

Company G, 120th Ohio Volunteer Infantry



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BURN, David 22 Aug
1862 BUNN
David, age 22, is listed in the
Roster of Ohio Soldiers 1861-66
volume 8, page 261 as a private.
Captured 3 May 1864 near
Snaggy Point, on the Red River in
Louisiana. He was mustered out
23 June 1865 at Camp Chase, OH
by order of the War Department.

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DAVID R. BUNN.

Father: Jacob BUNN
Mother: Sarah A. WHALER/WEHNER
Birth: 23 May 1842, Ossian, Wells Co IN
Marriage: 1Almira SPRINGER, 11 Oct 1866
2Elizabeth/Lizzie STURGEON[previous marriage] 9 Dec 1894, Adams
Co IN
Death: 30 Aug 1919, Summit Co OH
Cemetery: Glendale Cemetery, Akron OH
Burial at Glendale Cemetery, Akron OH, Section B lot 22.
David R. BUNN 23 May 1842 - 30 Aug 1919
Almira, 25 Feb 1843 - 1892
Elizabeth F., 8 Jan 1869 - 11 Jan 1948

Pension Index: David BUNN, G 120th OH Inf. Invalid 1899 Apr 13,
Application 1224717, Certificate 989713, filed in OH. Widow, Elizabeth
BUNN, filed 1919 Sep 26, Application 1146756, Certificate 880741,
filed in OH. Pension Card: David died 30 Aug 1919 at Akron OH.

First published in the Akron World newspaper. Interview with Mahlon
Rouch who was telling about David Bunn's experience on his trip to
Tyler, TX. Unfortunately these prisoners were turned over to guerillas or
Kansas border ruffians and who had been with Quantrell in KS. David
Bunn who had been Sheriff in Summit county was known "for holding

his tongue" but who just had to voice his opinion at this most inopportune time. He said that "Since South Carolina had started this war and all its trouble, if her property had all been laid in ashes from a chicken coop up, this would never have happened." I guess he meant that the war would have stopped back then. but his comment was heard by a rebel captain. They put him "under arrest." They decided that Bunn should die for "offending the dignity of the Mother of Secession." So the captain and four soldiers took him to the woods. Others had been taken previously in that manner and never returned. So they were worried. The Rebs put him up against a tree, pointed their guns at him, and called him "nothing but a houseburner." Bunn calmly told them that he had never done that. Bluffing, Bunn said to them, "I came out as an honorable soldier and I never set fire to anything. You may shoot me if you will, but our officers are with us and if anything happens to me they will report it to our authorities at Washington and the United States government will take care of your case." The captain said that they couldn't kill him and told Bunn, "You're the first prisoner that I ever took out to kill who got away."

I paraphrased the Bunn story. It was republished on 4 May 1961, page 18, Orrville Courier.

History of Summit County Ohio, by William Henry Perrin 1881: pp. 669 - 670 - BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCHES:
DAVID BUNN, policeman, Akron, Ohio, a son of Jacob and Sarah A. (Whaler) Bunn, was born in Wells Co.,
Ind., May 23, 1842, his father having moved to that locality in an early day. Subject worked on a farm, and
helped to clear 200 acres of woodland. He went to school, two miles distant, and, at 19, came to Ohio, where
he worked for David Gailhouse, of Wayne County, on farm and in coal bank. He enlisted, Aug. 22, 1862. in
Co. G, of the 120th O. V. I., and participated in the Trans-Mississippi and Vicksburg campaign, and the Red
River expedition. He was captured at Snagg[y]Point, Red River, and **imprisoned at Camp Ford for thirteen**

months ; was at one time sentenced to be shot by the rebels. and taken out for that purpose, but was not executed for some cause. After being inhumanly treated, rendering him an invalid for five years, he was, in 1865, paroled at Camp Ford, and returned to Doylestown, Ohio, and clerked for one year for his old employer, on farm and in coal bank. He was married. October 11, 1866, to Miss Almira Springer, of Doylestown where he lived until 1875. They have three children, two sons and one daughter. Mr. B., in 1866, engaged in the grocery business, and afterward dealt in dry goods. In 1875, he came to Akron. and opened a boot and shoe store on Howard street for about three years when he closed out and entered the employ of Teeples & Maxim for about one and one-half years. In 1878, he was appointed. by Mayor Scott, policeman for the Fourth Ward, and has been on the force ever since, a faithful and vigilant officer. He has always been a staunch Republican in politics.

[Fifty Years and Over of Akron and Summit county, O., 1892 pg 274] "in 1878 was, by Mayor Scott, placed upon the city police force, and was one of the most efficient members of that body for six years; after four years efficient service as deputy, under Sheriff William B. Gamble, was **elected Sheriff of Summit County** in October, 1888, renominated by acclamation and re-elected in 1890.

1850 Census, Jefferson, Wells Co IN, Dwelling 75, Family 75: Jacob BUNN, age 45 PA, farmer; Sarah Ann, age 32 PA; James, age 13 OH; Harriett, age 9 IN; David, age 7 IN; Jenette, age 5 IN; Caroline, age 3 IN; Lewis, age 2 IN.

1860 Census, Series M653 Roll 309, Jefferson Twp, Wells Co IN, page 895: Jacob BUNN, age 56 PA, farmer; Sally A, age 43 PA; Harriet, age 19 IN; David, age 18 IN, laborer; Jeannette, age 16 IN; Caroline, age 13 IN; Lewis, age 12 IN; Isabel, age 9 IN; Sabine, age 7 IN; Mary E, age 5 IN; Harrison, age 2 IN.

Wooster Republican, 1 Jan 1863: Listed David BUNN's residence as Chippewa.

Discharge Record on microfilm in Wayne County OH, Book 1 page 270:

David Bunn of Company G 120th was born in Wills [Wells] County Indiana. It has his age at enrollment as 23 years. He was 5' 10½", dark complexion, gray eyes, and light hair. He was a farmer. His Oath of Identity was dated 6 Dec 1865 and listed him as living in Doylestown, Wayne, OH.

David Bunn was the 1870 census taker in Chippewa Township, Wayne Co OH.

1870 Census, Series M593 Roll 1280, Chippewa Twp, Wayne Co OH, page 105: David BUNN, age 28 IN, dry goods merchant; Almira, age 30 OH; Edwin E, age 2 OH.

1880 Census, Series T9, Roll 1069, Akron, Summit Co OH, page 453: David BUNN, age 39, IN, policeman, parents born OH; Almira, age 39 OH, parents born PA; Edwin, son, age 12 OH; Bertha, daughter, age 8 OH; Willard, son, age 7 OH.

Indiana Marriages: David R. BUNN married Lizzie STURGEON, 9 Dec 1894 at Adams Co IN. [Indiana Marriages: Lizzie may have been Lizzie E. SILSON who had married William T. STURGEON at Decatur, Adams Co IN on 30 Nov 1887.]

1900 Census, Series T623 Roll 1324, Copley Twp, Summit Co OH, page 230: David R BUNN, age 58 IN, born May 1842, farmer, father born PA, mother born OH; Lizzie, wife, age 31 IN, born Jan 1869, married 5 yrs, 3 children/2 still living, father born IN, mother born OH; Russel G, son, age 3 OH, born Jan 1897, parents born IN; Mabel STURGEON, step daughter, age 10 IN, born Aug 1889, father born OH, mother born IN.

1910 Census, Series T624 Roll 1234, Akron Road, Copley Twp, Summit Co OH, page 209: David R BUNN, age 67 IN, second marriage, married 15 yrs, own income, father born PA, mother born OH; Lizzie E, wife, age 41 IN, second marriage, married 15 yrs, 3 children/3 still living, father born IN, mother born OH; Russell G, son, age 13 OH, parents born IN; David B, son, age 2 OH, parents born IN.

Ohio Death Index site lists: David R. Bunn, died in Summit co OH, 30 Aug 1919.

Death record in Ohio: File #50582, David R BUNN, of Copley Road, died 30 Aug 1919 at Copley Twp, Summit Co OH. Married. Retired. Born 23 May 1842 at Ossian Indiana. Parents Jacob BUNN and Sarah WEHNER, born PA. Burial Glendale Cemetery. [Note: Akron, Summit Co OH] Informant Russell G BUNN, of RFD #29, Copley OH.

1920 Census, N. Campus St., Hiram Village, Hiram Twp, Portage Co OH, Dwelling 97, Family 111: Elizabeth BUNN, age 50 IN, widow, parents born IN; Russell, son, age 22 OH, single, parents born IN, no occupation; David, son, age 11 OH, parents born IN, no occupation.