

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

WAGONER, Frederick 24 Aug 1862

Private Wagoner was age 22 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.[Wagener] Mustered out 14 Oct 1865.

Father: John WAGNER

Mother: ?Elizabeth

Birth: 11 Mar 1840 OH

Marriage: Rachel BAKER, 19 Nov 1865, Ashland Co OH

Death: 14 or 15 May 1910

Cemetery: Mansfield Cemetery, Richland Co OH [Photo of grave at Find a Grave by JodyM](#)

Pension Index: Frederick WAGONER, E 48th, E 114th and F 120th OH Inf. Pension Card: Invalid applied 11 Aug 1879. [I have not found this card again to get the numbers. It might be at Fold3.com] Widow, Rachel WAGONER, applied 25 May 1910, Application 942873, Certificate 704085, filed in OH. Frederick died 14 May 1910.

1860 Census, Series M653 Roll 930, Perry Twp, Ashland Co OH, page 234: John WAGONER, age 51 Germany, shoe maker; Elizabeth, age 25 OH; Frederick, age 20 OH, carpenter; twins John, age 18 OH, laborer; Jacob, age 18 OH, laborer.

Story about Frederick's father:

The Ashland Union, 8 June 1864, page 2 Company F, Frederick Wagoner's father,

"Suicide in Perry Township.---Letter of Deceased Giving his Reasons for the act.

A lamentable affair occurred in Perry township, this County, on last Sabbath. The facts, as gleaned at the Coroner's inquest, held by Capt. Woodburn, on Monday, were about as follows: John Wagner, a peaceable and respected resident of the township, had for about a year been in great trouble about his boy, who died in a hospital at Cincinnati. He was at times partially insane. He had another son in the 120<sup>th</sup> Regiment and had heard the sad news of its disaster, getting no word from this one. On sabbath afternoon last during the absence of his family, consisting of a grown up son and daughter, he went to the woods, seated himself upon the ground, placed the muzzle of a rifle to his right eye, and by means of a string attached to the trigger and placed around the guard succeeded in discharging the piece. His face was horribly mangled and the skull split almost in twain. The verdict of the Jury was that he came to his death by his own hands. A letter found in his hat near where he lay gives his reasons for his act. It was written in German and translated reads as follows:

My Loved Ones: I have suffered many pains. Very much have I suffered, and I hope you will be glad that I am out of my troubles. I have sought God in my sickness and prayed much. I hope that the good God has heard my prayers, and that my soul rests with God. I can not stand my troubles any longer. I have suffered in my nerves till they have become so weak that I can not stay in the world any longer. The text of my funeral sermon shall be, 'who that stands beware that he shall not fall.'

'Jesus lives and with Him I,

Oh ! Death where is thy sting,

He lives, and He will

Awaken me from the dead.'

I suffered in spirit and flesh and had no rest by day or night. This is the hardest disease that man can have. I must say with Job, 'In the morning I hope for the night and in the night for the morning, but without any relief.' I have prayed often times for a little rest but I could not get it. Don't be troubled about my salvation. I am in peace with all men and with my God.

John Wagner

What appeared to have been written at a later time than the above is the following:

I have tried everything, but could get no help. No doctor could reach my sickness with medicine. For my part I have done all I could. At last I made application to go to the Columbus Assylum, but they would not take me, and so I did all I could on my part, and Jesus Christ took me to my rest in peace; and yet many may say that Satan induced me to take my life. But it not so. It was my sickness that drove me to it. My nerves burned like fire. I suffered one year and four months continually, and my children wished that I was better. - But I blamed Dr. ----- that he did not get me to Columbus when he could not do anything for me. I can not stand it any longer, my head is so weak.

With this letter piece of paper was the following:

I selected this place for my resting place because my son John was so often with me here and he is no more. I have often cried here, and am going to him."

*[Note: I can't find brother John on any regiment list for Ashland county OH. However, there is a Corporal for the 111<sup>th</sup> OH buried in Spring Grove Cemetery, Cincinnati, Hamilton Co OH. Lists him as age 19-20, died 27 July 1863. Says he died while serving at the West End Hospital in Cincinnati.]*

Ashland County Data Files marriages: Fredrick WAGONER married Rachel BAKER on 19 Nov 1865.

1870 Census, Series M593 Roll 1169, Green Twp, Ashland Co OH, page 610: Frederick WAGONER, age 30 OH, carpenter; Rachel, age 33 OH; Louiza, age 5 OH.

1880 Census, Series T9 Roll 991, Green Twp, Ashland Co OH, page 17: Frederick WAGONER, age 38 OH, farmer, parents born Baden; Rachel, wife, age 44 OH, parents born OH; Louisa, daughter, age 14 OH; Emma, daughter, age 8 OH; Corra, daughter, age 1 OH.

1890 Veterans Schedule: Vermillion Twp, Ashland Co OH: Line 22, House 240, Family 252: Frederick WAGONER, Pvt, Co C [sic] 120 OH Inf. Post Office: Hayesville, OH.

1900 Census, Series T 623 Roll 1237, Vermillion Twp, Ashland Co OH, page 219: Frederic WAGONER, age 60 OH, born Mar 1840, married 35 yrs, farmer, parents born Germany; Rachel, wife, age 62 OH, born Oct 1837, married 35 yrs, 4 children/3 still living, father born OH, mother born MD; Cora, daughter, age 21 OH, single, born Mar 1879.

Department of the Interior record shows Frederick WAGONER living in Widowsville, Ashland Co OH on 7 June 1893.

Death record: Fredrick WAGONER died 15 May 1910 at Mansfield, Richland Co OH. Born 11 Mar 1840 in OH. Married. Retired farmer. Burial Mansfield OH. Father John WAGONER. [Could not see actual image.]

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