

Company E, 120th Ohio Volunteer Infantry



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BOTT, Simon M. 15 Aug 1862
Private Bott was age 29 when he entered service. He was transferred to Co. H, 114th OVI on 27 Nov 1864. Mustered out 5 June 1865 at New Orleans, LA, by order of War Dept.

Father: Henry BOTT
Mother: Martha MUSSELMAN
Birth: 27 Mar 1833, Lancaster PA
Marriage: Leah FEIGHTNER, Wayne Co OH
Death: 27 Jan 1892
Cemetery: Mt Zion Cemetery, Milton Twp, Wayne Co OH. Flag holder indicates 120th OVI

Pension index: Simon M BOTT, H 114th and E 120th OH Inf. Simon had applied for invalid pension in 1876 May 22, Application 219640; Certificate 165424. Widow Leah Bott applied for pension [service in Co. E 120th and in H of the 114th] in Ohio 28 Dec 1892, Application 567338; Certificate 380938.

1850 Census, East Union Twp, Wayne County, OH, page 210: Henry BUTT, age 48 PA, farmer; Barbara, age 28 Germany; Simon, age 17 PA; Davis, age 14 PA; Barbara, age 11 OH; Susanna, age 8 OH; Henry, age 5 OH; Mary Ann, age 1 OH.

Ohio Marriages: Simon BOTT [listed as BUTT] married Leah FEIGHTNER, 5 Feb 1857, Wayne Co OH.

1860 Census, East Union Twp, Wayne Co OH, Dwelling 252, Family 265: Misread for the index as Simon BULL: Simon BOTT, age 27 PA, farmer; Leah, age 24 OH; Amanda, age 2 OH.

1870 Census, Jennings Twp, Van Wert Co OH, Dwelling 113, Family 113: Simon M. BOTT, age 36 PA, farmer; Leah, age 33 OH; Amanda, age 12 OH; Clara E, age 10 OH.

1880 Census, Jennings Twp, Van Wert County, OH, page 501: Simon M BOTT, age 47 PA, farmer, parents born PA; Laah, age 44 OH, wife, parents born PA; Amanda M, daughter, age 22 OH; Jane, daughter, age 9 OH.

Not found on 1890 Veterans Schedule.

Hardesty's Wayne = Hardesty's Historical and Geographical Encyclopedia. [Wayne County version] published in 1885 page 508, Canaan township section:

Simon M. Bott enlisted in Plain township, Wayne County, Ohio, August 15, 1862, in Company E, 120th Ohio volunteer Infantry. Under Sherman he took part in the battle of Chickasaw Bayou. There are but five entrances to the land in the chain of bayous on this bank of the river, and these were in possession of the enemy, and so strongly fortified that when our troops attempted a landing they were swept by such a fire and cross fire that advance was impossible. Falling down the river with the troops on crowded transports, with poor and scanty provisions and miserable water, disease proved as formidable a foe to our soldiers as the confederate army in their well fortified position. Mr. Bott also bore a part in the battles of Arkansas Post, Thompsons Hill, Port Gibson, Champion Hills, Black River Bridge, siege of Vicksburg, siege of Jackson, Brandon. He was on the City Belle during the Red River expedition when it fell into the hands of the foe and was burned. Mr. Bott was one of the men who shoved out the plank for the men to go ashore on. At this time he lost everything except courage. His health failed, and he was sent to the hospital at New Orleans, from which place he was sent home on sick furlough, September 28, 1864. In December he again joined the regiment, but in February was again an inmate of the hospital, where he remained until transferred to the marine hospital in May, and from which place his discharge was granted, June 5, 1865. While in service he was frequently detailed to the pioneer corps, to build foot bridges, and on provost guard duty. He is a member of Arthur Strong Post, No. 170, G.A.R. In Lancaster, Pennsylvania, March 27, 1833, was born Simon M. son of Henry Bott, M.D. and Martha (Musselman) Bott. In Wayne county, by Rev. John E. Carson, a Presbyterian clergyman, Simon M. Bott and Leah Feightner were made husband and wife. Mrs. Bott is the daughter of Joseph and Elizabeth (Wolf) Feightner, and was born in Wayne county, Ohio, June 2, 1836. Three children were born: Amanda Ann, November 17, 1857, now residing at Delphos, Allen county, Ohio; Clare E., July 20, 1860, now deceased, her death occurring April 28, 1881, and Rosa Jane, November 20, 1870. Mr. Bott is employed as a wagon maker at Creston, Ohio.

The Graves Registration gives his address at his death as Apple Creek. He died 27 Jan 1892 in Apple Creek. He was born in 1810[Incorrect: see above the year of his birth] in Lancaster PA.

1900 Census, Creston village, Canaan twp, Wayne County, OH, page 28: Leah BOTT, age 63 OH, widow, born June 1836, 4 children/2 still living, parents born PA.

1910 Census, Spencerville, Spencer Twp, Allen Co OH, Dwelling 80, Family 82: Christopher L. LOUTH, age 51 OH, parents born Germany, retail shoes; Amanda A, wife, age 52 OH, parents born OH, married 28 yrs, 0 children; Leah BOTT, mother in law, age 73 OH, widow, parents born OH; 4 children/2 still living, own income.

Wife's Death record: Leah BOTT died 15 Jun 1910 at Spencerville, Allen Co OH. Widow. Born 2 Jun 1836 OH. Father Joseph FEIGHTNER, born OH. Mother Mary WOLF, born OH. Burial Spencerville Cemetery.