

Company D, 120th Ohio Volunteer Infantry

STRAHER, John H.* 19 Aug 1862 John Henry STRAHER
Corporal Straher was age 19 when he entered service. He died 4 Feb 1863 at St. Louis, Missouri of wounds received on 11 Jan 1863 in the battle of Arkansas Post, Arkansas.
The Roll of Honor says he is buried at St. Louis, Missouri in Jefferson Barracks Cemetery. [Not listed at interment.com]

Father: Levi STRAHER

Mother: Fanny

Birth: <1843>PA

Marriage: Sarah HOAG

Death: 4 Feb 1863, St. Lous, MO

Cemetery: St. Louis, St Louis Co, MO, Jefferson Barracks Cemetery [Not listed at interment.com. May be buried there as an unknown.]

Registers of Deaths of Volunteers, 1861-1865: Jno H. STRAHER, Corporal, Co D 120th OH Inf., died 4 Feb 1863 at Lawson General Hospital St Louis MO. Cause: vulnus sclopet [wound inflicted by gunshot].

Have not found in Burial Registers, Military Posts and National Cemeteries, 1862-1960.

Not listed on National Cemetery Interment Control Forms, 1928-1962.

Pension index: John H STRAHER, D 120th OH Inf. Widow Sarah A. STRAHER applied 13 Mar 1863, application 15291, Certificate 578168, no state given. And 25 Jan, 1864, Application 43606, Certificate 70574 a minor guardian was listed John H. Straher.

Information from Jackie Riblett Horvath, at jackie_horvath@ipsd.org or jlrhorvath@aol.com

Jackie is the great great great granddaughter of John H STRAHER and his wife Sarah HOAG.

Death of John Straher

The following letter from Capt. Emrich to Mrs. Straher, conveys the sad intelligence of her husband's death.

Headquarter Army of Mississippi,}

Feb. 14, 1863 }

Mrs. Sarah Straher – Dear Madame: It is under a deep sense of feeling I am thus compelled to convey to you the sad and painful intelligence of the death of your husband, John Straher. I this day received official notice from St. Louis, Mo., that he died on the 4th inst. of musket shot wound in the ankle. His wound was not considered dangerous when he was taken off the field. But thus it is – man is like the grass that is cut down and wilted in an hour. I can deeply sympathize with you in your deep and sore bereavement, hoping that you may bear up under it with a Christian spirit, yielding submissively to Him that holds us as it were in the palms of his hand and doeth all things well. He was a faithful, honest and true soldier, and laid down his life honorably in the defense of his country. Thus we have lost another true patriot and good and faithful citizen and neighbor, and our company of which he was a member deeply lament his loss.

He was wounded at the battle of Arkansas Post, on the 11th of January 1863. The next day he was put on board a steamboat along with many others that were wounded in the same battle, and started up the river. I never was informed where they taken him nor heard from him until I received official notice from the St. Louis Hospital of his death, which took me very much by surprise. I mentioned it in two of my letters I wrote after it happened. Whether they were received or not I do not know. I must close, hoping this may reach and find you well. Yours truly,

G. P. Emrick

John Henry STRAHER's parents were Levi STRAHER and Fanny. His siblings were Mary Ann, Frances, Catherine, and Samuel. John married Sarah HOAG and had two children, Levi H and Percis Cornelia, who was the great great grandmother of contributor Jackie Horvath. The soldier's father eventually became guardian of John and Sarah's two children. Sarah married twice after John died.

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1850 Census, Rapho, Lancaster Co PA, Dwelling 452, Family 478: Levi STRAYER, age 34 PA, laborer; Fanay, age 42 PA; John Henry STRAYER, age 15 PA; Maryeann, age 13 PA; Fanny, age 10 PA; Catherine, age 7 PA; Samuel, age 5 PA.

Family 1860 Census, Series M653 Roll 1050, Wayne Twp, Wayne Co OH, page 158: Levi STRAHER, age 48 PA, farm hand; Fanny, age 50 PA; Fanny E, age 20 PA; Cathrine, age 17 PA; Samuel, age 14 PA. Next house: John STRAHER, age 24 PA, farm hand; Sarah, age 22 OH; Levi H, age one OH.

1870 Census, Series M593 Roll 1281, Wooster Twp, Wayne Co OH, page 390: Levi STRAYER, age 57 PA, farmer and lawyer; Fanny, age 60 PA; Catherine, age 24 PA; Samuel S, age 22 PA, at school in Smithville. On that same page: John DIETZ, age 35 PA, millwright; Francis, age 34? PA; Robert C. LANDES, age 8 OH; Levi STRAYER, age 12 OH; Percis C STRAYER, [female], age 10 OH. [Wayne County Probate Court record...daughter's marriage: Persis STRAYER married John K FISHER on 1 Jan 1878 in Wayne Co OH.]

Widow remarried, Family Search, Ohio, County Marriages, 1789-1994: Sarah STRAIR married Henry BURKHOLDER Jr., 28 Dec 1871 at Wayne Co OH, by Rev. W. J. Sloan.

1880 Census, Series T9 Roll 1077, Bever St, 1st ward Wooster, Wayne Co OH, page 416: Sarah BURKHOLDER, age 40 NY, parents born NY; Levi H STRAYER, son, age 21 OH, works in paper m[mill?], father born PA, mother born NY; Ella BURKHOLDER, daughter, age 8 OH, father born PA, mother born NY. [Family Search, Ohio, Births and Christenings, 1821-1962: Ellen G. BURKHOLDER born 23 Sep 1872 at Wooster, Wayne Co OH. Father Henry BURKHOLDER. Mother Sarah M. HOAG.]

Not on 1890 Veterans Schedule

Daughter's Family Search Death Record in Ohio: Persis Cornelia LEVERS died 17 Feb 1947, age 85, widow. Born 12 Apr 1861 at Wayne Co OH. Usual residence, Lakewood, Cuyahoga Co OH, 17525 Madison Ave. Father John STRAYER, born Wayne Co. Mother Sara HOAG, born New York State. Informant Bertia W. RAYNOLDS 17525 Madison Ave. Burial East Union Cemetery, Wooster OH.

Son's Family Search Death Record in Ohio: File #36478, Levi H STRAYER died 31 May 1917 at 289 Blvd?, Akron, Summit Co OH. Widowed. Laborer. Born 3 Nov 1858 in OH. Father Henry STRAYER, born OH. Mother's information not known. Burial Lakewood. Informant, Samuel STRAYER, of Blvd? Ave.

Pension records at fold3.com: [This is all there was in the files there.]

Widow

Two minors: Levi H born 2 Nov and Percis C born 11 Apr.

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