

Company D, 120th Ohio Volunteer Infantry



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FIRST, Jacob H. 22 Aug 1862

Private First was age 21 when he entered service. He was wounded 10 July 1863 in battle of Jackson, Mississippi; transferred to Co. E 114th OVI 27 Nov 1864. Transferred to Co E, 48th OVI 24 July 1865. Mustered out 14 Oct 1865. Honorably discharged 15 Oct 1865.]

Father: Samuel FIRST

Mother: Eliza KEISTER

Birth: 22 Apr 1840, Wayne Co OH

Marriage: Elisabeth J. LAWRENCE 5 Mar 1868, Wayne Co OH

Death: 6 Aug 1922, Brooklyn MI

Cemetery: Wauseon Union Cemetery, Fulton County OH

Pension index: Jacob H FIRST, E 48th, D 120th and E 114th OH Inf. and E 48th. Invalid pension applied for 1 Nov 1879, Application 319648, Certificate 769329. Pension Card: Jacob died 6 Aug 1922 at Brooklyn, MI.

The County of Fulton: A History of Fulton County, Ohio from the Earliest.....by Thomas Mikesell, 1905, page 352: Jacob H. FIRST, born Wayne co OH, 22 Apr 1840. Father Samuel FIRST. Mother Eliza KEISTER. After the was he continued farming in Wayne county until 1872 when he moved to Fulton county where he purchased a farm of 53 acres by 1905. He was constable for 2 years and road supervisor for 3 years.

Member of the Christian church. Married Miss Elizabeth J. Lawrence, daughter of Henry and Barbara Durr Lawrence, in 1868. Elizabeth died 15 Jan 1894. Four children were mentioned: Margaret E. who became Mrs. John Miller of Chicago; Ethan who married Miss Addie Eck and are of Waseon; Jesse A. and Cleon L. on the home farm in 1905.

1850 Census Salt Creek Township, Wayne County OH: Saml FIRST, age 31 PA, a farmer; Eliza, age 29 PA; Jacob, age 11 OH; Thurman, age 8 OH; Hester A, age 5 OH; Harrison, age 2 OH.

1860 Census, Salt Creek Township, Wayne County OH: Samuel FIRST, age 44 PA, a farmer; Eliza, age 36 PA; Jacob H. FIRST, age 20 OH, a farmer; Thurman K, age 17 OH; Hester A, age 14 OH; William H, age 11 OH; John M, age 8 OH; Sophia E, age 7 OH; Adam L, age 2 OH.

Wayne county OH Probate record: There is a Jacob H. FIRST who married Elisabeth J. LAWRENCE 5 Mar 1868.

1870 Salt Creek Township, Wayne County OH: [I suspect that there was a mix-up by the census taker in doing these two families living in consecutive dwellings on the census record. One family consists of an elder and some of Jacob's siblings. The other family seems to be Jacob's wife and child. The heads of the two families seem to be reversed.]

Dwelling 153, family 151: Jacob H FIRST, age 54 [this age was written over] PA, a farmer; John, age 20 OH, a farmer; Sophia E, age 16 OH; Adam, age 12 OH. Also living there: Amanda POORMAN, age 28 OH, a housekeeper and Elwilder [female] POORMAN, age 6 OH.

Dwelling 154, family 152: Samuel FIRST, age 29 [this age was written over] OH, a farmer; Elizabeth, age 22 OH; Margaret, age 1 OH. Also living there were Minnie POORMAN, age 2 OH, and Charles POORMAN, age 3 months, OH.

1880 census: Clinton, Fulton County, Ohio: Jacob H. FIRST, age 40 OH, a farmer, father born PA, mother born ?; Elisabeth J, wife, age 31 OH, parents born OH; Margaret E, daughter, age 11 OH; Lola M, daughter, age 9 OH; Ethan E, son, age 5 OH; Alphred, son, age 2 OH.

1890 Veterans Schedule: Clinton Twp, Fulton Co OH: Line 9, House 86, Family 90: Jacob FIRST, Private, Co D 120 OVI, Co E 114 OVI, Co E 48 OVI. Post Office: Wauseon, OH. Disability: Flesh wound.

1900 Census, Clinton Township, Fulton County OH: Jacob H FIRST, age 60 OH, born Apr 1840, a farmer, married 32 yrs but his wife is not listed here, parents born PA; Ethan, son, age 23 OH, single, born Nov 1876, occupation hard to read but one word may be "builder"; Jessie, daughter, age 17 OH, born Dec 1882, single; Cleon L, son, age 13 OH, born Oct 1886.

1910 Census, Norvell Township, Jackson County Michigan: Jacob H FIRST, age 69 OH, widowed, no occupation, is listed as the father-in-law of Cornelius D SPRING whose wife is Jessie A, age 28 OH.

1920 Census Columbia Township, Jackson County Michigan: Jacob H FIRST, age 79 OH, no occupation, widowed, parents born OH, is listed as the father-in-law of Cornelius S. SPRING. The wife of Cornelius is Jessie A, age 38 OH.

Jacob, his wife and three of their children are buried at Wauseon Union cemetery in [Fulton County OH](#). His grave has GAR marker. His dates are 22 Apr 1840 - 6 Aug 1922

He is listed at Sons of Union Veterans Grave Database