

Company D, 120th Ohio Volunteer Infantry



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PIPER, William* 16 Aug 1862

William Henry PIPER
Private Piper was age 19 when he entered service. He died 18 June 1863 at Columbus, Ohio. [Date conflicts with that given in Hardesty's below.] The Roll of Honor says his remains were sent home.

Listed in the Wooster Republican on 29 January 1863:

Listed at Fort Pickney Convalescent Camp at Memphis, Tennessee:
William Piper, 120th, convalescent

Father: Jacob PIPER

Mother: Catherine THOMAS

Birth: July 1842

Marriage: Single

Death: 28 June 1863 [stone says 20 yrs, 11 m, 11 ds]

Cemetery: Eight Square Mennonite Cemetery, Chester Twp, Wayne Co OH

Registers of Deaths of Volunteers, 1861-1865: W. H. PHIFER, Private, Co D 120th OH Inf, died 28 June 1863 at General Hospital Columbus, OH. Cause: pneumonia.

Not on Pension Index.

1850 Census, Chester Twp, Wayne Co OH, dwelling 223, family 227: Jacob PIPER, age 35? PA, farmer; Catherine, age 36 PA; William H, age 8 OH; Mary A, age 6 OH; Margery, age 2 OH.

1860 Census, Series M653 Roll 1051, Chester Twp, Wayne Co OH, page 323: Jacob PIPER, age 44 PA, farmer; Catharine, age 46 PA; William, age 18 OH, farm laborer; Mary A, age 15 OH; Margery, age 12 OH; Adaline, age 8 OH; Harrison, age 3 OH; Catharine THOMAS, age 73 PA, infirm widow.

Hardesty's Historical and Geographical Encyclopedia. [*Wayne County Ohio version*] published in 1885, page 500, Chester Twp section:

William Henry Piper was 20 years of age when he offered his services to his country, and nine months later he sealed his devotion with his life. He enlisted at Mansfield, Richland county, September, 1862, and on the 17th of October following he was enrolled a member of Company D, 120th Ohio Volunteer Infantry. The regiment was hurried into service, and assigned to the 3d brigade, 9th division, 13th army corps, in the left wing of the Army of the Tennessee, under General Sherman. It saw a long and brilliant series of engagements, but Mr. Piper's share included only the battles of Chickasaw Bayou and Arkansas Post. In these he participated with the courage of a veteran soldier. In the vigor of his young manhood he was one of those early stricken by the scourge of camp life, chronic diarrhea, by which he was unfitted for service. He was ordered home, but entered the hospital at St. Louis, in the spring of 1863, hoping to gain some strength there. Growing steadily worse, and longing to die at home, and with his kindred, he resumed his journey northward, reached his native State, and died at Columbus, on the 28th of June, 1863. Jacob and Catherine (Thomas) Piper were his parents, and he was born in July, 1842. His father is now a farmer near New Pittsburg, and for him this sketch has been prepared.