

Company C, 120th OVI

GILLIS, James* 22 Aug 1862

1st Sergt. Gillis was age 28 when he entered service. He was appointed from Sergt. on 17 Apr 1863; killed 3 May 1864 in action near Snaggy Point, on the Red River, Louisiana. No burial information is given in the Roll of Honor.

Father: Archibald GILLIS

Mother: ?Sarah HILL [WorldConnect]

Birth: 1834 NY

Marriage:

Death: 3 May 1864, Snaggy Point, on the Red River, LA

Cemetery: Not listed at Dept. of Veterans Affairs grave locator

Registers of Deaths of Volunteers, 1861-1865: James GILLAS, Sergt, Co C 120th OH Inf, died 3 May 1864 at Regimental Hospital. Cause: g s wound [gun shot wound] Signed by Byron Stanton. [Note from researcher: In my opinion from seeing other records like this, Byron Stanton probably never saw the body of James Gillis. He probably made out this record from reports by witnesses in the regiment who were there at Snaggy Point.]

Not on Burial Registers, Military Posts and National Cemeteries, 1862-1960

Not on National Cemetery Interment Control Forms, 1928-1962

1850 Census, Vermillion Twp, Ashland Co OH, Dwelling 280, Family 288: Archibald GILLIS, age 54 NY, farmer; Sarah, age 47 NY; John, age 27 NY, farmer; James, age 16 NY, farmer; Sarah E., age 14 NY; Agnes, age 11 OH; William A., age 5 OH. [Archibald GILLIS was in the 1840 Federal census in Vermillion, Richland Co OH.]

1860 Census, Vermillion Twp, Ashland County, OH, page 153: Archebald GILLIS, age 65 NY, farmer; Sarah, age 58 NY; John, age 37 NY, farm laborer; James, age 24 NY; Sarah E, age 22 NY; Agnes, age 21 OH; William, age 16 OH.

The Ashland Union, 24 Aug 1864, page 3:

"Resolutions of the Excelsior Society of Vermillion Institute upon the Death of Jas. Gillis. Excelsior Hall, Hayesville, O., 22d July 1864.

Whereas, The members of the Excelsior Society, have received intelligence of the death of their esteemed brother and friend, James Gillis, of Company C, 120th Reg't. O. V. I., and whereas, we cherish with grateful recollections the memory of those who have gone out from this society to battle for their country.---

Therefore be it

Resolved, That in the death of James Gillis, this Society has lost one of its most worthy members and the community one [of] its most amiable citizens.

Resolved, That we sincerely mourn the loss of one whose gentlemanly deportment and upright conduct secured to him the respect and admiration of all who knew him.

Resolved, That we deeply sympathize with his afflicted friends and relatives, in this their hour of bereavement.

Resolved, That these resolutions be published in the Ashland Times, and Ashland Union and copies be furnished the parents of the deceased.

Resolved, That as a further mark of respect for the memory of the deceased, the Society do now adjourn.

Carl Roedel, N. A. McBride, D. K. Nesbit. Com[mittee]"

Family, 1870 Census, Vermillion Twp, Ashland Co OH, Dwelling 299, Family 288: Archibald GILLIS, age 74 NY, farmer; Sarah, age 68 NY; Sarah E, age 34 NY; Agnes, age 31 OH; William, age 25 OH.

Father: Ohio, Deaths and Burials, 1854-1997: Archibald GILLIS died 27 Mar 1877 at Vermillion, Ashland Co OH, age 81, born <1796>.

Family Search: Ohio, County Marriages, 1789-1994: ??brother, John GILLIS married Julian ARMSTRONG 10 Nov 1864 at Ashland Co OH. [Wooster Cemetery, Wayne Co OH, Julian GILLIS wife of John GILLIS, died 1873. Family Search: Ohio, Deaths and Burials, 1854-1997: Julian GILLIS died 3 Sep 1873, age 40, at Plain Twp, Wayne Co OH. Born Michigan. Married.] [1870 Census, Plain Twp, Wayne Co OH, Dwelling 245, Family 242: Daniel GILLIS, age 46 York State, farmer; Julia, age 36 OH; T.A., age one OH.]

???Sister, 1880 Census, Insane Asylum, Franklin Twp, Franklin Co OH, page 156, line 28: Agnes GILLES, age 40 OH, patient, single. [Family Search: Ohio, Deaths and Burials, Agnes Gillis died 9 Sep 1883 at Columbus, OH, age 44.]

Siblings, 1880 Census, Vermillion Twp, Ashland Co OH, Dwelling 90, Family 91: *John GILLIS*, age 57 NY, widowed, farmer, parents born NY; Archibald, son, age 11 OH, father born NY, mother born OH; Margaret BOYD, house keeper, widowed, age 38 OH, parents born OH; Ann BOYD, boarder age 19 OH, single, helps at house keeping, parents born OH; Joseph BOYD, boarder, age 17 OH, works on farm, parents born OH; *Sarah GILLIS*, sister, age 42 NY, single, parents born NY. [Family Search: Ohio, County Marriages, 1789-1994: John GILLIS married Maggie E. BOYD, 10 Nov 1880 at Ashland Co OH.]

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