

Company C, 120th OVI



HARKER, Jacob* 22 Aug 1862

Private Harker was age 27 when he entered service. He died 8 May 1863 at Smith's plantation, Louisiana. No burial information is given in the Roll of Honor.

Father: David HARKER [WorldConnect and Ancestry.com marilyndurant]

Mother: Jane NORRIS

Birth: 29 Apr 1835, Huntington Co PA

Marriage: Sarah HUFF, 22 Aug 1861, Ashland Co OH

Death: 8 May 1863 at Smith's plantation, LA

Cemetery: Pioneer Cemetery, Loudonville, Ashland Co OH

[Body returned to Ohio] [Ashland County CW Vets](#)

Photo of Jacob HARKER, from the Liljenquist Family Collection of Civil War Photographs at the National Archives.

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

Not on Registers of Deaths of Volunteers, 1861-1865

Pension index: Jacob HARKER, Co C 120th OH Inf, Jacob's widow, Sarah HARKER, applied for pension July 15, 1863, Application 27406, Certificate 25504.

1850 Census, Saint Joseph Twp, Williams Co OH, Dwelling 225, Family 231: David HARKER, age 39 PA, farmer; Jane, age 35 PA; Jacob, age 15 PA, farmer; Catherine, age 14 PA; Amos, age 11 OH; William, age 4 OH; Daniel, age 2 OH; Sarah, age 7 months OH; Rebecca NORRIS, age 17 PA.

1860 Census., Saint Joseph Twp., Williams co OH, Dwelling 270, Family 262: David HANKS, age 54 OH; Jane, age 52 PA; Jacob, age 25 PA; Amos, age 21 OH; John, age 19 OH; Wm, age 14 OH; David, age 13 OH; Sarah, age 10 OH; Mary, age 7 OH; Daniel, age 4 OH; Samuel, age 3 OH; [next page] George, age one OH.

[Ashland County marriage bonds](#) at Ashland County Genweb: Jacob HARKER married Sarah HUFF, 22 Aug 1861. [Verified by Nellie M Raber's Marriages, Ashland County, OH.]

Parents: [Jane NORRIS HARKER died 30 May 1870 at Williams Co OH. The family was still living in St Joseph Twp, Williams co OH in 1870 Census, Dwelling 98, Family 98: David HARKER, age 58 PA, farmer; Sarah, age 20 OH; Mary J, age 18 OH; David, age 16 OH, farm laborer; Samuel, age 14 OH; George, age 12 OH; Elmar, age 8 OH; John BROWN, age 28 OH, carpenter; Abbie, age 23 OH; William, age 5 OH; Mary, age 3 OH; George, age one OH.

1870 Census, Lake Twp, Ashland County, OH, page 660: Peter HUFF, age 72 VA, farmer; Raburn, [female], age 63 PA; Sarah HARKER, age 31 OH; Mailha [female], age 20 OH; Jemima SHANK, age 13 OH.

1900 Census, Lake Twp, Ashland co OH, Dwelling 74, Family 76: William HUFF, age 57 OH, born July 1842, married 32 yrs, parents born PA, farming; Mary, wife, age 56 OH, born July 1843, married 32 yrs, 5 children/5 still living, father born PA, mother born Germany; [next page] Anna, daughter, age 17 OH, born May 1883, single; Eddie, son, age 14 OH, born Jun 1886 OH; Sarrie HARKER, sister, age 65 OH, born Apr 1835, widow, 0 children, parents born OH, it says she can read and write.

1910 Census, Massillon State Hospital, Perry Twp, Stark Co OH, Line 48: Sarah HARKER, inmate, age 74 OH, widow, sewing.

Sarah HARKER died 5 Feb 1918 at Stark Co OH.

Widow's Pension, at fold3.com:

"Letter from Surgeon Carley shows that the soldier died May 8, 1863 at Genl Hospital, James Plantation, Tenn. of chronic diarrhea. Marriage of the parties is known by a copy of public records. No children."

On 9 July 1863 Sarah Harker was living in Lake Twp, Ashland Co OH.

Jacob Harker died at James Plantation Hospital near Vicksburg MS of disease.

On 27 Oct 1863 Sarah Harker's address was Mohicanville, Ashland Co OH.

Jacob Harker and Miss Sarah Huff married 22 Aug 1861 in Ashland Co OH.

Sarah Harker died 5 Feb 1918. William H HUFF of Loudonville, OH, was her guardian at the time.

"Depot Hospital
James Plantation
May 8th 1863
Mrs Harker,

It becomes my painful duty to inform you of the decease of your husband who departed this life about 10 o'clock to day.

He arrived here last night almost exhausted. The vital spark almost extinguished - too late to receive any benefit from medical aid - He died the death of a christian as far as I was able to judge - His disease was chronic diarrhea - I examined his knapsack and find the contents of not much value and shall consign them to the grave with his body - Enclosed you will find all the money he had on his person - A good coffin shall be made and he shall be decently interred.

May the god of mercy sustain you in your troubles is the prayer of the undersigned

R. Carley
Actg Asst Surg
General Hospital
Army of Tennessee

His letters I have personally examined and find nothing of any value. So I will inter all together. R. C."

Also written on this letter was this line: "Jacob Harker was born April the 29 1835, died May the 8 1863, Age 28 y 10 days."

William H. HUFF of Mohican, Ashland Co OH, was appointed guardian of the widow 15 Apr 1902. A previous guardian was J. R. SWARTZ. Sarah was considered "an imbecile." Sarah Harker was born 23 Ap 1835 in Lake Twp, Ashland Co OH. In a letter dated 23 Sept 1916 it says that "she is confined in the Hospital in Massillon, Ohio, and has been for the past 16 years..." William H Huff, her guardian, wrote that letter and his post office address was R. D. 5 Loudonville, Ashland Co OH.