

Company E, 120th Ohio Volunteer Infantry



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BRANT, John* 22 Aug 1862
Private Brant was age 22 when he entered service. He died 14 May 1863 at Milliken's Bend, Louisiana. [Note: age differs from age in pension records of his widow. He would have been about 30.]

The Roll of Honor lists him as being buried at Vicksburg, Mississippi, section E, grave 190.[old numbers]

Father:

Mother:

Birth: <1832>

Marriage: ABEGAEL WELLS, 27 Jan 1853, Wayne Co OH [John was age 21.]

Death: 14 May 1863, Milliken's Bend, LA

Cemetery: Vicksburg National Cemetery, Warren Co MS Brandt, Jno., d. 14 May 1863, Plot: E 1642, Pvt, Civil War, Co E 120th OH

US Registers of Deaths of Volunteers, 1861 - 1865: John BRUNT [misspelled], Private, Co E 120th OH Inf, died 13 May 1863, at Van Buren General Hospital Millikens Bend, LA. Cause: chronic diarrhoea.

Burial Registers, Military Posts and National Cemeteries, 1862-1960: J. BRANDT, Private, Co E, 120th OH Inf.; running number 572, moved from grave yard at Marshal Plantation, Madison Parish, LA. Died 14 May 1863. Vicksburg section E grave 190.

1850 Census, East Union Twp, Wayne Co OH, dwelling 335, family 336: Jacob ARNOLD, age 33 OH, farmer; Nancy, age 33 PA; Sarah, age 7 OH, George, age 5 OH; John BRANDT, age 18 OH.

In the Wayne County Probate Records, Wayne county OH, John BRANT married ABEGAEL WELLS on 27 Jan 1853.

1860 Census, Mohican Twp, Ashland County, OH, page 255: John BRANT, age 28 PA, day laborer; Abigail, age 25 OH; Eunice, age 6 OH; George, age 4 OH; Leander [male] age 6 months, OH.

Widow Abigail Brant was in the pension index. She applied for a pension on the service of John who was listed as being in Co E of the 120th. She applied 2 Nov 1863, Application 37493, Certificate 40668. Also on the same card there is a listing for Abigail Coon as Guardian for minors on 18 May 1871, Application 196391, Certificate 151948. So I looked for Abigail Coon in 1880. I believe this is the widow with her new husband and the two sons of the 120th soldier, John Brant. Because of all the evidence gathered, I believe that the age given for John BRANT when he entered the service is not correct.

Mason County clerk, marriage records: Abigal BRANT or WELLS married John F COON on 12 Jun 1870 in Lincoln Twp, Osceola, MI.

1870 Census, Lincoln Twp, Mason County, MI, page 465: John COON, age 19 OH, farmer; Abigal, age 30 OH; George BRANT, age 14 IN; Leander BRANT, ag 10 IN; Delfina BRANT, age 7 IN.

1880 census: Ludington, Mason county, Michigan: John F. COON, age 28 OH, laborer, parents born NY; Abigal, wife, age 45 OH, takes in washing, father born NY, mother born PA; George BRYANT, stepson, age 24 OH, lather and laborer, father born PA, mother born OH; Leander BRYANT, stepson, age 21 OH, laborer, father born PA, mother born OH; Jay H WEBBER, other, age 18 MI, laborer, father born NY, mother born OH.

IGI lists: Leander BRANT born 1859, Mohican, Ashland county, OH. Parents, John and Abigail Brant.

George BRANT born 1856, Mohican, Ashland county, OH. Parents, John and Abigail Brant.

Also lists a Eunice BRANT born 1854, Mohican, Ashland county, OH. Parents, John and Abigail Brant.

In 1900 Abigail was living with son Leander in City of Ludington, Mason County MI, page 70. She was born in PA in Dec 1833. Her father was born in NY and her mother in PA. She had 5 children/3 still living.

The following is from the Widow's pension at fold3.com:

Brief: Abigail BRANT widow of John BRANT, Pvt. Co E 120th OH Vols, Post office Lake Fork, Ashland Co OH. Rolls show that soldier was mustered as Pvt 14 Oct 1862 and died in Hospital at Millikens Bend, LA 14 May 1863.

Captain Eason testified that John continued to perform military duty until Jan 1863 when he was taken sick at Youngs Point, LA with Camp Fever and inflammatory rheumatism. Left service March 1863 and was very sick. Died in May 1863.

Died 13/14 May 1863 at hospital in Millikens Bend, LA. John and Abigail were married 27 Jan 1853.

Marriage: John BRANDT and Miss Abegael WELLS married at Wayne Co OH on 27 Jan 1853, by minister of Gospel Benjamin Pope.

Abigail Brant of Lincoln MI, age thirty, married John F COON of Amber? MI, age nineteen??? Married on 12 June 1870 at Lincoln, Mason Co MI.

Abigail Brant Coon died 31 Jan 1917 at Grand Rapids MI, address 10 E. Franklin/Frankling St. Her 2nd husband, John F. Coon, had died 12 Sept 1896, at age 44yrs, 3 months at Ludington, Mason Co MI. He died of consumption, born OH, occupation cooper. Parents were William H. and Almira Coon.

Abigail's daughter applied for money for her care and burial. Delphina Edmonds of Grand Rapids, Kent Co MI. Pensioner lived at 802 South Division Ave. Grand Rapids, MI and died there. That was Delphina's home. She was to be buried at Ludington, MI. Delphina's husband was Samuel D. Edmonds.

John Brant's brother was George Brant who had also lived in Wayne Co OH when John and Abigail did. His affidavit was dated 21 Dec 1901. He was, at that time, age 67 and his p o address was Warsaw, Kosciusko Co IN.

Abigail was age 18 when she married John Brant and John was 21. Neither had been previously married.

John had never served in the army or navy of the US previous to 22 Aug 1862. Second husband John F. Coon was not in the military being only 14 at the close of the war. "John F. Coon was in poor health for many years before his death...and that she herself had largely supported the family by her daily labor...." William H. Coon and Lovilla McMullen were the brother and sister of John Coon.

Eunice D. GOTT of Bellevue, Eaton Co MI, was the daughter of Abigail Coon.

Abigail was born 4 Dec 1833 at Blatchleyville, Wayne Co OH.

R. P. Bishop of Ludington MI, affidavit: "He [John Coon] was rather a shiftless man, of rather poor health, and a very poor provider for his family. Neither of them had any property, and they depended largely for their livelihood, upon the day labor of the applicant in this case, Mrs. Abigail Coon, who was always a faithful, hard-working woman, of little intellect, but a woman that was respected in her class in society. She worked at day labor in my own home at various times, washing and at house-cleaning. At present she is old, feeble and dependent, although she is ready and willing to try to work. There is no one upon whom she can depend for support except in an occasional odd job, which a crippled son can do. She has no property of any kind, and is very needy." April 1903

In another letter, 20 Apr 1903, to the Commissioner of Pensions, Bishop said: "She [Abigail Coon] was once pensioned, and if she had not taken Coon to care for, the government would have continued to advance her \$12.00 per month. She thought she wanted a man, no matter how poor a one, and that longing has saved the government something like \$2,500. She is honest and ignorant, but truly entitled, and I hope that you will dispense justice speedily."

John and Abigail's minor children were Eunice D. born 4 Jan 1854 at Ashland Co OH; George W, born 4 Mar 1856, Wayne Co OH; Leander, born 1 Jan 1860 Wayne Co OH; Delphina, born 2 June 1862 Wayne Co OH.

Attending doctor for Leander's and Delphina's births was William Blachley. Susanna Wells was present at the births of George W. Brant. Doctor Thomas Moore was attending doctor at the birth of Eunice D. Brant and Catharine Anderson was also present.

22 Dec 1866 Abigail Brant was at Muskegon Co MI, age 33.