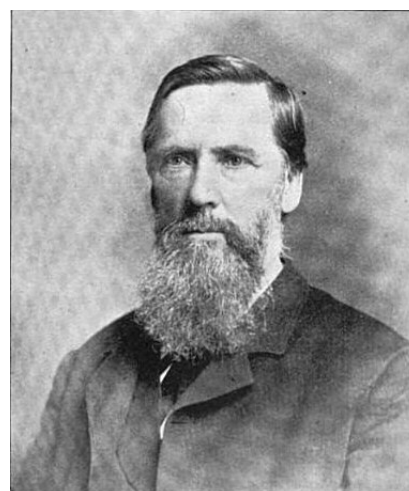


Company E, 120th Ohio Volunteer Infantry



BENJAMIN EASON.

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Portrait from History of the Lawyers of Wayne County, Ohio, from 1812 to 1900, by Ben Douglass, Clapper Print Co, 1900

EASON, Benjamin 15 Aug 1862

Captain Eason was age 40 when he entered service. He resigned 15 Mar 1863.

Father: Robert EASON

Mother: Beulah SOOY [rdieu at Ancestry.com]

Birth: 1822, Wooster township, Wayne Co, OH

Marriage: 1Susan BRANSTETTER, 25 May 1843

2Rebecca Beall WALTER on 21 Nov 1878 in Wayne County OH

Death: 1 Dec 1902, OH

Cemetery: Wooster Cemetery, Wayne Co OH, Section 1 Benjamin Eason is buried in Wooster Cemetery, Wayne County OH.....1822-1 Dec 1902 [Grave Registration card: born 1822. Died 1 Dec 1902. Died in Wooster.]

Pension Index: Benjamin EASON, E 120th OH, invalid filed 4 Jan 1890, Application 747443, Certificate 551547, filed in OH. Widow, Rebecca B EASON, filed 1902 Dec 12, Application 774949, Certificate 549405, filed in OH.

This census is Benjamin's father: 1850 Census, Plain Twp, Wayne County, OH, page 380: Robert EASON, age 54 OH, millwright; Beulah A, age 18 OH; Nancy J, age 14 OH. [However, Family search says his parents are Alexander and Jane. There is an Alexander, age 48 PA, also on this 1850 census for Plain Twp page 380 who is a farmer.] However, from reading the history below, we see that Ben's family, father Robert, was living in Perry Twp in 1830. Looking on the 1830 census, we see that Robert Eason was living there in Perry. Alexander Eason was living in Wooster Twp. So, from what evidence I have, his father was Robert Eason.

1850 Census, Plain Twp, Wayne County, OH, page 376: Benjamin EASON, age 29 OH, teacher; Susanna, age 29 MD; Samuel, age 6 OH; Robert, age 5 OH; Benjamin F, age 3 OH.

1860 Census, Plain Twp, Wayne County, OH, page 277: Benj EASON, age 38 OH, State Senator and farmer; Susannah, age 38 OH; Saml E, age 16 OH, farm laborer; Robert, age 15 OH, farm laborer; Benjamin, age 12 OH; Buleh Ann, age 7 OH.

[Published in Daily Ohio Statesman, Columbus OH, 21 Oct 1865, page 2]

"A Newspaper Change. Our friend Colonel Eason has resigned the editorial charge of the *Wayne County Democrat*, and Mr. L. Q. Jeffries has assumed it. The Colonel has discharged his duties as an editor faithfully and well, and we wish him great success in whatever enterprise he may be found hereafter."

1870 Census, 3rd Ward Wooster, Wayne County, OH, page 450: Benjamin EASON, age 48 OH, lawyer; Susann, age 48 MD; Benjamin, age 22 OH, at school A.H.; Samuel, age 24 OH, lawyer; Buleain, age 17 OH.

From the History of Wayne County, Ohio by Ben Douglass, 1878:

This information is on pages 484 to 489:

Benjamin Eason was born 5 May 1822 in Wooster township, Wayne county OH. His father was a millwright. At age two Benjamin's family moved to Perry township which is now in Ashland county. In 1832 they moved to Plain township at Springville. He continued his studies and did some surveying. He first taught school at Branstetter District.

In the spring of 1850 with his brother, Alexander Eason, "he joined the Dennison company, composed of about forty men, all from Wayne county, and on the 11th of March of said year they left Wooster for California. The trip was made overland with mule-teams, Mr. Eason appearing on the role as one of the drivers, the party arriving at Placerville, fifty-five miles east of Sacramento, on the Fourth of July, 1850. Salt Lake city was embraced in the passage, where, much to their amusement, they tarried for four or five days. In the Golden State he remained until the following winter, mining, trading, speculating, etc. when he returned home by steamer plethoric [*full of*] with the imbibitions [*absorptions*] and experiences of frontier life - expansive with the blood-freezing narratives of the '49ers; and with eyes still ablaze with scenes of border bloodshed and lawless cruelty."

It was 1851 when he arrived back home. Then he was elected Clerk of the Court of Common Pleas of Wayne County and was re-elected in 1854. In 1858 he returned to farming but that year was elected to the State Senate from the 28th District. [Wayne and Holmes counties] He served two sessions, then returned to the farm in 1862 and was commissioned Captain of Company E in the 120th Regiment.

Page 487.....In the spring of 1863, on account of seriously impaired health, Captain Eason resigned his commission, abandoning his command at that point. Arriving home, he remained upon the farm for a period, assisting nature in her recuperating efforts, and struggling to restore his health. Not sufficiently recovered to engage in the severities of farm-labor, but desiring employment, in November, 1864, he purchased the Wayne County Democrat office, conducting it as editor and proprietor.....After his relinquishment of journalism he repaired to his country residence once more, where he remained until April, 1870, when he came to Wooster, and with his son, Samuel B., whom he took into partnership with him, entered upon the practice of law; also associating, two years thereafter, his son, B. F. Eason, in said partnership.-----

He had been married on 25 May 1843 to Miss Susan Branstetter of Plain Township. She died 6 Aug 1872.

They had four children: S. B. Eason, B.F. Eason, Robert Eason, and Beulah Eason. "His life shows him to be a believer in work; he believes in universities, too, but does not assume that a college is a mill that will take in every dunce and grind a genius out of him.....He is of the opinion that men develop and make themselves to a great degree."

Probate Court Wayne County OH: Benjamin EASON married Rebecca Beall WALTER on 21 Nov 1878 in Wayne County OH. [1870 census Wooster Twp, Wayne co OH, Dwelling 119, Family 113: John WALTER, age 85 PA, retired farmer; Sarah, age 70 VA; Rebekah B, age 29 OH. Rebecca's parents were John Walter and Sarah Thatcher. Rebecca Eason died 9 Nov 1916 at Wooster, she was widowed. Buried at Wooster Cemetery.]

1880 Census, North Walnut St, Wooster, Wayne, OH, page 375: Benj. EASON, age 57 OH, lawyer, parents born PA; Bealle, wife, age 40 OH, parents born PA; Benj. F., son, age 31 OH, lawyer, father born OH, mother born PA; Beulah, daughter, age 26 OH, copyist, father born OH, mother born PA; Ada HESS, age 17 OH, parents born Germany, servant.

1890 Veterans Schedule: Line 48, House 107, Family 114: Benjamin EASON, Capt, Co E 120th OVI. Post Office: Wooster, OH.

1900 Census, North Walnut St, 3rd Ward Wooster, Wayne County OH, page 158: Benjamin EASON, age 78 OH, born May 1822, married 21 yrs, lawyer, father born PA, mother born NJ; Rebecca B, wife, age 58 OH, born June 1841, married 21 yrs, 0 children, father born PA, mother born VA.