

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



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FRANCE, Michael 25 Aug 1862  
Private France was age 22 when he entered service.  
[Co E 48th OH Inf] He was transferred to Co. E  
114th OVI on 27 Nov 1864. Transferred to Co E,  
48th OVI, 24 July 1865. Mustered out 14 Oct 1865.

Father: Michael FRANCE  
Mother: Sarah SMITH  
Birth: 2 May 1840 at Westmoreland Co PA  
Marriage: Amanda NELSON on 25 Jan 1866 in  
Richland Co OH  
Death: 29 Oct 1919, Ashland, Ashland Co OH  
Cemetery: Ashland Mausoleum

Michael FRANCE is buried in Ashland Cemetery,  
Ashland County, OH. Born 1840. Died 1919. [His](#)

[wife](#) is also buried there. She died 12 June 1915.

Pension Card: Michael FRANCE, Co F 120th OH Inf, Co E 48th OH Inf, Co E 114th OH Inf., Invalid applied 7 Aug 1873, Application 186074, Certificate 129458. Michael died 27 Nov 1919 [does not agree with death record] at Ashland, OH.

Haven't found in 1850 census.

1860 Census, Series M653 Roll 930, Milton Twp, Ashland Co OH, page 99: Michael FRANCES, age 50 PA, farmer; Catharine, age 47 PA; Michael, age 20 PA, farm laborer; Hanna SAVER, age 18 OH.

Richland County Probate Court record: Michael FRANCE married Amanda NELSON on 25 Jan 1866 in Richland Co OH.

1870 Census, Series: M593 Roll: 254, Evans Twp, Marshall Co IL, page 302: Michael FRANCE Jr., age 30 PA, farmer; Amanda, age 28 OH; Willie, age 3 IL; Elmer, age 1 IL. [Note: next door: Michael FRANCE, age 60 PA, farmer; Catherine, age 59 PA]

Michael applied for an invalid pension in 1873 but no state was given.

1880 Census, Milton Twp, Ashland County, OH, page 109: Michael FRANCE, age 40 PA, farmer, parents born PA; Amanda, wife, age 39 OH, father born PA, mother born OH; William, son, age 13 IL; Elmore, son, age 11 IL; Arthur, son, age 4 IL.

1890 Census, Milton Twp, Ashland Co OH, line 31: Michael FRANCE, Pvt, Co F 120th OH Inf Vol. Mustered out 15 Oct 1865. Chronic diarrhoea, lung trouble, disease of the eyes. Post office Ashland OH.

1900 Census, Milton Twp, Ashland County, OH, page 92: Michael FRANCE, age 60 PA, born May 1840, married 34 yrs, farmer, parents born PA; Amanda, wife, age 59 OH, born ?? 1841, married 34 yrs, 6 children/5 still living, parents born OH; William, son, age 31 IL, born June 1868, single, farm laborer; Bert, son, age 19 OH, single, born Sept 1880, farm laborer; Myrtle, daughter, age 19 OH, born Sept 1880, single.

1910 Census, Ashland, Montgomery Twp, Ashland County, OH, page 170: William FRANCE, age 42 IL, single, doctor of osteopathy; Michael, father, age 67 PA, marked m1 for first marriage but did not list yrs married and his wife is not listed. [Note: Column 30 is NOT marked for military service for Michael.]

Ohio Online Death Certificate index: Michael FRANCE died 29 Oct 1919 in Ashland County OH.

[Ashland County CW Vets](#) : Michael FRANCE, died 1919 and buried at Ashland Cemetery.

Death record in Ohio: File # 56122, Michael FRANCE, of 209 College Ave, died 29 Oct 1919 at Ashland, Ashland Co OH. Widowed. Wife Amanda FRANCE. Born 2 May 1840 at Westmorland Co OH [Note: Westmoreland County is in PA] Retired farmer. Parents Michael FRANCE and Sarah SMITH, born PA. Burial Ashland Mausoleum. Informant W. N. FRANCE, of Ashland OH.

The death record of William Nelson FRANCE verifies his mother's name as Amanda NELSON, born in Stark Co OH.