

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

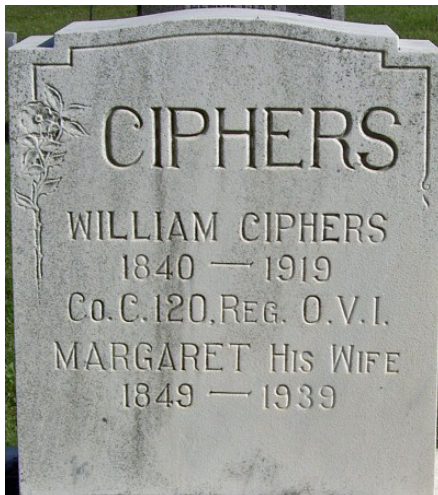


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CIPHERS, William 15 Aug 1862  
Coporal Ciphers was age 22 when he entered service. He was appointed 17 Apr 1863; wounded 1 May 1863 in battle of Thompson's Hill, Mississippi; transferred to Co H 114th OVI on 27 Nov 1864. Transferred to Co F, 48th OVI, 24 July 1865. Mustered out 14 Oct 1865. [Note: Pension index indicates he was also in company H of the 15th Ohio Infantry. The Civil War Soldiers and Sailors System agrees with this and also lists him in the 48th Ohio.]

Father: David CIPHERS  
Mother: Catherine STEELE  
Birth: 24 Mar 1840 OH  
Marriage: Margaret SHEMBERGER..Margaret SHENBARGER on 15 Aug 1867 at Ashland Co OH.  
Death: 17 Dec 1919, Hayesville, Ashland County, OH  
Cemetery: Vermillion Cemetery, Hayesville, Ashland Co OH

Pension Index: William CIPHERS, C 120th, F 48th OH Inf, H? 114th OH Inf. and H 15th OH Inf. Invalid filed 6 Aug 1879, Application 302127, Certificate 266651. Widow, Margaret CIPHERS, filed 1919 Dec 24, Application 1150398,

Certificate 885996, filed in Ohio. Pension Card: William died 17 Dec 1919 at Hayesville, OH.

Wooster Republican 28 May 1863: Casualties in the 120th Ohio: Wm. Ciphers, severely bruised.

1850 Census Vermillion Township, Ashland County, OH, page 403: David CYPHER, age 53 PA, farmer; Catherine, age 49 PA; Elizabeth FOX, age 24? PA; Samuel CYPHER, age 24 PA, farmer; Martha, age 13 PA; Harriet, age 12 OH; William, age 10 OH; David age 8 OH; Samantha, age 5 OH; Mary Catherine age 2 OH; John age 1 OH. Also living there is George McCLURE, age 18 OH, laborer.

1860 Census Vermillion Township, Ashland County OH, page 136: [Indexed by HeritageQuest as CIPBENS] David CIFFERS, age 63 PA, a farmer; Catherine, age 59 PA; Wm, age 20 OH, farm laborer; David 18 OH; Samantha, age 14 OH; David, age 14 OH; Henophan? [male] age 8 OH.

Family Search, Ohio, County Marriages, 1789-1997: William CIPHERS married Margaret SHENBARGER on 15 Aug 1867 at Ashland Co OH. By John Robinson, VDM

1870 Census Vermillion Township, Ashland County OH, page 849: William CIPHUS, age 30 OH, farm laborer; Margret, age 21 OH; Della J, 5 months OH, born in January 1870.

1880 Census Jeromeville, Ashland, OH, page 129: William CIPHUS, age 40 OH, a butcher, parents born PA; Margaret, wife, age 31 OH, father born PA, mother born OH; Della, daughter, age 10 OH; Franklin, son, age 1 OH.

1890 Veterans Schedule: Vermillion, Ashland Co OH: Line 3, House 392, Family 404: William CIPHERS, Pvt, Co C 120 OH Inf. Post Office: Hayesville, OH.

1900 Census Hayesville, Vermillion Township, Ashland County OH, page 223: Wm CYPHERS, age 60 OH, born Mar 1840, married 32 yrs, a mail carrier, parents' birthplaces unknown; Margret, wife age 51 OH, born Jan 1849, married 32 yrs, 5 children, 3 still living, father born PA, mother born MD; Della, daughter, age 28 OH, born Jan 1872, single, no occupation; Franklin C, son, age 21 OH, single, born Jan 1879, a teamster; Margret SHEMBERGER, mother-in-law, age 74 MD, a widow, born Dec 1825, parents born MD.

1910 Census Hayesville, Vermillion Township, Ashland County OH, page 276: William CIPHERS, age 70 OH, first marriage, married 43 yrs, no occupation, parents born PA; Margurite, wife, age 61 OH, one marriage, married 43 yrs, 5 children, 2 still living, father born PA, mother born MD.

[Ashland County CW Vets](#) : William CIPHERS died in 1919 and is buried in Hayesville Cemetery.

Sons of Union Veterans: Born 24 Mar 1840. Died 17 Dec 1919. Burial Vermillion Cem, SR 60, Hayesville, Vermillion Twp, Ashland County, OH

Tombstone: William 1840 - 1919, Co C 120 Reg. OVI, Margaret, His Wife 1849 - 1939

Death record in Ohio: William CIPHERS died 17 Dec 1919 in Hayesville, Ashland County, OH. He was born 24 Mar 1840 in OH. He was married at the time he died and was retired. His father was David CIPHERS and his mother was Catherine STEELE, both born in PA. He was buried in Hayesville Cemetery. The informant was Mrs. Margaret CIPHERS of Hayesville, OH.

Wife's Death record in Ohio: Margaret A CIPHERS' death certificate says her father was Joseph SHENBEIGER and her mother was Margaret SEGLES. She was born 27 Jan 1849 and died 17 Mar 1939.]

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