

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



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SMYSER, Albert 22 Aug 1862

Private Smyser was age 23 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: Emanuel SMYSER

Mother: Catherine ALBERT

Birth: 18 July 1838 in Chester Twp, Wayne Co OH

Marriage: Mary Ellen MAYER, 8 Nov 1860, Wayne Co OH

Death: 20 Sep 1908

Cemetery: Wooster Cemetery, Wayne Co OH

Pension index: Albert SMYSER, D 120th OH Inf. Widow Mary E. Smyser applied for pension in 1908 Oct 12, Application 905971, Certificate 664850, filed in OH. Albert had applied for invalid pension 25 May 1892, Application 1113401, Certificate 9401645, filed in OH.

1850 Census, Plain Twp, Wayne Co OH, dwelling 76, family 78: Emmanuel SMYSER, age 41 PA; Catherine, age 40 PA; Albert, age 12 OH; Harmon, age 8 OH; Mary A, age 6 OH; Ann E, age 5 OH; George M?, age 4 OH; Eleanora, age 10 months OH; Amanda E FLORY, age 11 OH; Samuel CRULL or COULL, age 67 PA, no occupation.

1860 Census, Chester Twp, Wayne County OH, page 303: Emanuel SMYZER, age 47 PA, farmer; Catherine, age 48 PA; Albert, age 21 OH; Harmon, age 19 OH; Mary age 17 OH; Ann E, ae 15 OH; George J, age 13 OH; Eleanora, age 11 OH; Martin S, age 9 OH; Michael SMYZER, age 65 PA.

Wayne county OH Probate: Albert SMYSER married Mary Ellen MAYER, 8 Nov 1860

1870 Census, Series M593 Roll 1280, Chester Twp, Wayne Co OH, page 63: Albert SMYSER, age 32 OH, farmer; M.E. [female], age 30 OH; J.L. [female]. age 7 OH; L. B. [female], age 4 OH; Ashley, [male], age 1 OH; Michael CASSIDAY, age 21 PA, works on farm; Suffie CARSON, [female], age 39 PA, without occupation.

1880 Census, Chester, Wayne, Ohio, page 50: Albert SMYSER, age 41 OH, farmer, parents born PA; Ellen M, wife, age 40 OH, parents born PA; Nettie J, daughter, age 17 OH; Laura B, daughter, age 14 OH; Ashley, son, age 11 OH.

1890 Veterans Schedule: Chester Twp, Wayne Co OH: Line 17, House 8\*, Family 82: Albert SMYSER, Pvt, Co D 120 OH Inf. Post Office: Wooster, OH.

1900 Census, Chester Twp, Wayne County OH, page 66: Albert SMYSER, age 62 OH, born July 1838, married 29 yrs, farmer, parents born PA; M Ellen, wife, age 60 OH, born Apr? 1840, married 29 yrs, 5 children/5 still living, father born PA, mother born OH; Lela F, daughter, age 19 OH, born Sept 1880, single, In School.

In the Wooster Daily News on 21 Sep 1908 an obituary was published for Albert Smyser of the 120th OVI. He died on 20 Sep 1908. He was the brother of Congressman M.L. Smyser who died 4 months before Albert.. He was a well known farmer living in Chester township, Wayne County, OH. He was 70 years and two months old. He was born on 18 July 1838 in Chester township. His father was Emanuel Smyser.

Emanuel had come to Wayne county in 1832. Al lived on that farm with the exception of the 3 years spent living in Wooster on West Liberty street. During that time he was a member of Wooster City Council. After those 3 years he moved back to the farm. He was one not to join churches or groups, not even the GAR.

His wife and four children were still living at the time of his death: AW Smyser, living west of Wooster; Mrs. Henry Caskey; Mrs. Irvin Hiner; Miss Lela Caskey of the Smyser home. Al also had 2 brothers and 2 sisters still living: Harmon of Wayne township and George of Cleveland; Mrs. WA Hoffman and Miss Anna Smyser of Doylestown. Al was buried in the Wooster Cemetery.

1910 Census, Series T624 Roll 1239, Chester Twp, Wayne Co OH, page 62: Mary E SMYSER, age 69 OH, widow, 4 children/4 still living, own income, father born PA, mother born OH; Living in same dwelling: Irvin H HINER, age 46 OH, first marriage, married 22 yrs, farmer on general farm, father born PA, mother born OH; Laura B, wife, age 43 OH, first marriage, married 22 yrs, 1 child/1 still living, parents born OH; Jay B PINNICKS?, hired man, age 16 OH, single, farm laborer on general farm. [ Russell and Eliza HINER living in next dwelling.]

1920 Census, Series T625 Roll 1448, West Liberty St, Wooster, Wayne Co OH, page 140: Henry CASKEY, age 63 OH, retired farmer, father born OH, can't read mother's birthplace; Nettie, age 57 OH, parents born OH; Helen SMYSER, mother in law, age 79, widow, father born PA, mother born OH.

I haven't been able to find the death record of wife Mary Ellen [Helen], 1928, or for Albert himself, 1908.

Brother's Family Search Death Record in Ohio: File # 11930, Harmon SMYSER of W North St, died 8 Feb 1925 at Wooster, Wayne Co OH. Widowed. Wife, Melissa SMYSER. Born 16 or 11 Sep 1841 at Wayne Co OH. Retired farmer. Parents, Emmanuel SMYSER and Katherine ALBERT, born PA. Burial Wooster Cem. Informant, E. E. SMYSER, of Wooster OH.

Daughter's Family Search Death Record in Ohio: File #27576, Jenette CASKEY died 13 Apr 1950 at 140 Miller Road, Wooster, Wayne Co OH. Widow. Born 4 Nov 1862 in OH. Parents Albert SMYSER and Mary MYERS. Burial Wooster Cem. Informant Treva Hiner MILLER.

Daughter's Family Search Death Record in Ohio: File #12891, Laura B HINER, of West North St, died 25 Feb 1930 at Wooster, Wayne Co OH. Married to Irvin HINER. Born 2 May 1866 in Wayne County OH. Parents Albert SMYSER and Mary MYERS, born OH. Burial Wooster Cemetery. Informant Ashley SMYSER, of Wooster OH.