

Company D, 120th Ohio Volunteer Infantry

PLUM, John W. 15 Aug 1862

Private Plum was age 19 when he entered service. He was captured 3 May 1864 near Snaggy Point on the Red River, Louisiana; mustered out 7 July 1865 at Camp Chase, Ohio.

Father: Jacob PLUM

Mother: Mary Ann "Polly" SPAKE, 24 Aug 1843, Wayne Co OH

Birth: 1844

Marriage: Martha C.[G] JACKSON, 17 Sep 1868, Wayne Co OH

Death: 21 Sep 1897

Cemetery: Orr Cemetery, [Lutheran Cemetery,] Orrville, Wayne Co OH

Stone photo at [Find a Grave](#). Photo Credit: Margaret GUNN

Corner of North Mill Street and East Church Street.

Pension record: John W PLUM, D 120th OH Inf. Widow Martha C. Plum applied in Ohio in ?29 Sept 1897, Application 663127, Certificate 456263, filed in OH. John had applied for an invalid pension in 1866 Feb 9, Application 101979, Certificate 195199. Pension Card: John died 21 Sep 1897.

Parents [Wayne Co Probate Court record: Jacob PLUM married Mary Ann SPAKE on 24 Aug 1843 in Wayne Co OH.].....World Connect: parents were Jacob and Mary Ann "Polly" [SPAKE] PLUM. But Jacob died sometime before 1851. And mother Mary remarried George ARNOLD in 1850.

1850 Census, Sugar Creek Twp, Wayne Co OH, dwelling 416, family 417: Christ ?CHEBER?, age 94 PA; George ARNOLD, age 35 PA, carpenter; Polly, age 28 PA; Elizabeth, age 5 PA; John, age 6 PA. [This seems to be the two PLUM children living with their remarried mother.]

1860 census: Sugar Creek township, Wayne county OH: These are John's grandparents: Henry [63 Switzerland]and Susanna [63 PA] PLUM Living with them: Eva [23 OH], Julia [17 OH], and John [15 OH]. Henry was a farmer. Eva and Julia were John's aunts. John's only PLUM sibling was Elizabeth [16 OH] who was living with the ARNOLD family in 1860.

Wayne county OH probate records: John W. PLUM married Martha C. JACKSON, 17 Sep 1868.

1870 census: Sugar Creek township, Wayne county OH: John [26 OH] and Martha [24 OH] PLUM. No children listed. John is a farmer.

1880 Census, Orrville, Wayne Co OH, page 21: John W. PLUMER, age 36 OH, selling A. Implements, parents born OH; Martha C, wife, age 35 OH, father born OH, mother born PA; Laura B, daughter, age 9 OH; Ettie May, daughter, age 8 OH; William C, son, age 6 OH; Floyd H, son, age 4 OH; Cloyd H, son, age 4 OH.

1890 Veterans Schedule: Orrville, Wayne Co OH: Line 29, House 119, Family 126: John PLUM, Pvt, Co D 120 OH Inf. Post Office: Orrville, OH. Disability: eye gone and other one badly affected.

Dalton Gazette, Thursday 23 Sept 1897, page 2

Sept 21 -- John Plum, died this morning at his residence on E. Water St. [Orrville] of disease contracted in the army. He was a member of the 120, O.V.I. Funeral from late residence on Thursday at 2 p.m.

The Wooster Weekley Republican, 6 Oct 1897 page 2, added that he died at age 58 yrs, 5 months and 8 days. He had been ill for 2 months. [But that age does not agree with the census records.]

1900 Census, Series T623 Roll 1331, Orrville, Baughman Twp, Wayne Co OH, page 21: Martha C. PLUM, age 54 OH, widow, born June 1845, 6 children/6 still living, parents born PA; Etta M, daughter, born Apr 1872[28 OH] single, William, son, born Dec 1873[26 OH], day laborer, single; Floyd, son, born Dec 1875[24 OH] day laborer, single; Cloyd, son, born Dec 1875[24 OH], express agent, single; Arthur, son, born Aug 1881[19 OH] flour packer, single. Also a granddaughter, Cletas SCOTT [6 OH], parents born OH.. [There was also an oldest child named Laura....see World Connect below.]

1910 Census, Series T624 Roll 1239, Baughman Twp, Wayne Co OH, page 19: Martha C PLUM, age 66 OH, widow, 6 children/5 still living, parents born PA; William C, son, age 37 OH, single, contractor street sewage; Floyd H, son, age 34 OH, single, laborer odd jobs; John A, son, age 29 OH, first marriage, married 6 yrs, no occupation; Cleta, SCOTT, grand daughter, age 16 OH, single, no occupation.

1920 Census, Series T625 Roll 1448, Baughman Twp, Wayne Co OH, page 20: Martha C PLUM, age 75 OH, widow, parents born PA; Cleta D. SCOTT, grand daughter, age 24 OH, single, parents born OH, bookkeeper at factory office.

More about this family can be found at [World Connect](#)

Sons of Union Veterans Grave Database: John W PLUM, born 1844, died 1897, burial Lutheran Cem, Orrville.

Wife's death record in Ohio: File #42289, Martha C PLUM, of 5 Water St, died 3 July 1924 at Orrville, Wayne Co OH.

Widow of John PLUM. Born 9 June 1844 in Brookfield, OH. Parents, Joseph JACKSON and Eva BAER, born Lancaster Co PA. Burial Orrville Cem. Informant F. H. PLUM, of Orrville OH.