

Company D, 120th Ohio Volunteer Infantry



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KIDD, Francis 22 Aug 1862

Private Kidd was age 25 when he entered service. He was transferred to Co. E 114th OVI on 27 Nov 1864. Transferred to Co E, 48th OVI, 24 July 1865. Mustered out 14 Oct 1865.

Father: James M. KIDD

Mother: Mary CAUGHEY

Birth: 18 Sep 1837, Wayne Co OH

Marriage: Celestia A. WELLS, 28 Jan 1864, Westfield, Medina Co OH

Death: 26 Aug 1920, Westfield, Medina Co OH

Cemetery: Maple Mound, Creston, Wayne Co, OH

Relationship: Brother of John KIDD, Company A, 120th OVI

Pension index: Francis KIDD, D 120th, E 114th and E 48th OH Inf. Widow Celestia A. Kidd applied in 1920 Sep 1, Application 1162924, Certificate 895045, filed in Ohio. An invalid pension was also applied for 10 June 1886, Application 576379, Certificate 396118. Pension Card: Francis died 26 Aug 1920 at Creston OH.

1850 Census, Canaan Twp, Wayne Co OH, Dwelling 89, Family 89: J. Mc KIDA, age 40 PA, shoemaker; Mary, age 45 PA; John, age 14 OH; Francis, age 12 OH; Anna E., age 11 OH; James F., age 9 OH; Wm C., age 7 OH; Samuel R., age 5 OH.

1860 Census, Adrian, Seneca County OH, page 27 : John McCONNEL, age 29 PA, carpenter; Catherine, age 27 OH; Amarilla, age 5 OH; Ida May, age 2 OH; Francis KIDD, age 23 OH, carpenter's apprentice; Samuel KIMMIL, age 25 PA, carpenter. [His parents were still living in Canaan Twp., Wayne Co OH.]

1870 Census, Westfield Twp, Medina County OH, page 458: Francis KIDD, age 30 OH, carpenter; Celestia, age 28 OH; Ida, age 5 OH; Emma, age 3 OH.

1880 Census, Westfield, Medina, OH, page 445: Francis KIDD, age 42 OH, a farmer, parents born PA; Celestia A, wife age 37 OH, parents born NY; Ada M, daughter, age 15 OH; Emaline, daughter, age 13 OH; Clinton E, son, age 9 OH; Nettie, daughter, age 8 months OH.

Hardesty's Historical and Geographical Encyclopedia. [Wayne County Ohio version] published in 1885, page 510, Canaan Twp section: Francis Kidd enlisted as a private in Company D, 120th Ohio Volunteer Infantry at Mansfield, Ohio, August 22, 1862, and with the regiment was sent down the Mississippi river to become a

part of the command of General Sherman. While upon the way down the river Mr. Kidd was detailed to care for the sick, and showed such fitness for the work that he was kept in that department the greater part of his army life. On the way to the south the regiment was assigned to its command and with General Sherman's army attempted to effect a landing at the Chickasaw Bayou. During this engagement Mr. Kidd was faithful in caring for his sick and wounded comrades. In the battle at Arkansas Post, the greatest loss of life was to the enemy. Near Vicksburg Mr. Kidd joined his regiment, but had only been with them two hours when an order was received from General Grant, calling him again to his post in the hospital, and from this position he was sent to the floating hospital. Here he was taken sick, and after some time spent at the convalescent camp and in the rear of Vicksburg, he was granted a sick furlough, November, 1863, and did not rejoin the regiment until March, 1864. *[During that furlough he returned home and was married. See below.]* At that time he entered the ranks, and was on the disastrous Red River expedition, on the steamer City Belle. Those of the regiment who were not captured were aided in making their way to Alexandria by a negro, who showed them a "back road." Mr. Kidd was again detailed as hospital steward, and acted as such until the close of the war. After a service of three years and two months, he received his discharge, October 14, 1865, at Houston, Texas. He is a member of Arthur Strong Post, No. 170 GAR. The parents of Francis Kidd are James M. and Mary (Coy) Kidd. He was born in Wayne county, Ohio, September 18, 1837. In Westfield, Ohio, Jan 28, 1864, Celestia A. Wells, the daughter of John and Emeline (Stamford) Wells, became his wife. Mrs. Kidd was born in Wayne county, Ohio, January 18, 1843. The children of Mr. and Mrs. Kidd are: Ida May, born November 8, 1864; Mary E., September 16, 1866; Clinton E., June 6, 1871; and Nettie E., September 24, 1879. Mr. Kidd is engaged as a carpenter and painter at Creston, Ohio.

1890 Veterans Census: Westfield, Medina Co OH: Line 28, House 147, Family 156: Francis KIDD, Pvt, Co D 120 OH Inf: Post Office: Creston, Wayne Co OH. Disability: chronic diarrhoea.

1900 Census, Westfield Twp, Medina, OH, page 215: Francis KIDD, age 62 OH, born Sep 1837, married 36 yrs, farmer, parents born PA; Celestia A, wife, age 57 OH, born Jan 1843, married 36 yrs, 7 children/4 still living, parents born NY; Nella H, daughter, age 20 OH, born Sep 1879, single, dress maker.

1910 Census, Westfield Twp, Medina County OH, page 272: Frank KIDD, age 72 OH, first marriage, married 46 yrs, truck and poultry farm, parents born PA; Celstia A, wife, age 67 OH, first marriage, married 46 yrs, 7 children/4 still living, parents born NY. [Column 30 marked UA indicating military service]

1920 Census, Westfield Twp, Medina Count OH, page 261: Francis KIDD, age 82 OH, farmer on general farm, parents born PA; Celestia A, wife, age 76 OH, parents born NY.

Obituary 9-1-1920, contributed by Robin Biddle

Francis Kidd, son of James and Mary Kidd, was born in Medina county, Sept. 18.1837, and departed this life at his home just north of Creston, Aug. 26, 1920, after a long illness, aged 82 years, 11 months and 8 days.

On January 28, 1864, he was united in marriage with Celestia A. Wells. To this union were born seven children, four of whom are living, three having died in infancy.

He was a member of the Creston Presbyterian church in which faith he remained faithful until his death.

He heard his country's call in 1862, and saw three years of active service with the 120th Reg. Of the O.V.I. He was a charter member of the Arthur Strong Post No. 170 of Creston, Ohio.

During his life he made many warm friends by his acts of kindness to all and it was a pleasure to him to do whatever he could to relieve the sufferings of others.

Mr. Kidd was a kind husband and father. He will be greatly missed by all.

He leaves to mourn their loss, his widow, four children, Ida M., Emma, Clinton E. and Nettie, eleven grandchildren, five great-grandchildren, and one brother, S.N.Kidd of Butler, Pa., besides a host of friends and relatives.

Civil War soldier Kidd, Francis 1837-1920 buried at Maple Mound, Creston, Wayne county, OH.

Thanks, Ron, for this information: Francis Kidd of this Company and John Kidd of [Company A](#) were brothers. John was the older of the two, born in June of 1836. Francis was born in September of 1837.

Death Record in Ohio: File #54810, Francis KIDD died 26 Aug 1920 at Westfield, Medina Co OH. Married. Retired carpenter. Born 18 Sep 1837. Parents, James KIDD and Mary CAUGHY, born PA. Burial Maple Mound. Informant, Clestia KIDD, of Creston OH.

Wife's Death Record in Ohio: File #31195, Celestia Amanda KIDD died 14 May 1922 at Creston, Wayne Co OH. Widowed. Born 18 Jan 1843 at Creston, OH. Parents, John WELLS and Emaline STANFORD, born NY. Burial Maple Mound. Informant Mrs. Ida STEELE, of Creston OH.

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