

Company E, 120th Ohio Volunteer Infantry

JOLLIFF, Abel 30 Sept 1862

Private Jolliff was age 20 when he entered service. He was transferred to Co H, 19th regiment, Veteran Reserve Corps [date not given]; mustered out 13 July 1865 at Elmira, New York.

Father: Thomas JOLLIFF

Mother: Mary ?????

Birth: 14 Oct 1844

Marriage: Elen COOK, 12 Aug 1865, Williams Co OH.

Death: 27 Sep 1907

Cemetery: Wooster Cemetery, Wayne Co OH, Lot 958, Sec 12, Grave 1

Pension Index: Abel JOLLIFF, E 120th OH and H 19th VRC, invalid filed 1887 July 6 in Ohio. Application # 615223. Certificate # 920501

1850 Census, Plain Twp, Wayne County OH, page 364: Thomas JOLLIFF, age 48 PA, farmer; Mary, age 45 PA; Levi, age 22 OH; Nathen, age 20 OH; Malinda, age 14 OH; Emmanuel, age 10 OH; Ephraim, age 8 OH; Abel, age 7 OH; Emeline, age 4 OH; Leahe, age 2 OH.

1860 Census, Plain Twp, Wayne County, OH, page 265: Thomas JOLIFF, age 57 PA, farmer; Mary, age 54 PA; Emanuel, age 20 PA, farm laborer; Ephraim, age 18 PA, farm laborer; Abel, age 16 PA, farm laborer; Emeline, age 14 PA; Leah, age 12 PA.

Williams County Probate Court record: Abel JOILIFF married Elen COOK on 12 Aug 1865 in Williams Co OH.

1870 Census, Plain Twp, Wayne Co OH, Dwelling 18, Family 18: Abe JOLIFF, age 26 OH, stock dresser; E. H. [female], age 21 OH; W. T, age 2 OH. [A good copy of this census is at Heritage Quest...better copy than at Ancestry.com]

1880 Census, Plain, Wayne, OH, page 280: Abel JOLLIFF, age 34 OH, farmer, parents born (PA); Ellen, wife, age 33 OH, parents born PA; William, son, age 11 OH; Walter, son, age 4 OH.

1890 Veterans Schedule: Paint Twp, Wayne Co OH: Line 27, House 238, Family 238: Abel JOLLIFF, Pvt, Co E 120th OVI. Post Office: Plain Twp, Wayne Co OH. No other comments.

1900 Census: I have not been able to find Abel JOLLIFF on the 1900 census. I even went through all of Plain Twp and could not find him.

Grave Registration card: Born 14 Oct 1844. Died 27 Sep 1907. Nickname: Abe.

Wooster Daily News, 27 Sep 1907 page 1

DEATH TRIUMPHS SURELY AT LAST

After Being Unconscious for About 30 Hours the Life of Abel Jolliff is no More

Victim of Injuries which Resulted from Fight--Post Mortem Held--Funeral on Saturday

The injuries which Abel Jolliff received in the fight Wednesday afternoon, and which rendered him unconscious for many hours, caused that aged and respected man's death at 9:30 Thursday evening, he never regaining consciousness. All the medical and surgical aid that could be rendered by skilled physicians was useless and slowly but surely the throbbing of the heart stilled in the bosom, and life became extinct, living only in the memories of his relatives and friends.

The deceased, who is aged 63 years, it will be remembered was so injured in the fight which occurred at the farm home of George Newell north of this city, Wednesday afternoon, that he remained conscious for a short time and then went into insensibility, in which state he remained for about 30 hours until death occurred.

The body was not moved from the Newell home until late Friday morning when the Schmuck and Bevington ambulance removed the body to the home of a son of the deceased William Jolliff, on North Grant street, where it was prepared for burial.

A post mortem[sic] was held Friday afternoon by physicians and Coroner Zaring viewed the body Friday morning. It will be determined if possible what caused the death and this will be used as evidence when the grand jury investigates the case at its next session.

The funeral of the deceased will be held from the Disciple church, Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock. The body will be lain to rest in the Wooster cemetery. The deceased is mourned by two sons, and two brothers, besides a large circle of friends. The sons are Will and Walter, the former residing in this city and the latter in Canton. Manuel, a brother of the deceased, resides in Jefferson and Ephraim another brother resides in Iowa.

The two sons and William's wife were at the bedside of the father when death arrived and the brothers have

been notified of the death.

Miller in Jail

Bert Miller, who was arrested until further developments[sic] the case, he being the other party in the fight, is now a prisoner in the county jail, having been taken from the city lockup by Chief of Police Leiner Thursday afternoon. The warrant[sic] on which Miller is held charges assault [sic] with intent to kill, and he will be held until the next session of the grand jury when the case will be investigated.

Wayne County Democrat, 2 Oct 1907, page 5

Drs. J. H. Lehr and H. D. Braden Held Autopsy--Death Was Due to Blood Clot.

Coroner Zaring completed his inquest in the death of Abel Jolliff Friday afternoon in the Prosecutor's office in the court house. The testimony of the deceased man's son, William and George Newell was taken, also the testimony of Drs. J. H. Lehr and H. D. Braden, who performed the autopsy. The testimony will be beneficial evidence in Miller's behalf at the time of his trial, should there be one. The doctors testified that there were no marks on the head of the deceased that would indicate that he had been struck by the handle of a fork or even by the fist. They testified that death was caused by a clot of blood forming in the head and this, they stated, was no doubt caused by the fall.

Wayne County Democrat, 2 Oct 1907, page 1

LOSES LIFE

Falls from Wagon and Receives Fatal Injuries

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The fight occurred Wednesday afternoon, on the farm operated by George Newell, located near the Childrens' Home. There are several reports as to how the fight started, but according to those that were present and according to a statement of Miller made to the News, it was started suddenly and with but few words.

Mr. Jolliff is an operator of a threshing machine and clover huller and was at work on the above named farm hulling clover. Bert Miller, has been an employe[sic] of George Newell's for some time and was helping with the work. The threshing outfit arrived at the farm home sooner than was expected and the clover had not been hauled from the field to the place of threshing. It was decided that all should take hold and help and as the job was not a very large one they concluded that they could finish it without trouble or delay. The machine had been fed all of the clover that had been hauled and Bert Miller together with Mr. Newell had gone to the field, which was nearby, to get another load. After the load had been fairly started, Mr. Jolliff had his son Will, went to the field also. According to the statement of Mr. Miller, when Mr. Jolliff neared the load of clover, he began to find fault with the loading, as to the width of the load and stated that the corners were too rounding. After rounding the load he climbed upon the wagon from the rear to assist Mr. Miller.

It seems that men had been together but a short time when Mr. Miller objected to complaints of Mr. Jolliff and stated that he could load it himself. At any rate a few words passed between them, the exact words probably will never be known, as they could not be understood by those on the ground, and the fighting began. It is not known who struck the first blow or even which one did the striking but they clinched and Mr. Newell not knowing that there was serious trouble on top of the load went to the horses heads and started them forward.

What Caused Injuries?

What caused the injuries of Jolliff? is the question that will have to be determined. He is severely bruised about the head and one of his ribs is broken, the end of which punctured his lung.

I did not hit Jolliff once, stated Miller to a News reporter Thursday morning. He got his injuries from the fall. I also was injured from the fall. Look at the gash, above my eye. That is when I got that. I was hit by Jolliff but that did not cause the flesh wound, Miller continued.

"When Miller struck me I simply tried to hold him and protect myself and did not strike at him" was Miller's last statement.

"Why did you leave the premises?" asked the reporter.

"Because I was ordered to by Mr. Newell," was the answer. "he was mad because the fight occurred and ordered me to leave."

NEWS OF FIGHT

News of the fight reached this city.

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Soon after it happened and as Miller was wanted and as he was not at the farm Chief of Police Leiner and Sheriff Caskey started to find him. They drove to the home of Miller's divorced wife on the Fredericksburg road about 7 miles from Wooster, and the information was secured that when Miler completed his work at Newill's he was going to work for James Bevington who resides on the road which passes cemetery hill.

I am here was answered to the Sheriff's inquiry and Mr. Miller came forth and gave himself up peaceably[sic].

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