

Company C, 120th OVI

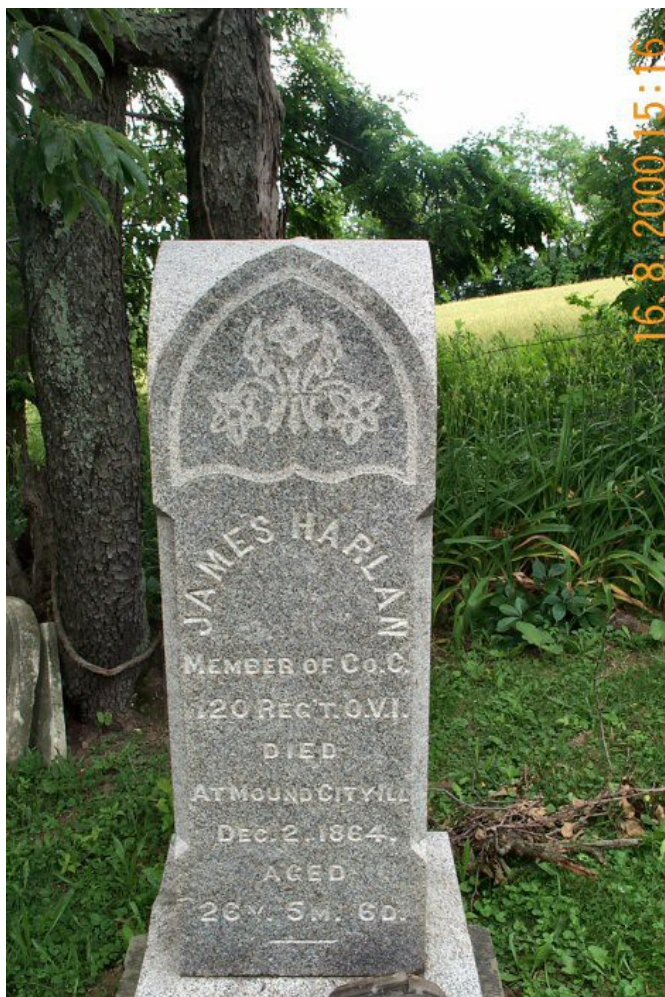


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HARLAN, James * 12 Aug 1862
James, age at enrollment not given, died 2 Dec 1864, in the hospital at Mound City Illinois. He was a private.
The Roll of Honor in the back of the Roster book says he died at Cairo, Illinois and is buried at Mound City.

Father: Samuel HARLAN
Mother: Margaret HOFFER [brother's death record]
Birth: 1838, OH
Marriage: Anne R. WEDDLE, Ashland County OH 17 Ap 1859 [Ann Rebecca]
Death: 2 Dec 1864, Mound City IL
Relationship: James Harlan's sister, Mahala, married Samuel BUDD of Co C 120th OVI. It also appears that James and Samuel of this company were cousins.

Cemetery: Military Cemetery near Mound Ciy IL; Harlan Cem, IL; stone at Wilson Cemetery in Vermillion Twp, Ashland Co OH. It says James died 1864 at age 26 in the Civil War. His parents are buried there too.
Burial place of James Harlan: A researcher recently visited a rural Harlan Cemetery in Illinois. She says: It is a tall slender tombstone that states "James Harlan, member of Co. C. 120 Regt. O.V.I. Died at Mound City, ILL Dec. 2, 1864, aged 26 Y, 5 M, 6 D."

[Ashland County CW Vets](#) : James HARLAN died 1864, buried Harlan Cemetery

Registers of Deaths of Volunteers, 1861-1865: James HARLAND, Private, Co C 120th OH Inf, died 2 Dec 1864 at General Hospital Mound City IL. Cause: acute pneumonia.

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

Not on National Cemetery Interment Control Forms, 1928-1962

Pension Index: James HARLEN Co C 120th OH Inf., widow Ann R. HARLEN. James HARLEM, Co C 120th OH Inf. Widow applied 3 Jan 1865, Application 77702, Certificate 90708 . Minor guardian M. CULLER Jr. filed 6 Mar 1871, Appliction 194276, Certificate 223259.

Letters below contributed by Dana Pennell . Thanks, Dana! [Often punctuation wasn't used, so I have put the sentences on separate lines and in groups for clarity. I left the spellings as they were. Notice that James put his name and the names of the letter recipients at the end of the letters.]

Louisiana

Feb the 18th 1863

Dear Sisters

it is with great pleasure and with Due respect that I take up my pen this morning to write you a few lines to let you know that I am well at present hoping these few lines may find you all enjoying the same Blessing.

I wrote Father a letter yesterday and I have nothing to do this morning so I thought I would drop you a few lines to let you know that I have not forgotten you yet also to answer your welcome letters

I received a letter from Sam Budd day before yesterday he is in Paducha Ky he stated in his letter that he is getting better he also stated in his letter that John Buckley was Dead he said he Died at St Lewis with the measels but it may be a false report

there is some of our number that has left us their voice is heard no more here Samuel Harlan James Latimer and James Wilson is Dead the rest of the boys that was sick is getting better

we are still in Louisiana camped near the Mississippi river I dont know how long we will stay here there is flying reports here that our regt is going to be sent to Saint Lewis to guard prisoners and get recruited up but I dont know how true it is I can tell better when we get started the boys that we left at Memphis has come to the regiment I was glad to see them

you stated in your letter that you had a very deep snow up north but there was not much sleigh riding done If that is the case I don't suppose you will get your feet frozen without Peter Nief comes around to take you sleigh riding

for my part I havent seen much snow this winter it snowed when we was at the arkansas post about three inches deep but it soon went off it is tolerable warm weather here and it rains about half the time

I will have to stop writing for I will have to help bake some ??beans?? I expect you would laugh if you would happen along and see us doing our baking but we can bake pretty good biscuit I would rather do the cooking than to do my washing

I believe I will close for this time as I have written severel letters within a few days back so I have nothing new to write

I have written Thomas Stafford two letters and have not recd any as yet I received one letter from David Braden and I have written him two letters but the letters comes more regular now than they did at first

we had some of our mail captured at the arkansas river before we took that fort

I will close for this time by sending my best respects to all enquiring friends No more at present but still remains your Brother Until Death write soon

Your Truly
James Harlan

Freelove Harlan
Lydia Harlan and Sarah Harlan
Ann Rebecca Harlan
Samuel R Harlan

Letter to sister, Freelove.

Morganzia Bend La
July the 8th /64

Well Freelove I thought I would embrace the present opportunity to address you with a few lines but not in answer to any that I have received from you

I have recd some letters from Lydia and one from Sally

I recd two letters a few days ago one from Father and one from Ann

I have answered all the letters that I have recd

I will now inform you that I am well at present hoping these few lines may find you all well

the boys are all well but Wm Wilson and he is getting his discharge

I am going to send some things home with him

I have a ring for you and Lydia

I sent Sarah and Ann a ring in a letter some time ago

Joseph Byerly is well

I havent heard any thing more from our prisoners since I wrote last

John Mowers and Henry Culler and Alonzo Shambaugh is prisners

we have had no word yet from John Hawks.

we are camped at Morganzia Bend about two Hundered and fifty miles above New Orleans

it is a very nice place

I don't know how long we will stay here

there is some talk that we will be sent up north to recruit up but we cant tell

any thing about it so I must close

I must go on fatigue duty in about an hour

it is very warm here

Write soon without fail

so good Bye for this time

Yours truly

James Harlan

Freelove Harlan

[Note: The prisoners mentioned, Mowers, Culler, Shambaugh and Hawks, were captured at Snaggy Point and being held prisoner at Camp Ford, near Tyler,TX.

The Federel Soldier [signed James Harlan]

Being loyal to my country

It caused me to roam

To leave my Dear family

My Country and my home

Hard times and the Rebels

Has caused me to Roam

I am a federal Soldier

And far Away from home

Ill eat when I get hungry

Ill drink when I get dry
If the Rebels do not kill me
Ill live until I die

If my friends dont forsake me
And cause me to roam
I am a federel Soldier
And far away from home

1850 Census, Vermillion Twp, Ashland Co OH, Dwelling 369 Family 377: Samuel HARLIN, age 46 VA, farmer; Margaret, age 40 PA; Margaret, age 18 OH; Elizabeth, age 16 OH; James, age 12 OH; Mahala, age 10 OH; Freelove [female], age 8 OH; Lydia, age 6 OH; Sarah, age 3 OH; Amanda, age 8 months OH.

A contributor says the known siblings are:

Daniel Harlan, abt 1827, Mary Harlan 1830, Margaret Harlan, Elizabeth Harlan, James Harlan 1838, Mahala Harlan married Mr. Budd, Solomon Harlan, Freelove Harlan, Liddie Harlan, Sarah Harlan, Amanda Harlan

[Ashland County marriage bonds](#) at Ashland County Genweb: James Harlem married Anne R. Weddle in Ashland County OH 17 Ap 1859

Family Search, Ohio, County Marriages, 1789-1997:

To the proper authority of Ashland Co Ohio
to grant Lisence James Harland and Ann
Rabece Weddle are to be joined in marriage
and I therefore autherise you as the proper
officer to grant them license to that
affect and oblige yours
April 13th A D 1859
Witness Names Samuel Harlan
Mc Davis
Daniel Harlan

1860 Census, Vermillion Twp, Ashland Co OH, page 150: James HARLON, age 21 OH, carpenter; Ann R., age 19 PA.

Dr. Samuel GLASS was in attendance at the birth of a male child to Ann and James Harlan on 6 Aug 1863. This son was James D. HARLAN.

When soldier James died Ann was living in Ashland Co OH near the town of Haysville.

1870 Census, Milton Twp, Ashland Co OH, Dwelling 110, Family 108: Margret WEDDELL, age 54 PA; John, age 23 OH, teaching school; George, age 21 OH, farm laborer; William, age 19 OH; James HARLAN, age 6 OH.

1880 Census, Vermillion Twp, Ashland Co OH, Dwelling 139, Family 140: Samuel HARLAN, age 75 VA, farmer, parents born VA; Freelove, daughter, age 34 OH, father born VA, mother born PA; James, grandson, age 16 OH, works on farm, parents born OH.

Son, Ohio, County Marriages, 1789-1994: James D. HARLAN married Miss Louisa WAGONER/WAGGENER, 23 Sep 1886 at Ashland Co OH.

Widow, 1890 Veterans Schedule: Mansfield, Richland Co OH: Line 40, House 168, Family 186: Anna R. widow of James HARLAN, Private, Co C 120. Post Office: Baymiller St, Mansfield OH. No comments.

I have not found a death record for widow Ann R. Harlan.

Son, 1900 Census, West Main St, Hayesville, Vermillion Twp, Ashland Co OH, Dwelling 345, Family 255: James D. HARLAN, age 38 OH, born Aug 1861, married 13 yrs, parents born OH, mail carrier; Louisa, wife, age 32 OH, born Nov 1867, married 13 yrs, 3 children/3 still living, parents born OH; Ollie D, daughter, age 12 OH, born June 1887; Rachel E, daughter, age 9 OH, born July 1890; Fanny A., daughter, age 9 OH, born Apr 1891; Neal McClURE, servant, age 19 OH, single, born Apr 1881, parents born OH.

Son, 1910 Census, Mansfield, Madison Twp, Richland Co OH, 58 S. Foster St, Dwelling 233, Family 253: James D. HARLAND, age 47 OH, parents born OH, first marriage, married 23 yrs, machinist on railroad; Louisa, wife, age 43 OH, parents born OH, first marriage, married 23 yrs, 3 children/3 still living; Rachael E, daughter, age 20 OH, single, stitcher in gd?? works; Fannie R, daughter, age 19 OH, sticher in suspender works.

Brother's [Death record in Ohio](#): File #51477: Daniel HARLAN died 7 Oct 1911 at Vermillion Twp, Ashland Co OH. Married. Farmer. Born 12 Oct 1827 in Ashland Co OH. Father Samuel HARLAN born OH. Mother Margaret HOFFER, born OH. Burial Wilson Cem. Informant Mrs. Lettie WELTMER of Loudonville OH. [Sister Mahala's death record shows the mother's name too, but it is difficult to read, but looks like it could be HOFFER.]

Son's Death record: Ohio, Deaths, 1908-1953: James D. HARLAN, died at Mansfield, Richland Co OH, 58 Foster St. on 4 Nov 1912. Born 5 Aug 1864 in Ashland Co OH. Married. Rail road laborer. Father James HARLAN born Ashland Co OH. Mother Ann WEDDLE born Ashland. Informant Milton Selby of Mansfield. Burial at Mansfield.

Widow's Pension, 90708. at fold3.com:

Ann R. HARLAN, widow of James HARLAN, Pvt, Co C 120th OH Vols., resident of Ashland Co OH, post office Haysville. Soldier died 2 Dec 1864 of pneumonia in Hospital at Mound City, IL. He was first taken sick with disease in the lungs in August 1864 at Morganza LA. The disease was caused by exposure to frequent rains, etc. in the active campaign. He was finally put on board a Hospital Boat at the mouth of the White River, Arkansas to be sent to a Hospital [Capt Wm Harvey's affidavit].

On 30 Dec 1864 Ann R HARLAN was a resident of Vermillion Twp, Ashland Co OH, age 24. Ann and James were married 17 Apr 1859, in Ashland Co OH. The marriage copy was witnessed by Daniel and Samuel HARLAN. Dr. Samuel GLASS was in attendance at the birth of a male child of Ann and James Harlan on 6 Aug 1863. On 17 Dec 1866 Ann R. HARLAN signed a paper that James D. Harlan was born 6 Aug 1863 and was the only child of herself and James HARLAN that was living at that time. William DAVIS and Mathias MOWRY of Richland Co OH testified that Ann was still the support of that child.

Letter from James Hulit of Company B, punctuation added:

U. S. General Hospital Mound City Ills

December 3rd /64

Mrs A. R. HARLAND It is a burdensome task that it again falls to me to perform. James Harland came in this Hospital Nov 3 /64 very much reduced by consumption & continued growing more ?????? being working with consumption. Last evening about 6 o'clock Dec 2d he died & was buried today in the military cemetery near Mound City Illinois. I being a member of Co B 120 Regt I feel it my Duty to inform you of his Death. I respect all of the Ohio boys & when opportunity affords write to their friends at their Decease. James Harland has not been able to speak since I found he was here. I found about a week ago that they were some of the Regt here & I went and found him. I don't think he has suffered any much pain since he has been here. He passed away ???? & easy. His effects are in the care of the Baggage Master & will be disposed of if not sent for as is the custom that is to do. Sell & send the money [second page] to friends. It will probably be some time before the official report of his Death & effects reaches you. Me being General Ward Master & don't live more than 10 miles from where James Harlan did, I feel it is first and write that I should inform you of his Death. I deeply sympathize with all bereaved families of departed soldiers. I ever remain yours with respect.

J. H. Hulit Genl. Ward Master

U.S.A. General Hospital Mound City Ill

P. S. for Father particulars Adress J. H. Hulit Mound City Ills Box 112
J. H. H.

Written on the day that James died:
Dec 2nd 1864

To Mrs. James Harlan
Dear Madam

I am requested by your son Mr. J. Harlan, who is a patient in this Hospital for the last week or so, to inform you that he is in a very weak state, and is not expected to recover. His disease is Phnuomonias of the worst type. Since he came here every thing that could be done for him has been done but all without avail. He has kind nurses and all the attention that one in his state requires. If you wish to see him once more before he dies you had better come quick as he may slip away at any moment. He sends you his love and would be glad to see you.

Your Friend

Sister Mary Mt. Carmel
a sister of the Holy Cross

On the back of the letter:

P.S. Please find enclosed a lock of his hair. St. M. Mt Carmel

Michael Culler, Jr., became guardian of son James Harlan. Culler was resident of Ashland Co OH, post office Mifflin. It was alleged that the minor child was abandoned by the soldier's widow. This was about 1871.

"The Probate Court in 1871 issued decree that the widow was of immoral character & unsuitable to have custody of the child, but afterward an appeal reversed this action on the ground that widow had no notice & opportunity to answer."

Affidavit possibly dated 1872, 194276:

"Widow and four witnesses, (E. C. Gamble, Geo. Schneider, John C. Davis and William S. Wilson) swear that she never abandoned her child, but on the contrary clothed, cared for, and sent him to school; that she is warmly attached to him and has been since the day of his birth and is now willing to care for and provide for him; that the charges promiscuity is false and malicious in every particular."

"John Taylor - date of filing Jun 8 - 78 - Judge of Probate, whose cert? shows that this record of his office June 14 - 1878, shows that the court had decreed that this widow had abandoned this child, & that it was under this case of this guardian, M. Culler."

"Guard. - Feb. 13 - 74 - In a letter states that at this time the decree as above was made, the whereabouts of the mother was unknown and is so yet."

"Guardian - Oct.-27/80 - IN a letter replying to call for certificate of court showing alleged abandonment of child by the widow & that the widow had due notice to appear & defend herself against the charge - states that he is unwilling to give her further cause of anger at him; that she is already very angry at him for making an effort to get the pension for the child; that she is in the habit of associating with some of the most desperate & vicious characters in the county. He requests action to be taken on evidence filed, & that if the pension cannot be allowed him for the child, that it be given to the widow."

"Special agent reports. Oct. 22 '74, that the charges against the widow are fully sustained by the evidence, and he is of the opinion that she is unfit to have the custody of the minor, and that e was unsuitable to have the care when the Probate Court so certified in Feb. 1871. Testimony as follows: Jno. Van Guilden, Paxton Applegate & Petterson Applegate, say they have known widow since '64, and believe her to be an unmoral woman and unfit to have the custody of child. Her reputation for virtue is bad. In 1867 she gave birth to a child. Her reputation continued ba[d] until she left the place in 1870. Up to that time she had never rec??????. Affiants say she left child several years ago, but has returned at intervals. The child is in the custody of his Grandfather Samuel Harlan.

Jos. A. Peterson fully corroborates the above as to her character, & the birth of a child.

Samuel Harlan corroborates above. Child has been with him since '67, except sharp intervals after. The widow drew pension, when she would take it?.

Nelson Thomas & Wm Euchins say the widow is now & has been for several years, of bad character and known as a woman of the town."

J. A. Macauley, Special Agent, investigated in 1874:

"Samuel Harlan is the paternal Grandfather of the minor James D. Harlan, and has the custody of the said minor. He said the widow gave but twelve dollars in money since 1867, but that she often supplied him clothing, and that she has contributed nothing during the time the minor was with him in the last three or four years.....

I do not think she intended to abandon the child, nor that she has lost her natural affection for him.

Doubtless she considered him in good hands while his Grandfather had him. I could find no evidence showing that she had remarried."

E. C. Gamble and George Schneider, Ashland Co OH, wrote an affidavit defending widow Ann, 10 Jan 1873: The charges "are the results of malice and unkind feelings, growing out of legal proceedings against said parties, for borrowed money by said Ann R. Harlan. Affiants therefore are of the opinion that the applicant [widow] should be fully restored, not only to the Pension Roll, but to the custody of the child. That to their personal knowledge she has not remarried....."

Ann herself, in Richland Co, filed this on 10 Jan 1873:

"She further states that the parties who filed the affidavit against her became angry because she took legal measures to collect money from them which she would otherwise have lost, and which money she tried every way honorably to get without suit - but could not do so. Some of which she has not yet received. That she never abandoned her said child James D Harlan or placed him in the custody of any person or persons as his hers or their child,gave him such care and attention as her scanty means enabled her to do.."

On 3 April 1874 the 1871 decision against Ann was set aside in Ashland Co OH and Culler had to pay costs of \$5.55. D. H. Whitmore, Probate Judge. But then in 1878 the minor child was back in custody of Michael Culler, Jr, of Mifflin, Ashland Co OH.

In Oct. 1874 the soldier's father said that Ann would take the child for enough time to get the pension and then send him back to the grandfather. The grandfather Samuel was resident of Ashland Co OH.

June 23, 1886: John C. Black, Commissioner, "It is directed that the name of the widow Ann R. Harlan be dropped from the pension roll under the provisions of Sec. 4706 Revised Statutes and payment of the pension which accrued from December 4th 1870 to August 5th 1879 be made to the beneficiary, Jas. D Harlan." Ann was living in Mansfield at that time. John Budd and E. A. Budd were witnesses for her.

Soldier James Harlan enlisted at Mifflin Twp.

30 Dec 1890 at Mansfield: Jacob Fulger and Eli Seacrest said that "Ann R. Harlan the claimant has no property whatever real. neither has she any income from bonds or investments nor from any source except what she earns as a seamstress and that isn't any more than enough to barely keep her."

Jacob Corlies? or Carlies, special examiner for the pension department, 15 Sept 1891 to the Commissioner of Pensions at Washington DC said it took him quite a while to locate Ann as she had quit her former county. While he was looking for her he learned a good deal about her, that her reputation was that of a common prostitute. But he was "of the opinion that she has quit her former habits of life, not from choice but for want of customers, she is rather out of date." "She said they were not true, but that people would have it that way, and she cared not about it." He thought that "she was a common prostitute and street urchin up to a year or two ago, when she was obliged by age and richness to retire." He advised that her claim for a pension was without merit and should be rejected.

Deposition of Ann R Harlan before Jacob Carlies, a Special Examiner of the Pension Office, at Mansfield, Richland Co OH on 2 Sep 1891: "My name and post office address is as above. Age 51. I am a housekeeper and seamstress. I am the identical Ann R Harlan who was pensioned at #8 [\$8] per month under ctf 90708 as the widow of James Harlan who was a member of Co. C. 120th Ohio Inf. and who died in the service of lung disease.

My pension was suspended some 15 or 20 years ago. I do not know the reason. I never could find out.

When my husband died I was living in Ashland Co OH near the town of Haysville which was my post office address. I lived there for some four years after his death and then moved to within a mile and a half of the town of Ashland. I lived there for five years and then came to this town [Mansfield] where I have lived ever since. At the time my husband died I was working in the neighborhood as a house servant and I continued to work out as a servant until I moved to his town [Mansfield] in about 1873. After I came here I learned the trade of seamstress and have worked at that ever since.

While I lived near Haysville I worked for Andrew Scott, Daniel Harlan and Samuel Harlan, he is dead. While I lived near Ashland I worked for John Bonebright. I worked for him the whole five years.

Most of the time since I came here I lived on Marie street, and have done sewing as I could get it to do. I worked a good deal for Mrs. Sheriff Flannery, and Mrs. Eajou (Eajan?). Any of the people in that neighborhood can tell you all about me. I am now living with Mrs. Elizabeth Cromer.

I have been told that my son through his guardian Michael Creller made a claim to leave my pension stopped and the pension paid to him on the ground that I was not a fit person to have charge of him and that I am living a bad life. I want to say that this charge is not true, and that I have not lived and cohabited with any man since my husband's death.

I did not bear a child in 1867. I never had but the one child, that is my son James D. Harlan who was born while my husband, his father, was in the army. Since my husband's death I have lived a strictly virtuous life, have not cohabited with any man, have worked hard and tried to live honestly and respectable. Any statements that may have been made to the Pension Office to the contrary are not true.

At the time my pension was stopped I was living with John Bonebright, and lived with him for five years and

one month. Bonebright was a single man, his sister was keeping house for him and I was the servant girl.

Since I have lived in Mansfield I have kept house by myself all the time, that is I have lived in the same house with other persons, but have had my own part of the ??levure?? and have lived by myself. I have not lived with a man at any time since my husbands death.

I can show this by Sheriff Flowery/Flannery and his wife. Capt McKinley, James Craig and as many of the old neighbors on ?North Main st as you may want."

The Books of the Police Court of the City of Mansfield Richland Co Ohio contained the following entries:

Ann R. Harlan arrested July 9, 1884 charged drunk and street walking, plea guilty - fined.

Ann R. Harlan arrested Aug. 3, 1884 charge drunk, plea guilty - fined.

Ann R. Harlan prostitute, arrested March 13, 1886 charge loitering prostitute, found guilty - fined.

Ann R. Harlan, prostitute, arrested Nov 7, 1887. charge common prostitute. Plea not guilty. found guilty - 5 days in County jail.

Ann R. Harlan, received Sept 16, 1883, charge street walking. Discharged Sept 30, 1883.

Ann R. Harlan, received March 12, 1886, charge street walking, discharged March 17, 1886.

Ann R. Harlan, received Nov. 6, 1888. Charge Common prostitute. discharged Nov 23, 1888.

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