

Company E, 120th Ohio Volunteer Infantry



1st Photo Credit: Joseph Mann at [Find a Grave](#)

Second photo after the stone was cleaned and straightened contributed by descendant Sandra L. Rice. In March 2016 volunteers cleaned and straightened the stones at Chalmette National Cemetery. **On the right is a photo of the stone after it was inscribed on the back with the soldier's actual name, rank, regiment, and death date. Descendant, Sandy Rice, did the contact work with Chamette to prove who was buried in that plot and after agreeing that the information was correct, Chalmette had the stone engraved.** Second wife, Louisa FRANCE, died 22 May 1890 at Peru, Indiana.

FRANCE, Isaac* 15 Aug 1862

Musician/drummer, Isaac France, was age 43 when he entered service. He died 11 Sept 1863 at Carrollton, Louisiana. The Roll of Honor lists him as being buried at Chalmette, Louisiana, in Monument Cemetery. Listed as J. FRANCIS, Company E of the 120th Ohio, section 88, grave 7297...no death date given, moved from Carrollton Ave. Cemetery, LA.

From Sandy Rice:

For a very long time I was looking for my grandfather who fought during the Civil War. He was the musician/drummer for Company E, 120th OVI.

He died on the 12th of Sept. 1863 of acute nephritis while in line of duty. He was buried then exhumed and reburied in a National cemetery in Carrollton, Louisiana.

In the reburial the name was written down wrong. Instead of Isaac France it was J Francis, his grave marker had the wrong name for 150 years. He was lost to everyone, Family and history, so no pension was ever paid to his widow or children because of this one small clerical error.

With [Susie Holderfield](#)'s work on the 120th OVI, and many hours of research I was able to prove that the stone had the wrong name.

So as not to destroy but to fix a small pieces of History, we went from a stone unkept and restored it beautiful brightness. The back of the marker is what I find amazing, it now speaks to who really sleeps beneath the stone.

Isaac France

Resident in fact

Drummer

Co. E 120 OVI

12 September 1863

The very last stone that in this group is that of his wife her name was Eliza Louisa Roe France. She bought graves, one for her and one if they ever recovered or found his body; that grave plot is still vacant. If you wonder why Louisa is written at a slant and not her full name it is because it was a damaged stone that they re-purposed for her.

Isaac Allen France

Father: John Johannes FRANCE [FRANTZ] from Germany

Mother: Rachael RIETH born US

Birth: 7 Oct 1819, Wooster, OH [contributor Sandra L. Rice.]

Marriage: 1Elizabeth Elenor CHAMBERLIN on 27 Jan 1839, Stark Co OH

Born 22 Dec 1818 PA; died 22 Apr 1846 OH [fcontributed by Sandy Rice]

2Eliza Louisa ROE, 4 Aug 1846 Wayne Co OH

Death: 11 Sep 1863, Carrollton, LA

Cemetery: Chalmette National Cemetery, LA. Chalmette National Cemetery, Union Database: FRANCIS J, Sec 88, Grave 7297, Pvt, Co E 120 OH Inf, moved from Carrollton Ave Cemetery, LA. US Department of Veterans Affairs agrees that this is the soldier of Co E, 120th OH Inf. Listed at:

<http://www.civilwarhome.com/chalf.htm> Have not found in Registers of Deaths of Volunteers, 1861-1865

Relationship: [Contributed by Sandy Rice] The daughter of Isaac France, Elmira Elizabeth, married the brother of John P. Campbell of Co E, 120th OVI. The brother was Daniel Campbell.

Burial Registers, Military Posts and National Cemeteries, 1862-1960: Interments at Monument Cemetery New Orleans January, number 4224, J. FRANCIS, Private, Co I 120th OH Inf.

National Cemetery Interment Control Forms, 1928-1962: J. FRANCIS, Co E 120 OH Inf.

Chalmette LA National Cemetery, Grave 7297. Original place of burial Carrollton Ave. N.O. [New Orleans]. There is no soldier other than Isaac France in Company E that this soldier could be.

Pension Index: Isaac FRANCE, Drummer, Co E 120th OH. Widow Louisa FRANCE, filed 1863 Nov 2, Application 37533, Certificate 133468.

Family Register from descendant Sandra L. Rice:

Isaac France born 7 Oct 1819 at Wooster, OH. First wife: Married Elisabeth E. Chamberlin on 27 Jan 1839 at Brookfield, OH by Mr. Steel Esqr. Elisabeth was born 22 Dec 1818 at Northumberland PA. Elisabeth died 22 Apr 1846, age 28.

Their children were:

Dewit C. France, born 18 Mar 1840 at Congress, Wayne Co OH. Died 27 Sep 1840 at Congress.

Locust born and died 1840

John T. born 24 Aug 1841 at Congress. Died 10 Jan 1899 at Congress.

Mary Jane born 17 Nov 1843 at Congress. Died 24 June 1844 at Congress.

Elmira Elizabeth, born 7 May 1845 at Congress. Died 1927. **[Married Daniel Campbell, brother of John Campbell of Co E, 120th OVI.]**

Second wife: Eliza Louisa Roe, born 4 Mar 1824. Married 4 Aug 1846 at Wooster by Mr. Mcurdy Esqr.

Their children all born at Congress, OH: [next page]

Washington Washington France, 14 June 1847 at Wooster. Died 9 Sep 1932 at Denver CO.

Anna Jane, 4 Jan 1849 at Wooster. Died 17 Mar 1922 at Peru IN.

Ezra James, 4 May 1850 Wooster

Infant son still born, 17 Apr 1852 Wooster

Eliza "Nellie" Cornelia, 30 Aug 1853 at Wooster. [Descendant Sandy Rice's grandmother.] Died 22 Aug.

1928 indianapolis, IN

Isaac Newton, 29 Dec 1855 Wooster. Died 3 July 1911 Miami Co IN.

William Lewis, 29 Jul 1857 Wooster

[first wife: Ohio Marriages, Isaac FRANCE married Elizabeth Elenor CHAMBERLIN on 27 Jan 1839, Stark Co OH. Elizabeth E. FRANCE, wife of Isaac, died 22 Apr 1846 and is buried at Congress Cem, Wayne Co OH. She had a child Dewit G, 1840 – 1840. Here stone photo is recorded at [Find a Grave.](#)]

Wayne County Probate Court Marriage Records: Isaac FRANCE married Louisa ROE on 4 Aug 1846 in Wayne County OH. ?? The second marriage for Isaac. There are older children listed in 1860.

[Descendant Sandra Rice thinks that this is Isaac in 1850] 1850 Census, Warren Twp, St. Joseph co, IN, Dwelling 606, Family 606: Isaac A. France, age 31 OH, farmer; Emily, age 22 OH; Mary E, age 3 IN; Lucena [female], age 8 months IN.

1860 Census, Congress Twp, Wayne Co OH, Dwelling 1277, Family 1265: Isaac FRANCE age 41 born OH, a grocer; Louisa age 38 born NY; John L age 19 OH, jour. painter; Elizabeth E. age 16 OH; Washington W age 13 OH; Anna J age 11 OH; Ezra J age 9 OH; Eliza C age 7 OH; Isaac N age 5 OH; Wm L age 2 OH.

Contributor Sandy Rice believes that the parents of Isaac France are on the same page in the 1860 census. Dwelling 1279, Family 1267: John FRANCE, age 66 PA, shoemaker; Rachael, age 66 PA.

By July 1864 her brothers had taken her to Peru, IN.

1870 Census, 4th Ward Peru, Miami County, IN, page 208: Eliza FRANCE, age 46 NY; Washington, age 23 OH, laborer; Ezra, age 20 OH, laborer; Eliza C, age 16 OH; Newton, age 15 OH; William, age 12 OH.

1880 Census, Bunker Hill, Pipe Creek Twp, Miami County, IN, page 563: Louisa FRANCE, age 56 NY, parents birthplace unknown; Newton, son, age 25 OH, painter, father born PA, mother born NY; L William, son, age 31 OH, painter, father born PA, mother born NY.

??Indiana, Death Index, 1882-1920, City Health Office, Peru, IN: Louisa FRANCE died 22 May 1890 at Peru, Indiana, age 66, born <1824>. Says gender Male, but that must be a mistake in the transcription.

??Indiana, Death Index, 1882-1920, County Health Office, Peru IN: Newton FRANCE died 3 Jul 1911 at Washington Twp, Indiana, age 58, born <1853>.

Not found on 1890 Veterans Schedule.

Pension record available at Fold3...contributed by descendant, Sandra L. Rice.

Isaac FRANCE, Co E 120th OH, musician

On this pension document it is written that Isaac was a Drummer.

Pensioner, widow, Louisa France, maiden name ROE

In the line of duty, Isaac died of nephritis at Carrollton, LA, 12 Sept 1863.

Isaac France and Louisa Roe were married 4 Aug 1846.

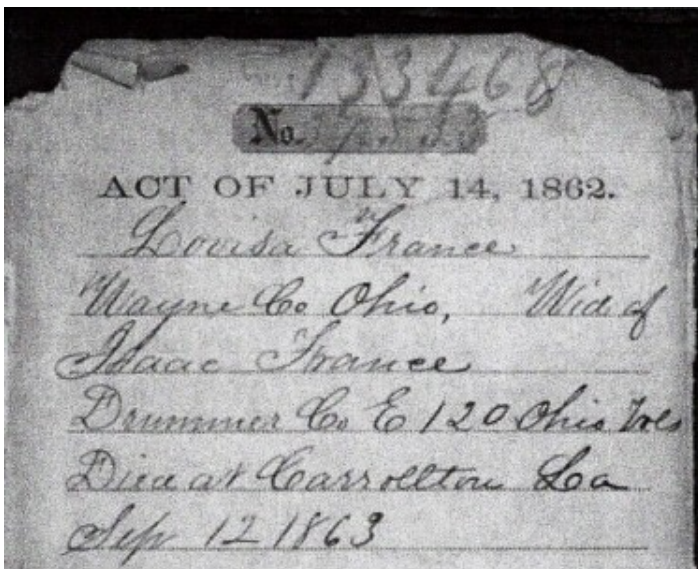
Children, Anna Jane, born 4 Jan 1849

Ezra J. [James] born 11 May 1851

Eliza Caroline [Eliza Cornelia was her correct name] born 30 Aug 1853

Isaac Newton, born Dec 29 1855

William Louis [Lewis], born 29 July 1857



Document 5 Jan 1866 in Peru, Miami County, Indiana. Louisa France, age 42, widow of Isaac France who had enlisted at Wooster OH on the 24th Aug 1862 as a "Private" Musician in Co E, Commanded by Benjamin [Eason], in the 120th Regiment Ohio Infantry Volunteers in the war of 1861. Isaac France died of disease at the Convalescent Camp at Carrollton, LA, 12 Sept 1863. Louisa was married to Isaac France at Wooster, Wayne co OH on 4 Aug 1846. Her name before this marriage was Louisa ROE. The children were also listed. This document was witnessed by Wadsworth ROE and Ezra ROE, the brothers of said Louisa FRANCE. [Note: Nowhere else is Louisa called Sara Louisa.] The document was signed 5 Jan 1866.

A document dated 17 Dec 1863 lists Louisa as living in Congress, Wayne county, Ohio.

By July 1864 the brothers had taken her to Peru, Ind.

Nellie Neal was witness for her mother on the Application for arrears of Pension 16 Apr 1879.

Isaac and Louisa were married by Wm McCardy, Justice of the Peace.

Letter of testimony of Christopher C. Stouffer, Assistant Surgeon, 120th OVI
State of Ohio, Wayne county

On this 27th day of May 1867 Personally appeared before the undersigned justice of the peace in and for said County C. C. Stouffer of lawful age and whom I know to be a credible witness, who being by me first duly sworn on oath says that he was a Surgeon in the 120th Regiment of Ohio Infantry Volunteers in the war for the suppression of the Rebellion. That he was acquainted with Isaac France, Private in Company "E" 120th Regiment of Ohio Infantry Volunteers. That said Isaac France was disabled while a Soldier of the United States in said Company and Regiment aforesaid, and while in the line of duty with Ischuria or Suppression of Urine, caused originally by exposure and acute Nephritis. And that he was sent to the Hospital at Carrollton near New Orleans in the State of Louisiana when he died from said disease on or about the 12th day of September A. D. 1863. That he saw said Soldier frequently while he was under Medical treatment, and was personally acquainted with his said disability and attended on him during his said illness until the time of his death, and that he has no interest directly or indirectly in the application of his widow Louisa France for pension and further saith not.

C. C. Stouffer, Late Asst. Surgeon 120th Regt. Ohio Vol. Inf.
West Salem, Wayne Co. O. May 27 1867

to and subscribed before me this 27th day of May 1867 D. Carlin, J.P.

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