

Company G, 120th Ohio Volunteer Infantry



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BICKEL, Jacob 8 Oct 1862
Jacob, age 30, is listed in the Roster of Ohio Soldiers 1861-66 volume 8, page 261 as a Musician. He was discharged 7 Jan 1863 at Columbus OH on a Surgeon's certificate of disability. Also in Co A 169th OH Inf.

Father:

Mother:

Birth: July <1822-1826>, Baden, Germany

Marriage: Louisa PETERS, 1852 Wayne Co OH

Death: Obit Thurs 26 Nov 1908, died Friday 20 Nov 1908

Cemetery: Oak Park Cemetery in Perry Twp, Noble Co IN. Section 1, Row 28. Louisa is also buried there. Louisa died in 1921.

Pension Card: Widow, Louisa, filed for pension 11 Dec 1908,

Application 909588, Certificate 675058 in Indiana. Pension Card: Jacob BICKEL, Co G 120th OH Inf., Co A 169th OH Inf. Invalid filed 27 Aug 1890, Application 897716, Certificate 804070. [The 169th, organized at Camp Cleveland, was a regiment that served 100 days. Jacob Bickel who was age 37 at the time entered as a private on 2 May 1864 and mustered out with the company 4 Sept 1864. This regiment went to Washington City and was on garrison duty in Fort Ethan Allen. It participated in the defeat of Early's attack on Washington. *The age of 37, given in the Roster of Ohio Soldiers for the 169th and age of 30 two years earlier for his enlistment in the 120th, raises the question of Jacob's actual year of birth.*]

Veterans Administration Payment Cards, 1907-1933: 2912, Jacob BICKEL, Certificate 804070, Co A 169th OH N. G. died 27 Nov 1908. Transferred from Indianapolis, IN. widow Louisa. Home: Kendallville.

Came to US about 1834.

Ohio Marriages, Louisa PETERS married Jacob RICKEL[sic] on 8 Jan 1852 at Wayne Co OH. Wife's family: [1850 Census, Green Twp, Wayne Co OH, Dwelling 46, Family 46: George PETERS, age 51 PA, mason; Charlotte, age 51 PA; Louisa, age 20 PA; Sarah, age 17 PA; Israel, age 14 PA; Harriet, age 12 PA; Charlotte, age 8 PA.]

1860 Census, Series M653 Roll 1050, Green Twp, Wayne Co OH, page 53: Jacob BECKEL, age 31 Baden, harness maker; Louisa, age 30 PA; Albert, age 7 OH; John, age 4 OH; Augustus, age 2 OH.

Wooster Republican, 1 Jan 1863: Musician, Jacob Bickel's residence was Smithville.

Wayne County Probate Birth Records: A girl child was born to Jacob and Louisa Bickle in Wayne Co OH 17 Jul 1867. Minnie Bickle born to the same parents 14 Dec 1869 in Wayne Co.

1870 Census, Series M593 Roll 1280, Green Twp, Wayne Co OH, page 211: Jacob BICKEL, age 40 Germany, tinner; Louisa, age 39 PA; Albertus, age 17 OH, tinner's apprentice; Fremont, age 13 OH; Ida, age 7 OH; Jennie, age 2 OH; Minnie age 8 months OH, born Sep 1869.

Son, Noble County Indiana Marriage record: William BICKEL, born 9 Oct 1872, son of Jacob BICKEL and Louisa PETERS, married Ella WILLIAMS on 5 July 1893.

Son, Indiana, Marriages, 1780-1992: William Bert BICKEL was born 9 Oct 1872 at Smithville, Wayne Co OH. His father is listed as Jacob Jocham BICKEL. Mother Louisa PEATER. Married Bessie B. RICHMOND on 22 Mar 1909. He had been divorced. Bessie was single.

1880 Census son Fremont: Perry Twp, Noble Co IN. Dwelling 81, Family 85: Fremont BICKEL, age 24 OH, laborer, father born Baden, mother born PA; Rosa, wife, age 18 IN, father born Baden, mother born OH; Olive, daughter, age 6 months born Dec 1879 IN, father born OH, mother born IN; John BICKEL, boarder, marked divorced, age 49 Baden, parents born Baden.

Did not find in 1890 Veterans Schedule.

Filed for invalid pension 27 Aug 1897 Ohio.

1900 Census, Series T623 Roll 395, Perry Twp, Noble Co IN, page 122: Johann J BICKEL, age 73 Germany, born July 1826, married 48 yrs, gardener, parents born Germany; Louisa, wife, age 69 PA, born Nov 1830, married 48 yrs, 10 children/5 still living.

1910 Census, 214 South Grant st, Kendallville Ward 2, Noble Co IN, Dwelling 91, Family 101: Chas BICKEL, age 57 OH, second marriage, married 11 yrs, father born Germany, mother born PA, tinner in refr**** factory; Sarah, wife, age 45 OH, first marriage, married 11 yrs, 0 children, parents born Ireland; Lousa, mother, age 79 PA, widowed, 10 children/5 still living, parents born PA.

1920 Census, Series T625 Roll 459, Old Peoples Home, Allen twp, Noble Co IN, page 19: Louisa BECKEL, age 90 PA, widow, parents born PA.

Noble County Indiana Burial: Jacob and Louisa BICKEL are buried at Old [Oak??] Park Cemetery in Perry Twp, Noble Co IN. Dates for Louisa are 1828 - 1921

Fort Wayne News Sentinel, Monday 1 Aug 1921, pg8:

"Mrs. Louise Bickel Dead

Kendallville, INd., August 1.--

Mrs. Louise (Teters)[sic] Bickel; . aged 93, died at the Old People's home, at Avilia, Sunday morning, death being due to old age. Born in Pennsylvania, she came to Noble county soon after her marriage, and had lived in the county continuously since. Her home was near Ligonier for many years, but since the death of her husband has made her home with her sons, Charles and Will, of this city. Surviving are two daughters, Mrs.. Jennie Wolcott, of Morenci, Mich., and Mrs. Ida Hart, of Elkhart; and three sons, Philip, of Ligonier; and Charles and Will, of Kendallville. The funeral will be held Tuesday afternoon, at 1:30 o'clock, at the Bickel home, on Kimball street, with burial in the Ligonier cemetery."

????Elkhart Truth, Tuesday, 27 Dec 1904, page 8:

"Mr. and Mrs. Enos Fields and family and Mrs. Fields' mother, Louise Bickel, are sending Christmas in Kendall, Mich., with Mrs. Albert Deuel, Mrs. Louise Bickel's daughter."

Elkhart Daily Review, Monday 13 Nov 1911, pg 5:

"False Rumor Of Death

Elkhart relatives of Nathan Bickel, 38, were alarmed today by a report that he had been frozen to death in South Bend this morning. A South Bend newspaper office denied anything of the kind had occurred. Mr. Bickel's home is one mile east of Elkhart with his mother, Louise Bickel.

Late this afternoon an Elkhart relative found that Mr. Bickel was at his home."

Obit found at GenealogyBank:

"Elkhart Daily Review, Friday, 4 Dec 1908, page 5: Jacob J. Bickel who died at his home one mile west of Ligonier on November 28, was the father of Mrs. Ida Hart of this city. He was born in Germany eighty-five years ago and came to America at the age of twelve, and he served in the union army. His wife, two daughters and three sons survive."

Another news clipping from 5 Dec same paper says he was 86 yrs old.

Elkhart Weekly Review, Saturday, 26 Sep 1908, page 6:

"Ghost Walks There: May Be a Fake, but No One Has Yet Had the Nerve to Find Out: It Is Minus Head and Arms: But So Blood Freezing That It Routs Fifty Men

Kendallville, Ind., Sept. 24 -- The Helmer neighborhood, eight miles northeast of Kendallville, is wrought up by the appearance of a tall, headless and armless ghost, robed in flowing white garments, in an old house known as the Jacob Bickel homestead, long since abandoned. For three nights in succession the ghost has been seen, the first time on Saturday evening when a party of boys was playing about the premises, the next time on Sunday, and again Monday night.

Boy Nearly Scared to Death

The first evening the eight-year-old son of Henry Beckbarger was so badly frightened that he fainted three times before his comrades succeeded in carrying him home. One of the other boys is a son of Joseph Weirick, and the others were three sons of Rena Presskey, all well-known citizens. The second night Ward Miller and Earl Deetz two well-known young men of the neighborhood who had heard the story of the boys, went to the place, and they in turn saw the apparition, and were so badly frightened that Deetz did not stop until he had reached his home, a mile distant.

Small Army Is Stampeded.

On the third night a posse of citizens of the Helmer neighborhood, probably fifty strong, headed by William Klinessmith, went to the haunted house to solve the mystery of the strange apparition, and although they were armed the appearance of the ghost struck terror to their hearts and they fled. Klinessmith was the only one of the party who entered the house, but he, too, failed to remain long enough to complete his investigation after the ghost appeared.

Ghost Parties Are in Style.

The incident has aroused widespread interest, and ghost parties are being formed by a number of local people who propose to visit the house one night this week and brave the ordeal of meeting the ghost. So far no reason can be assigned for the appearance of the mysterious apparition, as no unusual history is connected with the place other than that the house has been abandoned for many years and has frequently been a shelter for tramps and vagabonds."