

Company D, 120th Ohio Volunteer Infantry



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WATERS, John W. 22 Aug 1862
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Corporal Waters was age 28 when he entered service. [note: This age was probably incorrect. See information below.] He was wounded 22 May 1863 in the siege of Vicksburg, Mississippi; discharged 18 Dec 1863 at Madison, Indiana on a Surgeon's certificate of disability.

Pension Card: **John W. WALTERS**, Sgt, Co D 120th OH Inf. Invalid pension 30 May 1864, application 46390, Certificate 29689. John died 30 Aug 1918 at Apple Creek, OH.

Father: Henry WATTERS

Mother: Anna WISEGARVER

Birth: 15 Apr 1838, OH

Marriage: Elizabeth C GOCHENANER, 4 Jul 1865, Wayne County OH

Death: 30 Aug 1918 at Wooster, Wayne Co OH

Cemetery: Applecreek Cemetery, Applecreek OH

1850 Census, Sugar Creek, Wayne Co OH, Dwelling 415, Family 416: Hanry WATTERS, age 50 PA, farmer; Anna, age 46 PA; Mary A, age 24 OH; Caroline, age 18 OH; Amanda, age 16 OH; Sarah E., age 14 OH; John W, age 12 OH; Margaret, age 10 OH, twin; Rebecca M., age 10 OH, twin; Malissa E., age 8 OH; ?Novilla, age 4 OH.

1860 census: Sugar Creek township, Wayne county OH: Henry [61 PA, a farmer] and Annie [56 PA] Waters, with them are: Susan [25 OH], Sarah [23 OH], John [22 OH], Melissa [18 OH] and Orrville [14 OH].

I noticed how some who indexed the census records misread the name Watters for Walters. So I looked up John W. Walters to see if there was a marriage record for him with an Elizabeth.

Wayne County Probate Record: John W WALTERS married Elizabeth C GOCHENANER on 4 Jul 1865 in Wayne County OH.

In the 1870 census: Wooster township, Wayne county, OH

John Waters [31 OH, a farmer], Elizabeth [28 OH], Dora [4 OH], Cletus [12 months OH]

1880 Census, Wooster Twp, Wayne County OH, page 355: John M WATTERS, age 42 OH, farming, parents born PA; Elizabeth, wife, age 39 OH, parents born PA; Dora, daughter, age 14 OH; Cletus, son, age 11 OH; Della, daughter, age 9 OH; Daisy, daughter, age 3 OH; Curtis L, 5 months OH, relationship not given.

1890 Veterans Schedule: East Union Twp, Wayne Co OH: Line 20, House 178, Family 183: John W. WATTERS, Srgt, Co D 120 OH inf. Post Office: Apple Creek Disability: Shot in right shoulder. Lost ??? of humerous and socket of shoulder.

1900 Census is very hard to read

East Union Twp, Wayne County OH, page 162 at the bottom of page B. It looks like John WATTERS, a farmer, age 62, born Apr 1838, married 35 yrs. And Elizabeth his wife age 59?, born Aug? 1841, married 35 yrs, 6 children/5 still living. Daughter Della is there and she is a dress maker.

In the 1910 census: Apple Creek village, East Union township, Wayne county, OH
John W. Watters [72 widowed OH], has own income
daughter Dora O. [43 OH single]
daughter Della I [38 OH single], a dressmaker

John W. Watters died in Wayne county OH, 30 Aug 1918.

There is a Civil War soldier Watters, John W. 1838-1918 buried at Apple Creek cemetery #2, Wayne county OH.

Family Search Death Record in Ohio: File #51489, John W. WATTERS died 30 Aug 1918 at Wooster, Wayne Co OH. Retired Farmer. Widower. Born 15 Apr 1838 in OH. Parents, Henry WATTERS and Anna WISEGARVER, born PA. Burial Applecreek OH. Informant C. W. WATTERS, of Wooster OH.

Wooster Daily Republican 6 Sep 1906, page 4

"John W. Watters was born April 15, 1838, near Moscow, Wayne county, Ohio. He was a son of Henry and Anna Watters, the last to survive of a family of twelve children, three sons and nine daughters, all of whom lived to maturity.

In early manhood he became a member of the Dalton Presbyterian church, retaining firm faith in the God of its teachings to the end of life and spent much time in later years searching the Scriptures.

He was a volunteer in the 120th Regiment, O. V. I., 1861, was wounded at the siege of Vicksburg May 22 1863.

On the 4th of July, 1865, he was united in marriage with Elizabeth Gochnauer, who preceded him to the other world 17 years ago. Six children were born to this union, one of these dying in infancy. The survivors are, C. R. Watters, of Wooster; Curtis L. Watters, of Orrville; Mrs. Theodore Shaffer, Mrs. Israel Odenkirk, Mrs. Charles Krick, of Applecreek, with five grandchildren and a large number of nieces and nephews.

Mr. Watters was visiting with his son in Wooster in seemingly good health, when he was taken ill and after about ten days of sickness, departed this life Friday morning, August 30, 1918, aged 80 years, four months and 15 days.

Funeral services were conducted from the old home in East Union township, with interment at Applecreek.

Among relatives in attendance were, Josiah Harter, Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Milar, Ramah Watters, Miss Gertrude Watters, Mrs. Laura Trout, Mr. and Mrs. Will Hostetler and daughter Hazel, all of Akron; Mrs. C. A. Andrews, of Cleveland; Mrs. Margaret Gochnauer, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Gochnauer, of Orrville."

Son's Death Record in Ohio: File #13431, Cletus Riley WATTERS, of 714 Pittsburgh Ave Wooster, died 1 Feb 1952 at Wooster Convalescent, Wooster, Wayne Co OH. Married. Retired Farmer. Born 19 Mar 1869 in OH. Parents, John WATTERS and Elizabeth GOCHENHOUR. Burial Wooster Cem. Informant Susie WATTERS.

In an Article published in the Cleveland Plain Dealer, Sunday 18 Oct 1936, there is a story by Sam A. Weissenburger, about a couple who were campers. They were modern campers using trailers. The woman of the story was Mrs. Elva Watters, the daughter of Emanuel Shreve, Co A 120th OVI and Orvilla Swinehart.

She married Cletus Watters, son of John Watters, Co D 120th OVI, and Elizabeth Gochenour. In the article she said that their "families had always known each other." She said their fathers were in the same regiment in the war, the 120th Ohio Volunteer Infantry. She said that Cletus' father John, had been wounded and that her father, Emanuel Shreve, had looked after him "as best he could." Cletus Watters and Elva Shreve married 24 Dec 1896. Cletus died 1952. Elva died 1941. They are buried at [Wooster Cem.](#)