

Company E, 120th Ohio Volunteer Infantry



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SHOWALTER, Joseph 15 Aug 1862
Private Showalter was age 46 when he entered service. He was discharged 28 June 1863 at Black River, Mississippi, on a Surgeon's certificate of disability.

Father: John SHOWALTER
Mother: Catharine HAIR
Birth: October 21, 1819, Westmoreland Co PA
Marriage: 1 Mary HOFFINES/HOFFINE
2 Eliza J. HUNTSMAN
Death: 10 Mar 1903
Cemetery: Jackson Presbyterian Cemetery, Jackson, Canaan Twp, Wayne Co OH 120th indicated on the stone.

Pension Index: Joseph SHOWALTER, E 120th OH Inf. Invalid filed 1878 Jan 16, Application 247272, Certificate 408804. Widow, Eliza J SHOWALTER, filed 1903 Mar 31 in OH, Application 781439, Certificate 565214, filed in OH.

Pension Card: Joseph died 10 Mar 1903.

There is a Civil War soldier Showalter, Joseph, no dates given, buried at Jackson Presbyterian cemetery, Canaan Twp, Wayne county OH. The dates given for this soldier at the [RB Hayes Obituary Index](#) can't be correct.

First marriage to Mary HOFFINES

1850 Census, Canaan Twp, Wayne Co OH, Dwelling 304, Family 304: Joseph SHOWALTER, age 31 PA, blacksmith; Mary, age 32 PA; John, age 7 OH; Henry, age 5 OH; Elizabeth, age 3 OH; Franklin, age 2 OH; Catharine, age 1 OH.

1855 married to Eliza J. HUNTSMAN

1860 Census, Canaan Twp, Wayne County OH, page 248: Joseph SHOWALTER, age 41 PA, blacksmith; Eliza, age 24 OH; Henry, age 15 OH; Elizabeth, age 13 OH; Franklin, age 12 OH; Catherine, age 10 OH; Ezra, age 9 OH; Jenny, age 5 OH; Albertes [male] age 3 OH; Marion, age 1 OH; unnamed male, age 4 months OH.

1870 Census, Wayne Twp, Wayne County, OH, page 368: Joseph SHOEWALTER, age 52 PA, blacksmith; Eliza J, age 33 OH; Jenney, age 14 OH; Marion, age 12 OH; William, age 10 OH; Charles C, age 4 OH.

1880 Census Wayne Twp, Wayne County OH, page 345: Joseph SHOWALTER, age 63 PA, blacksmith, parents born PA; Eliza J, wife, age 44 OH, parents born PA; Marion, son, age 21 OH, day laborer; William, son, age 20 OH, farmer; Charles C, son, age 14 OH; Leta E, daughter, age 9 OH.

Hardesty's Historical and Geographical Encyclopedia [Wayne county OH version] page 505 in the Wayne Township section: Joseph Showalter at Wooster, Ohio August 15, 1862, began life as a soldier, by enlisting in the ranks of Company E, 120th Ohio Volunteer Infantry, 1st brigade, 4th division, 13th army corps. Who can fully estimate the boundless patriotism, and unselfish devotion to his native land, of a fond father, when he leaves his household of little children, needing his constant care, to enter ranks in the army? Such devotion was shown by the subject of our sketch. His first services were rendered at Chickasaw Bluffs, where the army under General Sherman, attempted to make its first landing in the vicinity of Vicksburg. In this battle the Union troops were badly defeated. Next followed the conflict at Arkansas Post, and in quick succession those of Youngs Point, Rich Mountain, and the severe skirmishes, or small battles, in the vicinity of Vicksburg, at Holmes plantation, and Smiths Plantation, and lastly, to the Black River Bridge. At this place Mr. Showalter was discharged for physical disability, June 30, 1863, having been a member of the army eleven months. During this period he had been frequently detailed as regimental blacksmith, and veterinary surgeon. Mr. Showalter is a member of the Given Post, G.A.R., No. 133. He is a son of John and Catharine (Hair) Showalter, and was born in Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania, October 21, 1819. He was united in marriage to Mary Hoffines. Their children are: John W. born July 27, 1843, now living in Steuben county, Indiana; Henry, November 1, 1844, whose home is in Westfield, Medina county, Ohio; Elizabeth, June 24, 1846, also living in the same place; Benjamin F., March 19, 1849, residing at Sterling, Wayne county, Ohio; Catharine, October 19, 1850, [residing in] in Steuben county Indiana; Ezra, March 19, 1852, [residing in] Wayne township, Wayne county, Ohio. In Wooster, Wayne county, Ohio, June 2, 1855, by George Bronie, Esq., Joseph Showalter was married to Eliza J. Huntsman, the daughter of David and Catharine (Ulrick) Huntsman. Mrs. Showalter was born in Massillon, Ohio, November 10, 1835. The children of the second marriage are: Jennie L., born February 16, 1856, now living in Chatham, Ohio; Marion, November 29, 1859, living at home; William, April 24, 1860, [living in] in Steuben county, Indiana; Charles C., July 1, 1866, and Ida Ellen, October 20, 1877, at home. Elias Huntsman, the brother of Mrs. Showalter, was a member of Company K, 16th Ohio Volunteer Infantry, and was instantly killed by a shot through the head at the battle of Chickasaw Bluffs. Mr. Showalter is engaged as a farmer, his postoffice address is Madisonburg, Ohio.

Not found on 1890 Veterans Schedule

1900 Census, Canaan Twp, Wayne County, OH, page 51: Joseph SHOWALTER, age 80 PA, born Oct 1819, married 45 yrs, farmer, father born MD, mother born Pa; Eliza,wife, age 64 OH, born Nov 1835, married 45 yrs, 8 children/4 still living, father born PA, mother born Germany.