

Company E, 120th Ohio Volunteer Infantry

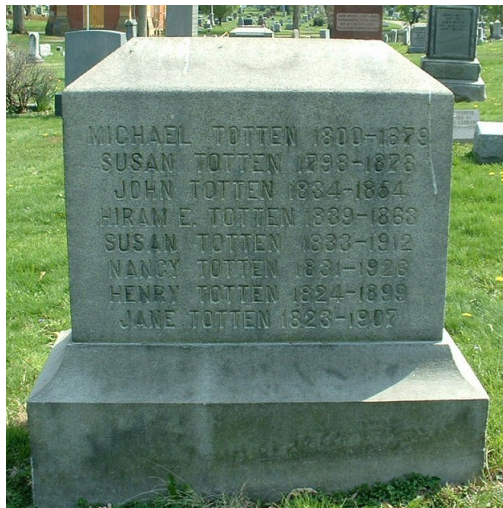


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TOTTEN, Hiram E.* 15 Aug 1862

1st Lieutenant Totten was age 23 when he entered service. He was promoted from 2d Lieut. to date on 14 Jan 1863; wounded 12 July 1863 in the battle of Jackson, Mississippi; he died 6 Oct 1863 of wounds received in action. No burial information in the Roll of Honor.

Father: Michael TOTTEN

Mother: Susanna EWING RAMSEY

Birth: 1839, Wayne Co OH

Marriage: Single

Death: 6 Oct 1863, Wooster, Wayne Co OH

Cemetery: Wooster Cemetery, Wayne Co OH. Section 8.

This stone give his birth year as 1839.

Registers of Deaths of Volunteers, 1861-1865: Hiram E. TOTTEN, 1st Lieut. 120th OH Inf, died 6 Oct 1863, place not given. Cause: wounds received in action.

Not found on Pension Index.

History of Wayne County Ohio by Ben Douglass, page 426, states that Michael TOTTEN was married twice. His first wife was Louisa CRAWFORD. They had 2 children, Matilda and Henry. His second wife [16 Nov 1830] was Mrs. Susanna RAMSEY of Washington county, PA who was the daughter of William EWING. She was the widow of Samuel RAMSEY who died in November, 1824. Their children were Nancy, Susan, John, Enoch, Hiram E. and Melissa A. "Hiram was a Lieutenant in the 120th Regiment and in the battle of Jackson, Miss., after the surrender of Vicksburg, was struck with a shell from the effects of which he died with his parents, in Wooster, in about twelve weeks. He was a young man of decided mental endowments and was fitting himself for practice at the bar when he enlisted."

History of the Lawyers of Wayne County, Ohio, from 1812 to 1900 b Benjamin Douglas, Clapper Printing Co 1900 Pages 252 - 253

"Hiram E. Totten was born in Wayne county in 1838. He was a son of Michael Totten and brother of the late Col. Enoch Totten of Washington, D. C. He was raised upon a farm, but came to Wooster with his parents in 1858 and took the course of the Wooster High School. He read law with McSweeney and Given, and was admitted to the bar in 1861, when he opened an office in Wooster, meeting with professional patronage from the start, for he was a young man of equipment and brain, whom the public were willing to see, wanted to know, and were ready to aid and appreciate.

But 'wild war's deadly blast' was blowing, the onset of arms between the Pine and the Palm had begun and his stout, young heart rebelled at the mention of the destruction of the Federal Union. His patriotism fixed his decision and he turned the keys of his office door, which, through the catastrophes of war, he was never permitted to re-open. He was commissioned as a Second Lieutenant and entered the Military service of the United States for three years, August 15, 1862. He actively assisted in recruiting Co. E, Capt. Benj. Eason, 120th O. V. I., his voice ringing with eloquent, pathetic, and patriotic words, earnestly urging the young men to give their service to their country.

He was promoted to first Lieutenant, January 14, 1863; wounded July 12, 1863, in the battle of Jackson, Miss., and died in Wooster October 6, 1863, of wounds received in action. The measure of military duty which he performed was included in the splendid achievements of his regiment from Chickasaw Bayou, Miss., in 1862 to that fatal July.

When life was full of hope and all its tides were at their highest, grandest flow, he was named for rest; a man of brain and thought that 'called his friend his comrade' --that gem of human language which sometimes means but a little less than love and a little more than friendship -- that gentle salutation of the human heart which lives in all the languages of time -- that winds and turns and runs through all the joys and sorrows of the human race -- through deed and thought and dram, the rough song and toil and battle-field."

1850 Census, Chester Twp, Wayne County, OH, page 334: Michael TOTTEN, age 50 OH, farmer; Susanna, age 52 PA; Nancy, age 18 OH; Susan, age 17 OH; John, age 16 OH, no occupation; Enoch, age 14 OH; Hiram, age 10 OH; Melipa [female], age 8 OH.

1860 Census, have not found. The should be living in Wayne Co OH.

1870 Census, Wooster City, second ward, Wayne Co OH, Dwelling 335, Family 294: Michael TOTTEN, age 70 OH, retired farmer; Susanna, age 72 PA; Nancy, age 39 OH; Susanna, age 37 OH, artist; Malessa, age 28 OH; Ramsey, age 14 Wisconsin.

Wayne County Grave Registration: Hiram E. TOTTEN, born 1839, died 8 Oct 1863 in Wayne Co. OH.