

## Company D, 120<sup>th</sup> Ohio Volunteer Infantry

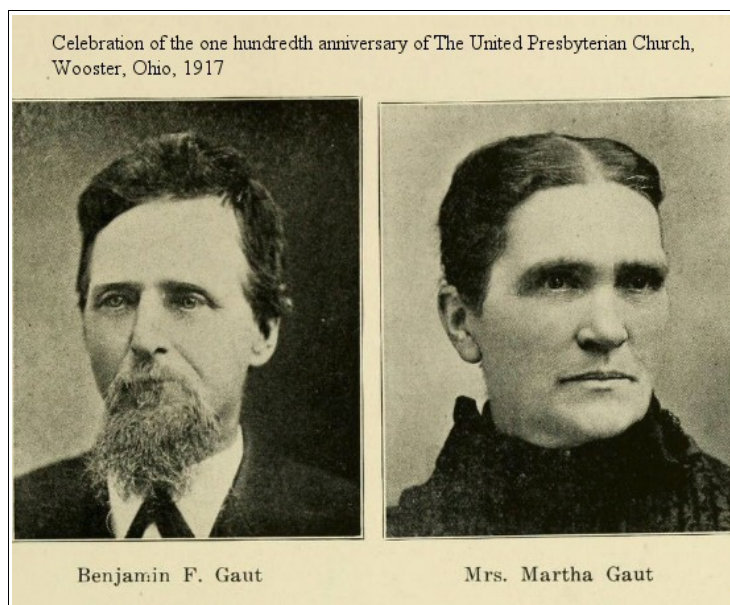


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GAUT, Benjamin F. 25 Aug 1862  
Sergeant Gaut was age 32 when he entered service. He was appointed from Corporal on 17 Apr 1863; transferred to Co. E, 114th OVI on 27 Nov 1864. Mustered out 24 July 1865 at Galveston, TX, as supernumerary.

Father: John GAUT  
Mother: Elizabeth FRANCE  
Birth: 26 Oct 1828 Wayne Twp, Wayne Co OH  
Marriage: 1 Rebecca N. DOWNING, 10 Oct 1854  
2 Mattie J. McAfee 19 Mar 1866  
Death: 6 January 1887, Shreve, Wayne Co OH  
Cemetery: Wooster Cem, Wayne Co OH

Written and listed in index as GANT: Pension Card: Benjamin F. GAUT, Co D 120th OH Inf, Co E 114th OH, Unassigned 48th OH. Widow's pension, Hattie GAUT applied 9 Feb 1887, Application 350160, Certificate 240292, filed in Texas.



Page 71 in the Anniversary of the church:

"Benjamin F. Gaut, deacon, was a teacher and farmer; in the Civil War was sergeant in co. D, 120<sup>th</sup> O. V. I., and was a good soldier and provider. At the battle of Port Gibson, Miss., in 1863, in a charge upon the enemy with his regiment, his course was over a brush heap, but when he got to the top of it, not 'over the top,' he broke through into a washout in the ground and dropped upon a bunch of three 'rebels.' He demanded an immediate and unconditional surrender and triumphantly and proudly marched them out as prisoners of war; .....

Martha Gaut, wife of Benjamin F., was daughter of Samuel and Mrs. McAfee. The Gauts purchased and moved onto a farm near Shreve, Ohio, where Mr. Gaut died, and the family returned to Wooster."

[Note: Notice the 1900 census when she and her children were living in Aspinwall Borough, Allegheny Co, PA. Later they moved back to Wooster.]

1850 Census, Wayne Twp, Wayne Co OH, Dwelling 214, Family 214: John GOTT, age 63 PA, farmer; Elizabeth, age 40 PA; Benjamin, age 20 OH; Sarah Ann, age 19 OH; Maria, age 16 OH; George W, age 13

OH.

1860 Census, Wayne Twp, Wayne County, OH, page 154: B F GAUT, age 31 OH, farmer; Rebecca, age 31 OH; Mary E, age 4 OH.

1870 Census, Wayne Twp, Wayne County OH, page 361: Benjamin F GAUT, age 41 OH, farmer; Martha J, age 36 OH; Mary E, age 14 OH; Anna M, age 3 OH; Frank A, age 2 OH; Florence A, 5 months OH, born in Jan 1870; Mary McAFIE, age 28 OH, housekeeper.

1880 Census, Wayne Twp, Wayne County, OH, page 354: Benjamin F GAUT, age 51 OH, farmer, parents born PA; Mattie J, wife, age 46, Ireland, parents born Ireland; Annie M, daughter, age 13 OH [note mother born Ireland]; Frank A, son, age 12 OH; Florence A, daughter, age 10 OH; Cora A, daughter, age 8 OH; John E, son, age 7 OH; Grace E, daughter, age 5 OH; George C, son, age 3 OH.

NAME OF SOLDIER:		<i>Gaut, Benjamin F.</i>		
NAME OF DEPENDENT:		<i>Widow.</i>	<i>Gaut, Mattie</i>	
		<i>Minor,</i>		
SERVICE:		<i>Unassd 48 Ohio Inf D-120 + Co 114 Ohio Inf</i>		
DATE OF FILING.	CLASS.	APPLICATION NO.	CERTIFICATE NO.	STATE FROM WHICH FILED.
<i>1887 Feb 9</i>	<i>Invalid,</i>			
	<i>Widow,</i>	<i>350,160</i>	<i>240,292</i>	<i>Texas</i>
	<i>Minor,</i>			
ATTORNEY:				
REMARKS:				

1890 Veterans Schedule: Wayne Twp, Wayne Co OH: Line 3, House 348, Family 354: Mattie GAUT, widow of Benjamin GAUT, Srgt, Co D 120 OH Inf. Post Office: Wooster.

Hardesty's Historical and Geographical Encyclopedia. [Wayne County Ohio version] published in 1885, page 488, Clinton Twp section:

"Benjamin F. Gaut volunteered at Wooster, August 23, 1862, and at Mansfield, Richland county, September 10th, was mustered into Company D, 120th Ohio Volunteer Infantry, as a private. For good soldierly conduct he was promoted corporal, then sergeant. The first promotion was at Mansfield, and the second at Vicksburg. He saw three years active service, and was only absent from duty three weeks, when he was in hospital at Memphis, ill with cholera morbus and camp diarrhea, but was never absent when the regiment was in action. He took part in the battles of Chickasaw Bayou, Arkansas Post, those of his regiment in the advance under Grant on Vicksburg, and the siege of that city, those of the Red River expedition, including Snaggy Point, where the colonel of the regiment fell, and of more than four hundred men only one hundred and sixty-two escaped capture, Mr. Gaut being one of the fortunate ones. He also shared in the taking of Fort Blakeley. He was mustered out with the regiment, at Galveston, Texas, July 24, 1865. John and Elizabeth (France) Gaut are his parents, and he was born in Wayne township, Wayne county, October 26, 1828. He was first married to Rebecca N. Downing. She was born in Wooster, July 7, 1828; they were married October 10, 1854, and she died May 24, 1864, having been the mother of two children: Mary D., born November 8, 1855; Stephen H., born January 6, 1858, died August 27th following. In Wayne County, March 19, 1866, Benjamin F. Gaut and Mattie J. McAfee were united in marriage, and their children were born: Anna M., February 11, 1867; Frank A., April 22, 1868; Florence A., January 9, 1870; Cora M., August 25, 1871; John E., April 2, 1875; Grace E., March 3, 11875; George C., October 12, 1876. Mrs. Gaut was born in Ireland, May 13, 1832, the daughter of Samuel and Grace (Stinson) McAfee. Farming is Mr. Gaut's

occupation, and Shreve is his postoffice address."

There is no obituary listed at Wooster for Benjamin Gaut.

Wayne County Graves Registration book: Benjamin F. GAUT, address Shreve, died 6 January 1887 in Shreve. Born 26 October 1828 in Wayne township, Wayne county, Ohio. He is buried in Wooster Cemetery, Lot 278, block 9, grave 2. His headstone shows that he was in Company D, 120th Regiment OVI. The record indicates that he was also in Company E, 114th OVI.

Here is Martha in 1900:

1900 Census, Fifth Street, Aspinwall Borough, Allegheny Co, PA, Dwelling 220, Family 228: Martha J. GAUET, age 68 Ireland, born May 1832, widowed, married 1866, parents born Ireland emigrated 1838, 52 yrs in US, 7 children/7 still living; Cora M, daughter, single, dress maker, father born OH, mother born Ireland, born Aug 1871, Ohio; John E. age 27 OH, born Apr 1873; son, single, father born OH, mother born Ireland, clerk Grain Elevator; Grace E, age 25, born Mar 1875 OH, single, father born OH, mother born Ireland; George C., age 23 OH, born Oct 1876, son, single, father born OH, mother born Ireland, floor walker-dry goods.

1910 Census, 54 High St, Wooster Ward 2, District 0187, Wayne Co OH, Dwelling 122, Family 131: William G[Y] KING, age 43 Scotland, first marriage, married 9 yrs, parents born Scotland, immigrated 1867, stone contractor; Florence, wife, age 40 OH, first marriage, married 9 yrs, 0 children, father born OH, mother born Ireland; Martha GAUT, mother in law, age 71 Ireland, widow, 7 children/7 still living, parents born Scotland.

1920 Census, 630 High St, Wooster Ward 2, District 0218, Wayne Co OH, Dwelling 127, Family 153: William KING, AGE 52 Scotland, immigrated 1867, naturalized; parents born Scotland, stone work contractor; Florence, wife, age 49 OH, parents born OH; Martha GAULT, mother in law, age 87 Ireland, widow, unknown immigration year, parents born Ireland; Mary E. McAFFEE, aunt, age 82 Ireland, single, immigration year unknown, parents born Ireland.

Martha J: 1832-1922