

Company E, 120th Ohio Volunteer Infantry

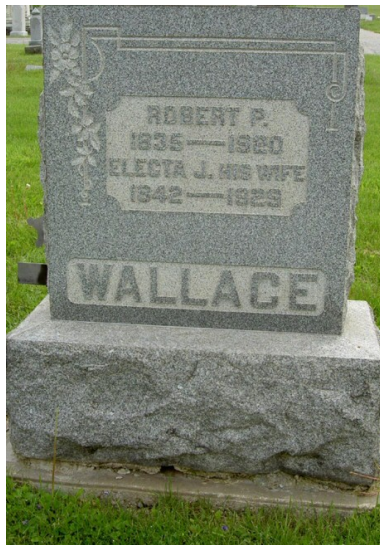


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WALLACE, Robert P. 13 Aug 1862
2d Lieutenant Wallace was age 27 when he entered service. He was promoted from Sergeant Co. C 15 Mar 1863; captured 24 May 1863 while in hospital at Raymond, Mississippi; promoted to 1st Lieut. 21 Mar 1864, but not mustered; transferred to Co. D 114th OVI on 27 Nov 1864 as 2nd Lieut. Promoted to 1st Lieut. to date 21 Mar 1864. Mustered out 29 June 1865 at Columbus OH by order of War Dept.

R.P. Wallace is listed as one of the escapees from Libby Prison in Richmond Virginia. They escaped

through a tunnel on 9 Feb 1864. See this page on the internet: <http://www.civwarbooks.com/>

Recommended reading: [Escape From Libby Prison](#) by James Gindlesperger

Father: William WALLACE

Mother: Nancy MUNCIE

Birth: 26 Sep 1835, Ashland County, OH

Marriage: Electa J. MCGUIRE, 30 Dec 1865, Ashland Co OH

Death: 9 Dec 1920, Green, Ashland County OH

Cemetery: Loudonville Cemetery, Ashland Counties, OH

[Ashland county military archives](#): Robert was a prisoner for 18 months.

Pension Index: Robert P WALLACE, C and E 120th and D 114th OH Inf. Invalid filed 1882 Apr 5, Application 445306, Certificate 365101, filed in OH.. His widow, Electa I WALLACE, applied 17 Jan 1921, Application 1168490, Certificate 898813, filed in OH. Pension Card: Robert died 29 Dec 1920 at Green Twp, OH.

1850 Census, Green Twp, Ashland County, OH, page 100: Nancy WALLACE, age 51 PA; Levi, age 30 OH, farmer; H. G. [female], age 21 OH; Margaret, age 18 OH; Robert, age 15 OH, farmer; Nancy A., age 11 OH; Abraham LOCKHART, age 25 OH, farmer.

1860 Census, Green Twp, Ashland Co OH, page 287: Nancy WALLACE, age 61 PA, domestic; Margaret, age 28 OH; Robert P, age 25 OH; Nancy A., age 19 OH. [Living next to Levi WALLACE and family.]

Ohio, County Marriages: Robert P. WALLACE married Electa J. MCGUIRE, 30 Dec 1865, Ashland Co OH.

1870 Census, Green Twp, Ashland Co OH, page 601: Robert WALLACE, age 35 OH, farmer; Electa J, age 28 OH; Effie M, age 11 OH.

1880 Census, Green Twp, Ashland Co OH, page 32: Robert WALLACE, age 45 OH, farmer, parents born PA; Electa J, wife, age 37 OH, parents born PA; Effa MARKS, daughter, age 24 OH; Herva LARMER [male], servant, works at home, age 13 OH, parents born OH.

1890 Veterans Schedule: Line 25 and 26, House 280, family 288: Robert P. WALLACE, Pvt, Co E 120th OH Inf and 1st Lieut. Co D 114th OH Inf. Post Office: Loudonville, OH. Disability: chronic diarrhoea, weak kidneys and heart disease. Prisoner 18 months in Libby, Macon, Charleston and Columbia. Escaped.

1900 Census, Green Twp, Ashland County, OH, page 34: Robert P WALLACE, age 64 OH, born Sep 1835, married 34 yrs, parents born PA, capitalist; Electa, wife, age 58 OH, born Apr 1842, married 34 yrs, 1 child/1 still living, father born PA, mother born OH.

1910 Census, Green Twp, Ashland County OH, page 15B: Robert P WALLACE, age 74 OH, first marriage, married 45 yrs, parents born OH, has own income; Electa I, wife, age 68 OH, first marriage, married 45 yrs, one child/one still living, parents born PA.

1920 Census, Green Twp, Ashland Co OH, page 20: Robert P. WALLACE, age 84 OH, parents born PA, no occupation; Lecta, wife, age 78 OH, parents born OH. [Ashland County CW Vets](#) : Robert F WALLACE, Lieutenant, died 1920, buried Loudonville Cemetery

Death record in Ohio: Robert P. WALLACE died 9 Dec 1920 in Green, Ashland County OH. He was born 26 Sep 1835 in Ashland County, OH. He was married and was a farmer. His father was Wm. WALLACE and his mother was Nancy MUNCIE, both born in PA. Informant was Effie MURTIS or MARTIS Burial was in Loudonville.

Daughter's death record in Ohio: File #70139, Effie May MARKS died 11 Nov 1940 at General Hospital, Mansfield, Richland Co OH. Widow of Minor MARKS. Born 3 Apr 1859 at Loudonville, OH. Father Robert P WALLACE, born Loudonville. Mother Electa Jane McGUIRE, born Loudonville OH. Burial Loudonville Cemetery. Informant, Mr. Wallace MARKS, of Loudonville OH.

The National Tribune [Washington DC], 2 Oct 1884, page 3:
"More about the Capture of Arkansas Post.

To the Editor: In your issue of the 11th of September I noticed an article over the signature of Jas. S. Schermerhorn, late Color-Sergeant of the 127th Ill., in which he takes exception to the description of Arkansas Post as written by J. W. Fry, of the 42d Ohio, published in The Tribune of Aug. 28, in which he (Fry) gives Lieut. R. P. Wallace, of the 120th Ohio, the credit of placing the colors of his regiment first upon the fort, claiming that distinguished honor for himself. The author of the article, J. W. Fry, is certainly correct, as hundreds who were present can testify. The same day that I recived The Tribune of the 11th ult. I visited Lieut. R. P. Wallace at his home near Loudonville, O., and showed him the article and held quite a lengthy conversation with him on the subject. I also conversed with several others on the subject who were eye-witnesses, and they all tell the same story. The facts are substantially as follows: The 120th Ohio held a position on the left of the line, near the river, about 20 rods from the fort, with orders to advance and charge the fort when the signal was given. But before the bugle sounded, which was to be the signal for a general charge all along the line, the white flag was displayed in the fort, and, although the command was given to halt, the 120th rushed pell-mell into the fort closely followed by other regiments. Lieut. R. P. Wallace, who was Color-Sergeant of the regiment was in the lead and scaled the ditch and ascended into the fort by jumping on the back of another soldier and planted his flag on the fort and commenced to cheer. Now, these are the facts in the case, as hundreds of the members of the 120th and 42d Ohio and Gen. Osterhaus, who commanded the division, if living, can testify. Lieut. Wallace says he had a good view of the fort and could not see another Union flag on the fort until soon after he planted the 120th's colors. I do not wish to detract one iota from any comrade's bravery or pluck a single star from his crown, but I desire to see justice done to all. Serg't Schermerhorn says he went into the fort with his flag before they quit firing and got the flag-staff shot in two in his hand, etc. Now this may all be true, but it is an unusual proceeding in military tactics to rush up and plant a flag on a fort while the firing is still going on, and before the surrender, and receive the fire of both friend and foe. I do not know the position the 127th Ill. occupied; but if they were on the right of the line, it might be possible that comrade Schermerhorn is right and placed his colors first on the fort, the same not seen from our position, but our impression always was that the 120th's flag was first on the fort; and cannot believe differently until fully convinced that such was not the case.

Lieut. R. P. Wallace was taken prisoner at Raymond, Miss., and served 18 months in Libby Prison, when he succeeded in effecting his escape and reached the Union lines. He was as brave a soldier as ever drew a sword or pulled a trigger. Lieut. Wallace lives on a splendid farm which he owns, near the town of Loudonville, Ashland county, O., and is engaged extensively in farming.

J. P. Van Nest, Lieut., 120th Ohio, Wooster, O."

[Robert P. Wallace, Company E, 120th OVI]

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