

Company F, 120th Ohio Volunteer Infantry



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SWITZER, John* 28 Aug 1862
Sergeant Switzer was age 40 when he entered service. He was appointed from Corporal 17 Apr 1863; he died 22 Sept 1863 at La Fayette, Ohio. [Ashland County OH]
No burial information is given in the Roll of Honor.

Father: ?Frederick SWITZER
Mother: ?Lydia ????
Birth: <1822>
Marriage: Sarrah Catherine YARRICK on 29 May 1851, Ashland Co OH
Death: 22/24 Sept 1863 at La Fayette, OH
Cemetery: Red Haw Cemetery, Ashland Co OH

[Ashland County Civ War Vets](#): John SWITZER buried Red Haw Cemetery. [Red Haw Cemetery](#) lists John SWITZER Civil War Veteran with no dates. Also right beside that name is listed Nicholas who died 1864 at age 67 yrs. Was Nicholas his father? Sons of Union

Veterans: Born 1822. Burial Red Haw Cemetery, CR 175, Red Haw, Perry Twp, Ashland County, OH.

Pension Index: John SWITZER, F 120th OH Inf. Widow Sarah C. Switzer applied for a pension in 1863 Oct 9, Application 35457, Certificate 54068, but no state was given. A pension for a minor was applied for in 1869 Mar? 24, Application 173524, Certificate 130408. The guardian was J. Shutt.

Parents??? 1850 Census, Orange Twp, Ashland Co OH, Dwelling 28, Family 29: Lydia SWITZER, age 47 MD; Lewis, age 4 OH; Frederick, age 62 PA, blind. [Next door, Dwelling 29, Family 30: William SWITZER, age 24 OH, farmer; Ann, age 20 OH; Mary Ann, age one OH.]

??1850 Census, Perry Twp, Ashland Co OH: Dwelling 257, Family 257: Abaraham S LONG, age 27 PA, physician; Martha, age 21 PA; William A, age one OH; Mary E, age six months OH; Levi HERR, age 22 OH, carpenter; Harman W. HELMAN, age 29 OH, clerk; John SWITZER, age 28 OH, wagon maker.

[Ashland County Data Files marriages](#): John SWITZER married Sarrah C YARRICK on 29 May 1851.

1860 Census, Perry Twp, Ashland Co OH, pge 223: John SWITZER, age 38 PA, wagon maker; Sarah C, age 28 PA; Julius A [male], age 8 OH; Elmira, age 2 OH.

John's brother...see 1870 census? Was Frederick their father?

1860 Census, Orange, Ashland Co OH, Dwelling 669, Family 645: [Wm SWITZER](#), age 34 OH; Anne, age 30 OH; Mary A, age 11 OH; Howard, age 9 OH; Homer, age 7 OH; Laura, age 5 OH; Virgil E, age 3 OH; Adda, age 1 OH; [Frederick](#), age 73 OH. [Next dwelling 670, family 646: Lydia SWITZER, age 58 PA; Lewis, age 15 OH.]

Judson Switzer was John and Sarah's nephew. In 1870 he was 9 yrs old living with William and Ann Switzer at Orange, Ashland Co OH. So William is probably John's brother and was Lydia their mother?:

1870 Census, Orange Twp, Ashland Co OH, Dwelling 28, Family 26: William SWITZER, age 45 OH, farmer; Ann, age 41 OH; Homer, age 17 OH; Laura, age 15 OH; Virgil, age 13 OH; Ada, age 11 OH; Judson, age 9 OH; John, age 7 OH; William, age 5 OH; Henry, age 2 OH; Lydia, age 68 OH. [Judson is mentioned in the pension papers.]

1900 Census, 1555 York, Denver, Arapahoe Co, CO, Dwelling 244, Family 263: A. L. HEW, age 42 IN, Born Nov 1857, married 22 yrs, father born KY, mother born VA, lawyer; Maud E, wife, age 41 IN, born Mar 1859, married 22 yrs, 2 children/w still living, parents born Germany; Frank, son, age 21 IN, single, born Apr 1879, duputy assessor; Fred, son, age 18 IN, single, born May 1882; C. SWITZER, servant, age 68 PA, born Feb 1832, widow, 8 children/4 still living, parents born PA, house servant.

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Davenport woman Dead

Mrs. Sarah C. Switzer Passes away at Soldiers' Home

Mrs. Sarah C. Switzer, aged 86, a member of the soldiers' home from Davenport since April 27, 1913, died at 12:30 this afternoon of strangulated hernia. Mrs. Switzer was the widow of John Switzer, who served as a member of Company F, 120th Ohio infantry, and who died in service in 1863. Mrs. Switzer was a native of Custer county, Pennsylvania, where she was born Feb. 9, 1832. In addition to a daughter, Mrs. Jennie Wolf, who lives in Denver, Colo. Mrs. Switzer is survived by a brother J. A. Yerick, at Iowa City.

Ohio, County Marriages, 1789-1994: Amanda J. SWITZER married Preston I. WOLF on 18 Jun 1885 at Greene Co OH.

1800 Census, 4135 Lee St, Denver, Arapahoe Co, CO, Dwelling 173, Family 189: Presten I. WOLF, age 45 OH, born May 1855, married 15 yrs, parents born OH, roofer; Jennie, wife, age 39 OH, born Dec 1860, married 15 yrs, 2 children/2 still living, father born PA, mother born VA; Pauline, daughter, age 14 OH, born Mar 1886; Gail, son, age 12 OH, born Oct 1887.

Pension at fold3.com :

John SWITZER enrolled in the service at La Fayette, Ashland Co OH. John also died at La Fayette. The doctor who cared for John in Ashland Co was N. B. COTTON, M.D. He said John died of pneumonia on 24 Sept 1863.

Sarah C. SWITZER, widow of John SWITZER, Srgt, Co F 120th OH Vols. Sarah resident of Perry Twp, Ashland Co OH, post office Rows, OH.

"Officers certificate shows soldier was detailed fore part of Aug/63 to go home to bring in drafted men and that he was then suffering with chronic diarrhea.

Affidavit of attending physician shows that soldier was laboring under an attack of chronic diarrhea on the 17 of Aug, that he treated him for said disease until the 18th of Sept when he was attacked with pneumonia of which he died on the 24th Sept 1863."

Captain Fraunfelter "thought that if detailed for said service he [SWITZER] would recover." Died at home in Ashland Co OH.

John SWITZER married Miss Sarah C. YARRICK 29 May 1851, by Justice of the Peace Phillip SHOTT.

Four children. John [Julius] O., 4 Nov 1851; Almira, 23 Dec 1857; Amanda J, 17 Dec 1860; Ada Bell, 11 Apr 1863.

Elizabeth BROWN of LaFayette, Ashland Co OH, affidavits: She was present at the birth of Almira SWITZER on 23 Nov 1857; and at the birth of Ada Bell SWITZER on 11 Apr 1863.

Elizabeth BROWN and Susan SHOCKEY, residents of Ashland Co OH affidavit: They were present at birth of Julius O. SWITZER, 4 Nov 1851.

Mrs. C ZIMMERMAN and Mrs. Elizabeth BROWN, residents of LaFayette, Ashland Co OH affidavit: they were present at the birth of Amand J. SWITZER, born 17 Dec 1860.

Mrs. Sarah CRUMRINE of Wayne Co OH affidavit: was present at the birth of Ada Bell SWITZER on 11 April 1863.

The soldier died "while at his home in Perry Township, Ashland Co Ohio under Special Order No 4 for the purpose of conducting to his Regiment men of the draft assigned to the same, on the 24th day of September A D 1863."

Sarah C. SWITZER, 2nd marriage: Married Edward ALBRIGHT, 20 Mar 1869 at Ashland Co OH, by Justice of Peace John SHIDLER. But she divorced him at Iowa City, Johnson Co IA on 15 Jan 1872??? and as of 3 Aug 1901 on an affidavit, she had not married again. She was age 69, living at 1444 Clarkson St, Denver CO, age 69. On an 11 Dec 1901 affidavit she was living at 731 Clarkson St, Denver, CO. She said that her second husband had been in Co G 23rd OH Inf. Sarah wanted her pension under John SWITZER to be restored. *18 July 1901 Mrs. Jennie WOLF, age 39, of Denver, Arapahoe, CO, and Mrs. Ada POLAND, age 36 of Denver, post office 1522 Central St., Denver CO, both daughters of the claimant....* affidavit for mother, that she had not remarried since her divorce and had no means of support or property.

Sarah also went by "Catherine."

In the divorce, Sarah was awarded custody and control of Maud Matilda ALBRIGHT, her child with Edward ALBRIGHT. The divorce took place at Johnson Co IA. Sarah Catherine, as of 1 July 1871, had been resident of Iowa for over 6 months and resident of Johnson county during that time. She and Edward had moved to IL in April 1869 and in Oct 1869 had moved to IA. Edward made her sell her property and wasted the money on a "dissolute and profligate course of life and then on the 10th day of October 1869 willfully deserted the plaintiff without any reasonable or just cause and has ever since absented himself from plaintiff without any reasonable cause and never has at any time contributed to the support of the plaintiff in any degree but on the contrary induced the plaintiff to send him \$10.00 under promise of returning this with plaintiff but which promise he wholly disregarded and spent said sum as the plaintiff believes in the Society of lewd and abandoned women." Maud was age about 18 months at the time of the court papers, June 1871. Edward didn't show up in court and the divorce was granted.

Judson SWITZER, affidavit, 18 July 1901: Judson was Sarah's nephew. Post office address 1522 Central St, Denver, age 40.

In 1912 Sarah requested a replacement for her lost pension certificate. She was at 1018 W. 2nd St, Davenport IA. Certificate 54068.

Sarah died 8 July 1918 at Marshalltown IA. Sarah C. SWITZER died 8 July 1918 at the Iowa Soldiers' Home. She is buried in the [Iowa Veterans Home Cemetery](#), Marshalltown, Marshall Co IA, section S, Row 1, Grave 9. 1832-1918

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