

Company F, 120th Ohio Volunteer Infantry



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HECKERT, Peter 15 Aug 1862

Sergeant Heckert was age 27 when he entered service. He was wounded on 10 July 1863 in the battle of Jackson, Mississippi; discharged 7 Oct 1863 at Memphis, Tennessee on a Surgeon's certificate of disability.

Father: ??Peter HECKERT

Mother:

Birth: 6 Mar 1835, Marion County, OH

Marriage:

Death: 16 Dec 1902

Cemetery: Guy Cemetery, Saint Elmo, Fayette Co IL

Pension Index: Peter HECKERT, F 120th OH Inf. Invalid filed 1863 Nov 19, Application 36272, Certificate 24311.

Widow Sarah R. HECKERT applied for a pension in Illinois, 2 Feb 1903, Application 777785, no Certificate, filed in IL Pension Card: Peter died 16 Dec 1902.

5 Oct 1907 Cleveland Plain Dealer, page 3

Makes Ring of Own Bone

Man Wounded in Civil War Carved Ornament From His Thigh Bone.

Columbus, O., Oct. 4.-- A. W. Cousin of Terre Haute, Ind., presented to the relic room of the statehouse today a peculiar and grewsome [sic] relic of the civil war.

It is a finger ring made by Sergeant Peter Heckert of Co. F, 120th Ohio Volunteer infantry, from the head of the thigh bone of his own left leg. He was wounded in the left thigh at Jackson, Miss., July 11, 1863, necessitating the amputation of the leg. The ring is highly polished so that no one would suspect from its appearance of what material it is.

[Note: The Ohio Historical Society in Columbus OH still has possession of this ring. Its number is H70407.]

Were these Peter's siblings or were they cousins? 1850 Census, Canaan Twp, Wayne co OH, p 801, dwelling 272, family 272: John WIREMAN, age 35 PA, farmer; Rachel, age 32 OH; Ruth Heckert, age 15 OH; Mary Ann Heckert, age 13 OH; Levi Heckert, age 11 OH; Elias Heckert, age 9 OH; Samuel H Heckert, age 3 PH; John W Heckert, age 2 OH. [Peter was mentioned in a letter by WAG Emerson saying that, "Peter Heckert, lost two brothers and one cousin, one of them was found and buried, the others perhaps are prisoners. It is so to be hoped." There was an Pvt Elias Heckart in the 16th Ohio, Company K, who died at Chickasaw Bayou on December 29, 1862, age 19. Pvt. Levi H. Heckart was age 22 when he joined the 16th OV, also in Co K. He mustered out with the company on October 31, 1864, as a Corporal.]

1860 Census, Series M653 Roll 930, Ashland, Ashland Co OH, page 191: Peter HECKARD, age 24 OH, shoemaker. He is living with Levi and Caroline OSWALD and family. Levi is also a shoemaker.

1870 Census, Series M593 Roll 220, Avena Twp, Fayette Co IL, page 591: Peter HECKART, age 34 OH, shoemaker; Levi HECKART, age 32 OH, farmer; Isabel, age 25 OH; Thomas, age 11 months IL, born Sept 1869.

1880 Census, Series T9 Roll 206, St Elmo, Fayette Co IL, page 125: Peter HECKERT, age 45 OH, single, shoemaker, father born VA, mother born OH; Mary HECKERT, age 43 OH, sister, single, father born VA, mother born OH.

1900 Census, Series T623 Roll 300, Village of St. Elmo, Avena Twp, Fayette Co IL, page 18: Peter HECKERT, age 65 OH, single, born Mar 1835, father born VA, mother born OH, no occupation listed. He is a boarder living with James and Sadie SCOLES.

[from Gary Feezel at Find a Grave] Peter Heckert's death record, Fayette Co IL: Died 16 Dec 1902, age 67 yrs 9 m 11 dys. He was a shoemaker. Married. Born at Marion OH. Burial at ST. Elmo, IL.

