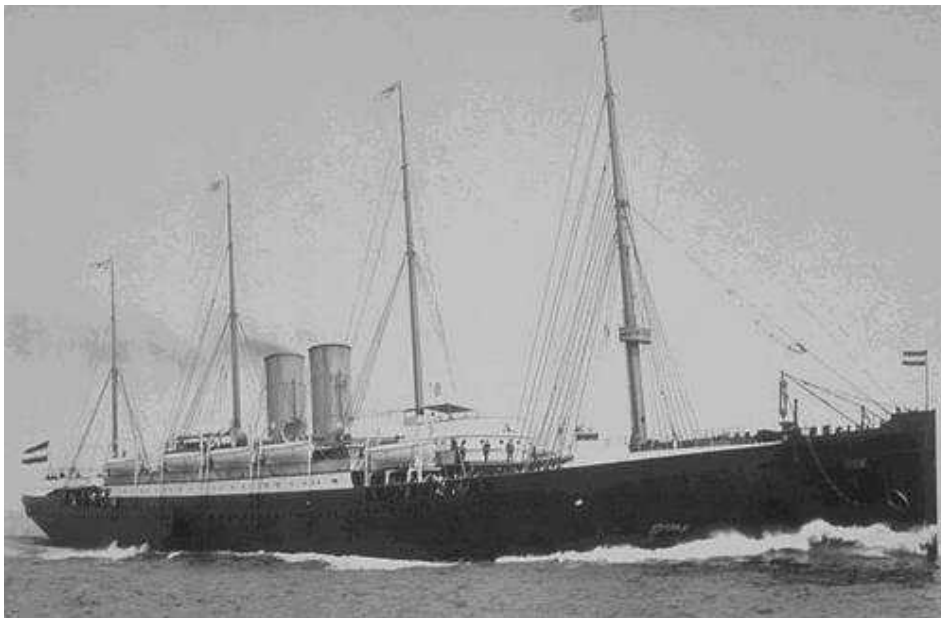
In [Larry Stevens](#) list of books: *Diary of Henry S. Sherman, Nephew of Gen. W.T. Sherman, Sergeant Major, 120th Regiment, Ohio Volunteer Infantry, 9th Division, 13th Army Corps. Oct. 25, 1862-July 12, 1863.* by Henry S. Sherman. 30 pgs. Typewritten copy. Call# E525.5 120th S. Western Reserve Historical Society Archives Library. Cleveland. OH

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Eliza Jane (Williams) Sherman, Henry's mother (1822-1893)  
Judge Charles Taylor Sherman, Henry's father (1811-1879)

Henry's wife Harriette Amelia (Benedict) Sherman (1848-1929)



Link to the [S. S. Lahn](#). The ship S.S. Lahn on which Henry died while at sea

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