

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

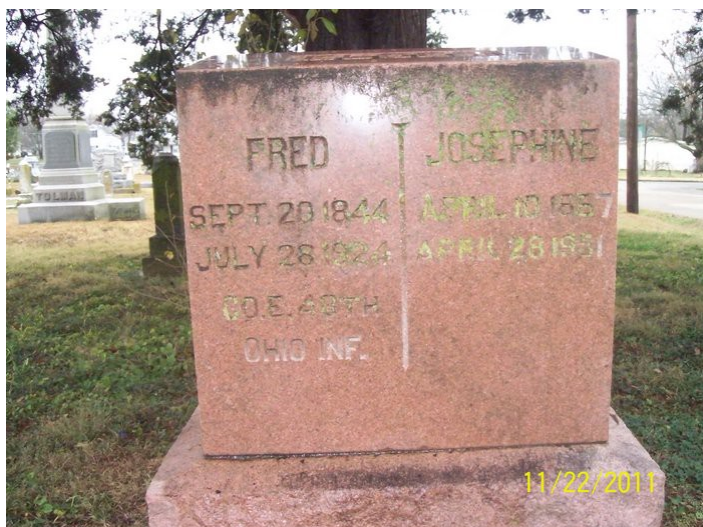


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ELSER, Frederick 15 Aug 1862  
Private Elser was age 18 when he entered service. He was transferred to Co. E 114th OVI on 27 Nov 1864. Transferred to Co E, 48th OVI 24 July 1865 [Elsor]. Mustered out 14 Oct 1865.

Father: Peter ELSER  
Mother: Anna Maria LAUTERWASSER  
[rebeccastephensconway at Ancestry.com]  
Birth: 20 Sep 1844 Bucks Co PA  
Marriage: Josephine ANTONIA/ANTOINE, 4 Jun 1877, St Francois Co, MO  
Death: 28 July 1924  
Cemetery: Knights of Pythias Cemetery, Farmington, St. Francois Co, MO [Son of Peter and Mary ELSER]

Pension Index: Frederick ELSER, E 48th, E 114th, F 120th OH: Invalid applied 25 Aug 1890, Application 900049, Certificate 983445, filed in MO . Widow Josephine Elser applied for a pension 25 Aug 1924, Application 1222944, Certificate 956719 in Missouri. Frederick died 28 July 1924 at Farmington, MO.

1850 Census, have not found

Came to Wayne County OH about 1854.

1860 Census, Series: M653 Roll:1051, Canaan Twp, Wayne Co OH, page 245: Peter ELSER, age 48 Germany, Mary, age 39 Germany; Frederick, age 14 OH; Abram, age 12 OH; Mary E, age 10 OH; John, age 8 OH; Sarah, age 6 OH; Jacob, age 1 OH.

Fall 1865 moved to Missouri.

1870 Census, Series M593 Roll 807, Iron Twp, St. Francois Co MO, page 612: Peter ELSNER, age 62 Hesse Darmstadt, farmer; Mary, age 53 Wurtemberg Germany; Fredrick, age 24 PA, farm laborer; Abraham, age 22 Pa, farm laborer; Mary, age 20 PA; Sarah, age 18 PA; John, age 16 PA; Jacob, age 14 PA; Margret, age 12 PA; Sophia, age 10 PA.

Marriage license record, 1836 - 1918, St. Francois County MO, recorder of deeds: Fredrick ELSER married Josephine ANTONIA, 4 Jun 1877, St Francois Co, MO.

1880 Census, Series T9 Roll 715, Pendleton Twp, St Francois Co, MO, page 514: Fredk ELSER, age 35 PA, farmer, parents born Germany; Josephine, wife, age 22 OH, parents born France; Edward, son, age 1 MO; Maria, mother, age 59 Germany, parents born Germany; Magdalena, sister, age 15 OH. [Next door is Abraham ELSER age 30 PA and his family.]

1890 Veterans Schedule: Pendleton, Saint Francois Co MO: Line 40, House 271, Family 276: Frederick ELSER, Pvt, Co F 120 OH Inf. Post Office: might have been Doe Run, MO, but not filled in.

1900 Census, Series: T623 Roll: 887, Pendleton Twp, St. Francois Co MO, page 72: Frederick ELSER, age 55 PA, farmer, born Sep 1844, married 22 yrs, parents born Germany; Josephine, wife, age 43 KY, born Apr 1857, married 22 yrs, 8 children/7 still living, parents born France; Frederick L, son, age 18 MO, single, born Feb 1882, farm laborer; Josephine E, daughter, age 16 MO, born Dec 1883; William H, son, age 11 MO, born Sept 1888; Clara, daughter, age 6 MO, born Feb 1894; Lee F, son, age 4 MO, born May 1896. [Next door is John H ELSER age 43 born July 1856 with his family.]

1910 Census, Series: T624 Roll: 809, Pendleton Twp, St. Francois Co MO, page 42: Fred ELSER, age 65 PA, first marriage, married 33 yrs, farmer general farming, parents born PA, column 30 marked ua for military service; Josephine, wife, age 53 MO, first marriage, married 33 yrs, 9 children/8 still living, parents born MO; Lee, son, age 15 MO; Sopha, daughter, age 27 MO; Clasia?, daughter, age 16 MO. [Next door on each side are John ELSER age 54 OH and Edward ELSER age 30 MO, with their families.]

1920 Census, Harrison St, 4th Ward, Farmington, St. Francois Twp, St Francois Co, MO, page 281: Fred ELSER, age 75 PA, farmer retired, parents born Germany; Josephine, wife, age 63 OH, parents born France.

[Obituary](#) reveals these facts: Died 28 July 1924. Burial at K. of P. Cemetery. Son of Peter and Anna Maria Elser. Born Bucks Co PA 20 Sep 1844. "Moved with his parents to Wayne County, Ohio, when about 8 yrs old." "In the fall of 1865 he moved with his parents to Stono, St. Francois County, Missouri..." Married Josephine ANTOINE. Eight children. Seven living when he died: Ed. of Stono; Fred, of Dodge City KS; Sophia, Mrs. Walter Bensing, of Mullinsville KS; Elizabeth, Mrs. Van T. Stillwell, of St. Louis; Will of Flat River; Clara, Mrs. Jake Newhy, of Cimarron KS, and Lee of Farmington. Cora died in infancy. Fred was oldest of 9 children....4 still living when he died: John and Jake of Stono; Mary, Mrs. Pat Maber or Maher, of St Louis; Maggie, Mrs. Henry Sietz, of Middlebrook. 12 grandchildren. "In 1862 he answered his country's call by enlisting in the Union army where he served three years, seeing much active service. After receiving an honorable discharge at Houston, Texas, he returned to his home in Ohio." [Thanks to Farmington Public Library for posting [obituaries!](#)]

Son [Lee F. ELSER](#) died 1 Aug 1964 in St. Louis. Born 23 May 1896 near Doe Run, MO. Married Mahala BURCH, 7 Sep 1921. His son, Warren Lee ELSER died fighting with the Second Marines on Saipan, WWII. Surviving were three brothers and two sisters: Ed, Bill, Fred, Mrs. Sophia BRENSING, Mrs. Elizabeth STILLWELL.

Son [Edward ELSER](#) died 2 Mar 1879 in MO. Married Mary NIESEN 8 Dec 1904.

Son [William H. ELSER](#) died 16 Feb 1976. Born 29 Sep 1889 at Doe Run. Married Sophronia LAIN.

[Missouri Death Certificates:](#) Josephine ELSER died April, 1951 in St. Francois County, Cert # 13695

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