

Company D, 120th Ohio Volunteer Infantry

FORTNEY, John S. 16 Aug 1862 was an alias used by Alexander ANDERSON who actually was in the 120th.

John S. FORTNEY was in CO A, 114TH OVI and CO F, 16TH OVI and is a different soldier and was NOT in the 120th OVI. Alexander ANDERSON possibly picked this Wayne County OH man's name because he [Alexander] was working in Wayne County when he joined the 120th.

Here is the real John S. Fortney, CO A, 114TH OVI and CO F, 16TH OVI

Father: George FORTNEY

Mother: Margaret SHIELD

Birth: 15 Aug 1843, OH

Marriage: 1Catherine E. VAN NASDALL, 5 Sep 1867

2Lizzie VAN NOSDALL on 1 Jun 1884 in Wayne County OH.

3Stella A. ????

Death: 20 Jun 1928 at Chester Twp, Wayne Co OH

Cemetery: New Pittsburg/Rice Cemetery, Wooster, Wayne Co OH

1850 Census, Chester Twp, Wayne Co OH, Dwelling 317, Family George G? FORTNEY, age 53 PA, farmer; Margaret, age 46 PA; Amanda R?, age 19 PA; Lavinia, age 15 OH; William, age 13 OH; Hiram, age 10 OH; John, age 6 OH; Thomas, age 5 OH; Winfield W?, age 5 months OH; Alvin C. KELLEY?, age 1 OH.

1860 Census Chester Twp, Wayne County OH, page 327: George W. FORTNEY age 62 PA, day laborer; Margaret, age 54 PA; William age 21 OH, day laborer; Hiram, age 19 OH, farm laborer ; John, age 16 OH, [Note: He may have given his age incorrectly when he entered the service.]; Thomas W., age 14 OH ; Alvin C. M., age 10 OH .

Wayne County Probate Court record: John S FORTNEY married Catherine E VANNASTDAN on 5 Sep 1867 in Wayne County OH.

1870 census, Chester Township Wayne County OH, page 68: John Fortney age 27 [or 25], day laborer; Catherine age 21 PA; H.B., age 2 [male] OH and W.F., age 6 months OH [male] born in Feb.1870. [Note: Margaret, age 66 PA, living next door with F.W. FORTNEY, age 24 OH.]

1880 Census, Pittsburg, Wayne county OH, page 54: John FORTNEY, age 38 OH, stone mason, parents born PA; Catherine,wife, age 36 PA, parents born PA; Henry B, son, age 12 OH, William L, son, age 10 OH, Nina J, daughter, age 8 OH, and Mary, daughter, age 6 OH.

Wayne County Probate Court record: John S FORTNEY married Lizzie VAN NOSDALL on 1 Jun 1884 in Wayne County OH.

1900 Census, Chester Twp, Wayne County OH, page 57: John FORTNEY, age 56 OH, born Aug 1843, married 33 yrs [note: this has to be wrong], stone mason, parents born PA; Elizabeth, wife, age 40 IN, born Jan 1860, married 33 yrs [Note: this has to be wrong], parents born PA; H Burlington, son, age 32 OH, single, born Mar 1868, stone mason; James??? T, son, age 12 OH, born Aug 1887; Lera? daughter, age 8 OH; born Aug 1891; Alvin, son, age 2 OH, born Oct 1897;

1910 Census, Chester Twp, Wayne County OH, page 70: John, age 67 OH, second marriage, married 25 yrs, own income, parents born PA; Elizabeth, wife, age 50 OH, parents born PA, first marriage, married 25 yrs, 6 children/4 still living; Jonas, son, age 22 OH, single, farm laborer; Levah, daughter, age 18 OH; Alvin,son, age 12 OH; Mary, daughter, age 9 OH; WAPLER, granddaughter, age 7 OH. [Note: Column 30 is marked with UA for military service for John.]

1920 Census, Chester Twp, Wayne County OH, page 71: John S FORTNEY, age 76 years, father born US, mother born England, no occupation; Lizzie, wife, age 60 IN, parents born PA; Mary E, daughter, age 19 OH.

Daily Record, 20 June 1928, page 2 states that John S. Fortney, a civil war veteran, died at home in New Pittsburg. He was 84 years old. He had a wife and five children still living. [New Pittsburg is in Chester Township west of Wooster.]

Ohio Online Death Certificate Index: John S FORTNEY died 20 June 1928 in Wayne County OH.

There is a Civil War soldier Fortney, John S. 1841-1929? buried at New Pittsburg cemetery, Wayne county OH/Rice Cemetery.

Graves registration card lists: CIVIL WAR, ARMY, CO A, 114TH OVI and CO F, 16TH OVI Birth: 15 Aug, 1843 Death 20 June 1928 in Chester Twp, Wayne County OH.

Pension Index: John S FORTNEY, A 114th, F 16th and? 114th. Invalid filed 1890 May 14 OH. Widow, Stella E FORTNEY, filed 1928 July 6 in OH.

Family Search Death Record in Ohio: File #19502?: John Smyser FORTNEY died 20 Jun 1928 at Chester Twp, Wayne Co OH. Married to Stella E. Stone Mason. Born 15 Aug 1843 in OH. Father, Geroge FORTNEY, born PA. Mother, Margaret SHIELD, born England. Burial New Pittsburg, OH. Informant Mrs. Stella FORTNEY of Wooster, OH.

Wife's Family Search Death Record in Ohio: File 57620: Stella Elizabeth FORTNEY died 16 Sep 1934 at Congress, Wayne Co OH. Widow of John FORTNEY. Born 1 Jan 1860 in IN. Father Henry VAN NASDALL, born IN. Mother Elizabeth SEIFRED, born OH. Burial New Pittsburg. Informant Mrs. Mary BILLHEIMER of West Salem, OH, R. D.