

## Company F, 120<sup>th</sup> Ohio Volunteer Infantry



Photo Credits: Sandi Litzenberg at [Find a Grave](#)

COTTER, John 15 Feb 1864 John Wesley COTTER  
Private Cotter was age 23 when he entered service. He mustered out 27 May 1865 at Memphis, Tennessee.

Father: James COTTER  
Mother: Eliza SEATON  
Birth: 26 Feb 1840, Richland Co OH  
Marriage: 1Sarah Jane WILLIAMS, 26 Oct 1865, Richland Co OH  
2Libbie BEIDER/BRIDER  
Death: 30 Jan 1926 at Bryan, Williams Co OH  
Cemetery: Shiffler Cemetery., Bryan, Williams Co OH

John 1840 - 1926  
Libbie 1850 - 1937  
CC 1885 - 1963

Pension Index: John COTTER, E 114th, F 82nd, and F 120th OH Inf. Widow Libbie Cotter applied for pension 4 Feb 1926, Application 1241689, Certificate 970974, filed in Ohio. John had applied for an invalid pension previously on 9 Apr 1888, Application 649591, Certificate 760793, filed in Michigan. Pension Card: Co F 82nd OH Inf. E 114th OH Inf, F 120th OH Inf. Pension Card: John died 3 Jan 1926 [does not agree with death record] at Bryan, OH.

1850 Census have not found.

1860 Census, Series: M653 Roll: 1029, Mifflin Twp, Richland Co OH, page 315: James CARTER [sic], age 38 OH, farmer; Eliza, age 39 OH; John, age 19 OH, farmer; Maria, age 17 OH, domestic; Isabella, age 15 OH; Morrison, age 13 OH; James S, age 11 OH; Anderson B, age 7 OH; Leth A, age 1 OH. [Challey D born in November.]

Richland County Probate Court record: John COTTER married Sarah Jane WILLIAMS 26 Oct 1865 in Richland Co OH. [Ellen Belle Cotter Sevrence's death record confirms that her parents were John COTTER and Jane WILLIAMS.

1870 Census, Series: M593 Roll: 1261, Weller Twp, Richland Co OH, page 388: John COTTER, age 29 OH, farm laborer; Jane, age 23 OH; Charley, age 3 OH; Infant male, age 3 months, born in March 1870. [Next door: James COTTER, age 49 PA, farmer; Elizabeth, age 49 OH; Charley, age 8 OH; Morison COTTER, age 22 OH, farm laborer.]

1880 Census, Series: T9 Roll: 1017, Gorham Twp, Fulton Co OH, page 13: John COTTER, age 40 OH, farmer, parents born OH; Jane, wife, age 33 OH, father born PA, mother born OH; Charles D, son, age 13 OH, farm laborer; Lewis M, son, age 8 OH; Ella B, daughter, age 5 OH; Truman SEAFIELD, boarder, age 57 NY, retired farmer, parents born NY.

Married Libbie/Elizabeth BEIDER/BRIDER<1883>

1890 Veterans Schedule: Medina, Lenawee Co MI: Lines 3 and 4, House 403, Family 404: John COTTER, Pvt Co F 82nd OH Inf, Pvt Co F 120 OH Inf. Post Office Morenci, Lenawee Co MI. Disability: typhoid fever and swelling on neck and sciatica. Discharge lost.

1900 Census, Series: T623 Roll: 1332, 3rd Ward Bryan, Williams Co OH, page 183: [Note: Whoever answered the census taker's questions seems to have combined the two marriages of John.] John W. COTTER, age 61 OH, born Feb 1839, married 40 yrs, teamster, parents born OH; Elizabeth, wife, age 49 OH, married 40 yrs, 4 children/2 still living, parents born Germany; Cleland H, son, age 15 OH, born June 1884, parents born OH; Ruby R, daughter, age 11 OH, born Dec 1888, parents born OH.

1910 Census, Series: T624 Roll: 1241, Bryan, Pulaski Twp, Williams Co OH, page 176: John COTTER, age 70 OH, second marriage, married 27 yrs, laborer, parents born OH, column 30 marked UA for military service; Elizabeth, wife, age 60 Europe/German speaking, first marriage, married 27 yrs, 2 children/2 still living, parents born Europe/German speaking. [Ella B, age 33, and husband Melvin SOVERINCE are living next door along with children and Lewis COTTER age 36 OH.]

1916 Directory of Williams Co OH, section for Bryan, page 22: J. W. COTTER (Elizabeth) laborer. 227 N. Beech St.

1920 Census, Series: T625 Roll: 1450, Bryan, Pulaski Twp, Williams Co OH, page 154: John COTTER, age 79 OH, no occupation, parents born OH; Elizabeth, wife, age 59 OH, parents born Switzerland/spoke German. [Note: William and Ruby BURNS are on the next page in the census.]

Death record in Ohio: File # 6515, John Wesley COTTER died 30 Jan 1926 at Bryan, Williams Co OH. Married/wife Libbie COTTER. Laborer. Born 26 Feb 1840 in Richland Co OH. Father James COTTER. Burial Shiffler Cemetery. Informant Mrs. Libbie COTTER of Bryan OH.

Wife Libbie's Death Record in Ohio:: File # 22270, Libbie COTTER, died 1 Mar 1937 at Bryan, Williams Co OH. Widowed. Husband John W. COTTER. Born 24 June 1850 in Switzerland. Her parents were Henry BRIDER and Barbara KELLER, born Switzerland. Burial Shiff[l]er Cemetery. Informant Mrs. Ruby ?BURNS, of Bryan OH.

Brother James' death record in Ohio: James C COTTER of 190 West Fifth St, died 19 Nov 1942 at Mansfield, Richland Co OH. Widowed. Wife Elizabeth BRINDLE. Retired Farmer. Born 6 June 1849 Ashland Co OH. Parents James COTTER and Eliza SEATON, born Ashland Co OH. Burial Ontario OH.

Brother, Chally's death record in Ohio: File #52261, Chally D COTTER died 21 Sep 1914 at Mansfield, Richland Co OH. Residence 42 Sherman? St. Married. Born 16 Nov 1860 in OH. Transferman. Father James COTTER and Eliza SEATON born PA. Burial Mansfield. Informant ??W Lee COTTER of Mansfield OH.

Son's marriage record in Ohio: Cleve COTTER married Edna LUCE on 2 Oct 1907, Williams Co OH His age 23. Her age 22. His father John COTTER. His mother Libbie BEIDER. Her parents: George LUCE and Rosa GEORGE.

Daughter Ruby married William BURNS on 16 Nov 1907 at Williams Co OH.

Research by Susie Holderfield  
2001-2016  
[120researcher@gmail.com](mailto:120researcher@gmail.com)