

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

KEIFFER, Josiah 28 Aug 1862

Private Keiffer was age 22 when he entered service. [No further comments given.] Listed at Civil War Soldiers and Sailors as Joseph KEIFFER.

Father: ?Adam KEIFFER

Mother: ? Mary LEISHURE

Birth: <1840> OH

Marriage:

Death:

Cemetery: Alexandria National Cemetery, Rapides Parish, LA., Sec A, Grave 752

Two names at Alexandria National Cemetery, Rapides Parish, LA.

Jere. KELEHER, grave 752, is on the stone at Alexandria. Because the stone at Alexandria is marked USA rather than Ohio, I think this grave number 752 could be for the regular army soldier and not for Josiah Keiffer. However, when I look at all the evidence for the soldier buried in 752, I have to think that it is Josiah Keiffer who is buried in 752.

[Keleer, Jere](#), d. 09/30/1864, PVT CO F 120 OHIO INF, Plot: A 752

[Kelcher, Jermish](#), d. 09/30/1864, PVT CO F 120TH OHIO INF, Plot: 752 [There was a Jeremiah KELCHER in the US regular army, in the 17th Inf. and the 26th Inf.]



A site 752.

Photo Credit: Zombie Finder at [Find a Grave](#)

Have not found in Registers of Deaths of Volunteers, 1861-1865.

Burial Registers, Military Posts and National Cemeteries, 1862-1960: Jeremiah KELCHER/KELEHER, Private, Co F 120th OH Inf. Died 30 Sep 1864. Original burial: Pleasant Hill, LA. Grave number 752 at Alexandria National Cemetery, Pineville LA.

Second record: Jeremiah KELCHER, Pvt, Co F 120th OH Inf, died 30 Sept 1864, original burial at Pleasant Hill, LA. Alexandria National Cemetery., Section A 752.

Listed at Nationwide Gravesite Locator as Jere KELHER, Pvt Co F 120 OH, died 30 Sep 1864, Section

[Note: the other soldier of the 120th who was originally buried in Pleasant Hill LA and then moved to Alexandria was Amos Kepner, also of this Company F. He died at Tyler, Texas [Camp Ford] in the rebel prison camp also on 30 Sept 1864. So I am wondering if this soldier Josiah/Joseph Keiffer might have been in that same prison camp.]

National Cemetery Interment Control Forms, 1928-1962: Jeremiah KELCHER, Pvt Co F 120th OH Inf, Civil War. Died 30 Sep 1864. Alexandria National Cemetery Grave 752. Formerly buried at Pleasant Hill, LA.

I think that this may have been a mistake made when making the Burial Registers. This soldier is listed right with Amos Kepner of Co F 120th OVI. [Burial Registers, Military Posts and National Cemeteries, 1862-1960: Jeremiah Kaleher/Kelcher, Pvt. Co E 25 US Inf, Section 17 number 21 or 27 at Alexandria National Cemetery., originally buried at Russ Co TX. No death date given.]

Have not found in Pension Index for soldier of the 120th.

?????1850 Census, Montgomery, Ashland Co OH, Dwelling 316, Family 332: Jacob KEIFFER, age 53 PA, farmer; Catharine, age 51 PA; Daniel, age 26 PA, farmer; Levina, age 18 PA; Maria, age 16 PA; William, age 14 PA; Caroline, age 12 PA; Josiah, age 10 PA.

1850 Census, Green Twp, Wayne Co OH, Dwelling 33, Family 33: Adam KEEFER, age 54 PA, farmer; Mary, age 50 PA; Daniel, age 25 OH, carpenter; Jesse, age 19 OH, laborer; Mary, age 16 OH; Cathrine, age 16 OH; Josiah, age 9 OH; Isaiah, age 6 OH.

1860 Census, Green Twp, Wayne Co OH, Dwelling 503, Family 521: Jesse Keiffer, age 28 OH, farmer; Mary, age 60 PA; Mary, age 25 OH; Josiah, age 20 OH; [next page] Isaiah, age 16; Elizabeth ??LEISNIE, age 87 PA.

1870 Jessie, Mary, and Mary are still living in Green twp, but Josiah is not there. Dwellings 211 and 212.

?Brother's Death Ohio Death record: Jessie S. KEIFFER, died 9 Dec 1909 at Bryan, Williams Co OH. Age 78y 9m 22d. Married. Retired lumberman. Born 17 Feb 1831, Wain [?Wayne] Co OH. Burial, Fountain Grove, Bryan, OH. Father Addam KEIFFER born PA. Marry LEISHURE born PA.

Could be another man. Josiah M. KIEFFER/KIEFER, 169th, OH Inf. National Guard. Organized at Camp Taylor, Cleveland, Ohio, and mustered in May 13, 1864. Left State for Washington, D. C., May 19. Attached to 1st Brigade, DeRussy's Division, 22nd Army Corps, to July, 1864. 2nd Brigade, DeRussy's Division, 22nd Army Corps, to August, 1864. Assigned to duty in the Defences of Washington south of the Potomac as garrison at Fort Ethan Allen and in fortifications south of the Potomac till September. Repulse of Early's attack on [Washington](#) July 11-12. Mustered out September 4, 1864. Pension Index: Josiah M. KIEFFER, Co A 169th OH Inf. Widow, Allie KIEFFER, filed 25 May 1877. Application 231596, Certificate 245418. No state give for the filing. 1880 Census, Wooster, Wayne Co OH, Bealle Ave. Dwelling 346, Family 371: Anna SMITH, age 58 OH, father born CN, mother born New Jersey, house keeper; Sarah SMITH, daughter, age 30 OH, father born PA, mother born OH; Allie KIEFFER, daughter, age 32 OH, music teacher, father born PA, mother born OH.]

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