

Company E, 120th Ohio Volunteer Infantry



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COWELL, Christopher* 23 Aug 1862 [Note: There is a younger Christopher COWELL in Co. A, who survived the war.]
Corporal Cowell was age 39 when he entered service. He died 15 March[incorrect] 1863 at Milliken's Bend, Louisiana. The Roll of Honor lists him as being buried at Vicksburg, Mississippi, in section H, grave 143.

Father:

Mother:

Birth: <1823>PA

Marriage: Maria ??? 25 Aug 1842 at Green Co PA

Death: 17 May 1863 at Milliken's Bend, LA

Cemetery: Vicksburg National Cemetery, Warren County, MS Cowell, Christopher, d. 18 May 1863, Plot: H 143, Cpl, Civil War, Co E 120th OH Regt

Relationship: Father of William H. COWELL, Co E 120th OVI

Registers of Deaths of Volunteers, 1861-1865: Christopher COWILL, Private, Co not given, 120th OH Inf, died 17 May 1863 at Van Buren General Hospital, Millikens Bend LA. Cause: chronic diarrhoea.

Burial Registers, Military Posts and National Cemeteries, 1862-1960: Moved from grave yard at Marshall Plantation, Madison Parish, LA. running number 539. C. COWELL [CORRELL], Corporal, Co E 120th OH Inf. died 15 May 1863 Vicksburg section H 143

Pension Index: Christopher COWELL, Co E 120th OH Inf. Minor, C REIDER guardian, filed 2 Nov 1863, Application 37507, Certificate 118249. No state given.

1850 Census, Cumberland Twp, Greene Co, PA, Dwelling 332, Family 339: Christopher COWEL, age 27 PA, farmer; Mariah, age 27 PA; Harriet, age 6 PA; William Henry, age 5 OH [See soldier below]; Rebecca Ann, age 1 PA; Stephen MORRIS, age 9 PA.

1860 census Plain Township, Wayne county OH: Christopher COWELL age 37 born PA, a laborer; Maria age 37 PA; Harriet age 16 PA; William H age 15 OH; Rebecca A age 11 PA; Mary E? age 9 PA; John H age 7 PA; Reason age 5 OH; Sarah age 4 OH; Martha age 2 OH.

Maria died 10 Aug 1861.

I can not find this family anywhere after the war.

Pension records at fold3.com:

Older children of Christopher COWELL: Rebecca A, born 7 Aug 1848; Mary E, born 7 July 1850. Minor children: John born 7 Feb 1851, Reason born 2 Feb 1853, Sarah born 20 Mar 1855, Martha Z born 30 Apr 1858. W. S. BATTLES was the physician at the births of Reason, Sarah and Martha in Wayne Co OH.

Thomas J. PENNY of Wayne Co OH was in possession for preservation the dates of marriage for Christopher Cowell and Mariah and the dates of the births of their children. Thomas was resident minister of Baptist church. He was in possession of the Bible containing the original family records for Christopher Cowell and Mariah. Five of the children were born in PA and one in OH. It was the only such record.

First guardian was Christian REIDER of Wayne Co OH.

Guardian was George STROCK, resident of Plain Twp, Wayne Co OH, post office Wooster. He became guardian 21 Jan 1865.

Christopher, Co E 120th OVI, died at Van Buren Convalescent Hospital at Millikens Bend LA of consumption on 17 May 1863. Captain says that "soldier was in excellent health until about Dec 29, 1862, when he was engaged in the battle of Chickasaw Bluffs where he was on picket duty at night, exposed to the cold rain, where he took a severe cold - was sent to Hospl and never did any more active service - produced chronic diarrhea & was informed he died of the same in May, 1863. Late Surgeon testifies to the same, as to cause of chronic diarrhea from which he never recovered. but after a time was attendant with night sweats, cough and expectoration and he believes the disease of which he died was contracted in line of duty." Assistant Surgeon Stoufer said that Christopher did accompany the Regiment to Arkansas Post, Youngs Point, and Millikens Bend LA and then was transferred to Van Buren Convalescent Hospital where he died.

Christopher and Mariah were married 25 Aug 1842 at Green Co PA.

Mariah died 10 Aug 1861 at Wayne Co OH and soldier did not remarry.

John COWELL, age 54 and Ellen COWELL, age 48 residents of Wayne Co OH....dated 30 Oct 1867..... affidavit about the children of Christopher Cowell. That there was no eye witnesses then of the marriage of Chrisopher and Maria or church records of baptism for the children.

Minor child Mary E. COWELL of Wayne Co OH gave up her portion of the pension at age 18 asking that it be given to her minor siblings. 22 Aug 1868

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