

Company D, 120th Ohio Volunteer Infantry

ERWIN, Thomas R.* 22 Aug 1862 Thomas Reed ERWIN
Private Erwin was age 19 when he entered service. He died 3 May 1864 at Alexandria, Louisiana of wounds received the same day near Snaggy Point on the Red River, Louisiana. The Roll of Honor says he is buried at Alexandria, Louisiana.

Father: Cunningham ERWIN
Mother: Mary Ann REED
Birth: 8 Apr 1844, Sugar Creek Twp, Wayne Co OH
Marriage: single
Death: 3 May 1864, Alexandria, LA
Cemetery: Alexandria National Cemetery, Rapides Parish, LA...near Snaggy Point [not listed] He must be in one of the graves marked unknown.

Photo at [Find a Grave](#) for stone of W R IRWIN. This soldier in plot B 443, according to Department of Veterans Affairs, died 12 Oct 1865. Alexandria National Cemetery looked in the old papers and found that the W R IRWIN was in Co B, 83rd Ohio. I researched this to make sure it was NOT Thomas ERWIN.

Registers of Deaths of Volunteers, 1861-1865: Thos. Reed ERWIN, Private, Co D 120th OH Inf, died 3 May 1864 at Regimental Hospital. Cause G[un] S[hot] wound.

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

Not on National Cemetery Interment Control Forms, 1928-1962

Not on Pension Index.

1850 Census, Sugar Creek, Wayne Co OH, Dwelling 175, Family 175: C. IRWINE, age 33 OH, farmer; Mary A, age 26 PA; Thos R, age 6 OH; Eliza E, age 4 OH; Catharine, age 3 OH; Jane CLARK, age 20 PA. [Family Search, Ohio, County Marriages, 1789-1994: Cunningham ERWIN married Mary REED on 25 Nov 1841 at Wayne Co OH, by Archib Hanna.]

1860 Census, Sugar Creek, Wayne County, OH, Dwelling 1364, Family 1389: Cunningham IRVINE, age 42 OH, farmer; Mary, age 35 PA; Thomas, age 16 OH; Eliza, age 14 OH; Catharine, age 12 OH; John, age 10 OH; Pardee [male], age 8 OH; Emma, age 6 OH; Elenor, age 4 OH; James, age 6 months OH; Jane CAMPBELL, age 56 PA.

Hardesty's Historical and Geographical Encyclopedia. [Wayne County Ohio version] published in 1885, page496, Sugar Creek Twp section:

Thomas Reed Erwin was a boy of seventeen years of age when the first gun of the civil war was fired, and when he passed his 18th birthday he enlisted in the cause of good government; when he was twenty years and twenty -five days old he died in its defense. He was enrolled in Company D, 120th Ohio Volunteer Infantry, May 15, 1862, at Dalton, Wayne county, and was mustered in at Camp Mansfield in September following. He was never sick of absent from duty from his enlistment to his death, sharing the hardships his regiment underwent in the campaigns under Sherman and under Grant against Vicksburg, and in the battles of the campaigns in which his regiment participated, including Chickasaw Bayou, Arkansas Post, Thompsons Hill, Raymond, Black River Bridge, the forty-seven day siege of Vicksburg. Of his action in one of the assaults on Vicksburg he wrote home to his mother, "I fired so rapidly my gun got so hot I had to lay it down and take another." The last letter received from him by the loving home circle was addressed to a sister, and contained some pictures he had had taken for them all, and of which he said: "Look at them all you please." This letter dated April 23, 1864, said: "We are going to re-inforce Banks on Red River." Eleven days after it was written he was on Red river, in the City Belle, when it was disabled off Snaggy Point, and he was shot through the thigh, removed to a shanty near the river, where he bled to death, and was buried with several companions under the alien sod. This young patriot was born in Sugar Creek township, Wayne county, April 8, 1844, and he left to mourn their loss in his death, a loving father and mother, and four brothers, five sisters. His father, Cunningham Erwin, was born October 29, 1817, and died June 3, 1874, of liver complaint. He seemed always to mourn the son he had lost and never was the same after his death.

The mother of Thomas Reed Erwin, for whom this sketch is compiled, was Mary Ann Reed before her marriage, born December 6, 1824. She lives on the family farm in Sugar Creek township, one married son living with her, and two sons in Baughman township. Four of her daughters are married, and living in Wayne county, and the youngest is still with her. Her post office address is Dalton.

The following information about the immediate family of soldier Thomas R. Erwin was contributed by Ronald and Alta Fae Shammo lvshammo@juno.com

Cunningham Erwin, Father, born 29 Oct 1817 Dalton, Wayne, Ohio died 3 Jun 1874, Dalton, Wayne, Ohio

*Mary Ann Reed, Mother, born, Washington, Pennsylvania died 27 Mar 1897, Dalton, Wayne, Ohio
Children of Cunningham and Mary Ann:*

- 1. Female child Erwin, B: 19 Dec 1842, Dalton, Wayne, Ohio; died 19 Dec 1842, Dalton, Wayne, Ohio*
- 2. Thomas Reed Erwin, B: 8 Apr 1844, Dalton, Wayne, Ohio; died 2 May 1864, Snaggy Point, Iowa Bur: Dalton Cemetery, Dalton, Wayne, Ohio. Thomas Reed Erwin was not married.*
- 3. Eliza Ellen Erwin, B: 26 Apr 1846, Dalton, Wayne, Ohio; died 21 Jan 1916 Bur: Dalton Cemetery; Md. Levi S. Rudy Jr.*
- 4. Catherine Ann Erwin, B: 28 Jul 1848, Dalton, Wayne, Ohio; died 6 Feb 1940, Orrville, Wayne, Ohio Bur: Crown Hill Cemetery, Orrville, Ohio; Md. Norman Chaffin*
- 5. John William Erwin, B: 30 Aug 1850, Dalton, Wayne, Ohio died 12 Jun 1938, Dalton, Wayne, Ohio Bur: Dalton Cemetery; Md. Mary Ann Douglas*
- 6. Pardee Allison Erwin, B: 8 Apr 1853, Dalton, Wayne, Ohio (Ron's great grandfather) died 1 Jan 1932, North Lawrence, Wayne, Ohio Bur: Dalton Cemetery; Md. Anna Wenger*
- 7. Emma Jane Erwin B: 30 Sep 1855, Dalton, Wayne, Ohio died: Md: John Douglas*
- 8. Elmer Barr Erwin B:13 Oct 1857, Dalton, Wayne, Ohio; died 6 Jul 1935 Bur: Dalton Cemetery; Md: Barbara Bixler and Mary Mosgrove*
- 9: James Cunningham Erwin B: 25 Jan 1860, Dalton, Wayne, Ohio died: 8 Apr 1937, Canton, Stark, Ohio Bur: Dalton Cemetery; Md: Laura Edwards*
- 10: Mary Etta Erwin: B: 9 Dec 1861, Dalton, Wayne, Ohio; died: 15 Aug 1908, Dalton, Wayne, Ohio; Bur: Dalton Cemetery Md: Henry Kessler Staver*
- 11: Metta Bianca Erwin, B: 4 Aug 1864, Dalton, Wayne, Ohio; died: 9 Jun 1912 Bur: Dalton Cemetery; Md: George Zeigler*