

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

COLE, John 12 Aug 1862

Private John Cole was age 21 when he entered service. He was discharged 2 July 1863 at Columbus, Ohio on a Surgeon's certificate of disability.

Father: Benjamin COLE

Mother: Martha LATIMER

Birth: 23 Oct 1840, Vermilion Twp, Richland County OH

Marriage: 1Martha LEWIS, 1 Nov 1875, in Richland County OH

2Melissa HART, 20 Oct 1888, Ashland County OH.

Death: 18 Apr 1920, Mifflin Twp, Richland County, OH

Cemetery: Zehner Cemetery, Mifflin Twp, Ashland Co OH

[Ashland County Databases](#): Malissa L is listed but not John. Perhaps John did not have a stone.

Pension Index: John COLE, C 120th OH Inf. Invalid filed 1871 May 10, Application 165513, Certificate 307435. Widow, Malissa COLE, filed 1920 May 7, Application 1157140, Certificate 892196, filed in OH.

Pension Card: John died 18 Apr 1920 at Mifflin Twp, Richland Co OH.

1850 Census, Vermillion Twp, Ashland Co OH, Dwelling 276, Family 284: Benjamin COLE, age 37 DE, farmer; Martha, age 37 OH; Eliza, age 14 OH; William, age 12 OH; John, age 10 OH; Rebecca, age 8 OH; James, age 6 OH; Daniel, age 3 OH. [Richland County Probate Court record: Benjamin COLE married Martha LATIMORE on 3 Mar 1835 at Richland Co OH.]

1860 Vermillion Township, Ashland County OH page 152: Benjamin COLE age 47 DE, farmer; Martha, age 47 OH; Wm, age 21 OH, farm laborer; John, age 19 OH, farm laborer; Rebecca, age 17 OH; James age 15 OH; Daniel age 11 OH; Margaret age 8 OH.

1870 Census, Mifflin Township, Richland County OH, page 226: Benjamin COLE, age 56 DE, no occupation, listed as insane; Susan, age 30 OH, keeping house; John age 28 OH, teaching school; Daniel, age 20 OH, farm laborer; Margaret, age 17 OH, teaching school, William, age 6 OH.

Richland County Probate record: John COLE married Marthe LEWIS, 1 Nov 1875, in Richland County OH.

1880 Census, Mifflin Township, Richland County OH, page 108: John COLE, age 35 OH, a farmer, father born DE, mother born OH; Martha, wife, age 26 OH, father born PA, mother born OH; Roy, son, age 3 OH; Edna, daughter, age 2 OH; Margaret COLE, sister, age 25 OH, keeping house.

According to Family Search John COLE married Melissa HART on 20 Oct 1888 in Ashland County OH. It also says that John was born 23 Oct 1840 in Vermillion Township, Ashland County OH.

1890 Special Veterans Schedule: John COLE, Pvt, Co C 120th OVI. Line 14. PO Mifflin, Ashland Co OH. Chronic Diarrhea and lung trouble.

1900 Census, Mifflin Township, Richland County OH, page 43: John COLE, age 59 OH, born Oct 1840, married 25 yrs, farmer, father born Delaware, mother born OH; Melissa, wife, age 47 OH, born ??March 1853, married 25 yrs, 2 children, 2 still living, parents born OH; Roy, son, age 23 OH, born ??Sept 1876, single, farm laborer; Edna M, daughter, age 22 OH, born Feb 1877, single, a servant; Harry B, son, age 19 OH, born March 1881, single, at school; Benjamin H, son, age 12 OH, born Dec 1888, single; Clayton, son, age 10 OH, born Jan 1890, single. [Note: The number of years married have to be incorrect in this census...it would be more like 12 yrs. I rechecked it and the census taker did write down 25.]

1910 Census, Wooster Road, Mifflin Township, Richland County OH, page 272: John COLE, age 65 OH, second marriage, married 2? yrs, farmer, general farm, father born Delaware, mother born OH; Malissa, wife, age 57 OH, first marriage, married 23 yrs, 2 children, 2 still living, parents born OH; Edna, daughter, age 26 OH, single; Benjamin B, son, age 21 OH, single, teacher in country school; Clayton F, son, age 19 OH, single, teacher in country school.

1920 Census Mifflin Township, Richland County OH, page 116: John COLE, age 78 OH, no occupation, father born Delaware, mother born OH; Melissa, wife, age 64 OH, parents born OH; Edna M, daughter, age 37 OH, single, no occupation; Benjamin H, son, age 30 OH, single, public school teacher; Clayton C, son, age 28 OH, single, farm laborer on home farm.

Death record in Ohio John COLE died 18 Apr 1920 in Mifflin Twp, Richland County, OH where he lived. He was born 23 Oct 1840 in Vermilion Twp, Richland County OH. His father was Benjamin COLE. His mother's last name was LATIMER, and their birthplaces were unknown. He was buried in Zehner Cemetery. He was still married to Malissa COLE and was a farmer. The informant was C. C. COLE of Mansfield, RFD, OH.

Death record in Ohio: Wife, Malissa Hart COLE died 11 Nov 1929 in Mifflin, Richland County, OH. She was born 13 Mar 1853 in Mifflin, Richland County, OH. She is buried at Zehner Cemetery, Ashland County, OH. Her husband was John COLE. Her father was Elijah HART and her mother was Ann BOLES, both born in USA.