

Company G, 120th Ohio Volunteer Infantry



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DAGUE, Thomas J. 22 Aug 1862

Thomas Jefferson DAGUE Thomas, age 18, is listed in the Roster of Ohio Soldiers 1861-66 volume 8, page 261 as a private.

He transferred to Co. K,

114th OVI 27 Nov 1864. Transferred to Co E, 48th OVI, 24 July 1865. Mustered out 14 Oct 1865.

Father: Michael D. DAGUE

Mother: Elizabeth K. McELHEIM

Birth: 1 Dec 1843, Chippewa Twp, Wayne Co OH

Marriage: Martha Josephine REID, 26 Dec 1872

Death: 15 Nov 1917, Doylestown, Wayne Co OH

Cemetery: Chestnut Hill Cemetery, Chippewa Twp, Wayne Co OH

Rev. Thomas J. Dague is buried at Chestnut Hill Cemetery in Doylestown, Chippewa Twp. Wayne Co. OH Dates 1843 - 1918 But it appears that the stone is wrong. The Death Certificate says he died 15 Nov 1917.

He was born 1 Dec 1843.

His wife, Josie [Martha Josephine], born 6 Apr 1848, died 29 Oct 1913

Pension Card: Thomas J. DAGUE, Co G 120th OH Inf., Co E 48th OH Inf, Co K 114th OH Inf. Invalid filed 17 May 1895, Application 1166960, Certificate 942920, filed in OH. Thomas died 15 Nov 1917 at Doylestown OH.

From the History of Medina County and Ohio, 1881 by Baskin and Battey pp. 707-709

[abridged by the webmaster]

Thomas Jefferson Dague

His paternal great grandfather Dague/Deg was born at sea while his parents were on route from Germany to America.

His paternal grandfather, Gabriel Dague/Dage/ was among the first to settle in Milton Twp, Wayne county OH along with his brothers Michael and Frederick and other relatives all coming from Washington Co. PA.

Gabriel's wife was Rachel Howe. *[Gabriel Dague age 80 years, 9 months is buried in Chestnut Hill cemetery in Doylestown. Died 22 Jan 1872.]*

His maternal grandparents, Thomas D'Armon McElheim [Scottish descent] and Margaret Aiken [Irish descent] came to Chippewa Twp. Wayne Co OH from Center County PA.

His parents: M.D. and Elizabeth K. (McELHEIM) DAGUE [An article in the Commemorative Biographical Record of Wayne County Ohio (1889) has Elizabeth's maiden name as McElhenie. This list of children are Thomas J., Rebecca J., William C., James W., and Joseph M. Note: why was son Gabriel left off the list?]

Thomas Jefferson Dague, the second son of M. D. and Elizabeth K (McElheim) Dague, was born 1 Dec 1843 in Chippewa Township, Wayne Co., Ohio, on what is known as the Slagle farm. The family moved later to the Agard farm, about two and one-half miles northeast of Wadsworth Village and then to the old Griswold farm in Norton, Summit Co., Ohio near Western Star *[Medina County]*. Thomas lived there until he was 18. He taught school for a short time in Arlington, Hancock Co Ohio and then enlisted in Company G [with his brother and uncle up in Wayne county]. He was taken severely ill at Camp Mansfield, and was allowed to return home on furlough, where he remained for months, just on the verge between life and death. In July 1863 he rejoined the regiment in the rear of Vicksburg, arriving just the day before the surrender. From this time on, he served in the ranks, participating in the battles at Jackson, Miss., Snaggy Point, LA., and Blakely, Ala. He was one of those on board the ill-fated steamer City Belle [at Snaggy Point], but was fortunate enough to make good his escape. He was then transferred to the 104th OVI and afterward to the 48th OVI. During the whole of his army life, his fondness for books and study never left him, and even on the most tiresome marches there was found a place in his knapsack for his favorite books. He was also a regular correspondent of the press.

He was engaged in business in the South until the fall of 1866, when ill-health obliged him to return North.

He taught school and then opened a private academy in Doylestown [Wayne County, OH]. But in 1869 he closed this school and in 1873 completed his Bachelor and Master of Arts at Miami University [Ohio]. He had been married to Martha Josephine Reid on the preceding 26th of December. Martha was the daughter of the late Andrew Reid, Esq., and Sarah C. Kelso, of Rockbridge, VA.

In 1876 Thomas Dague organized a prep school in Chillicothe Ohio where he also wrote for the *Scioto Gazette*.

In 1879 he moved the school to Wadsworth to a building purchased by his father. _____

1850 Census, Wadsworth, Medina Co OH, Dwelling 3, Family 4: M. D. DAGUE, age 32 PA, farmer; Elizabeth, age 30 PA; Gabriel C, age 9 OH; Thomas J, age 6 OH; Rebecca J, age 4 OH; Wm C., age 7 months OH; Jane SMITH, age 20 PA; Wm, A. DAGUE, age 23 OH.

Where was Thomas in 1860??? He would have been 16, but I haven't located him.

1860 Census, Series M653 Roll 1039, Norton Twp, Summit Co OH, page 64: Michael DAGUE, age 44 PA, farmer; Elizabeth, age 39 PA; Gabrel, age 19 OH; Alice, age 16 OH [Note: this must be Thomas]; Rebecca J, age 12 OH; Hiram, age 10 OH; James W, age 5 OH; Joseph M, age 2 OH.

Wooster Republican, 1 Jan 1863: Listed Thomas J. Dague's residence as Western Star. [Western Star is in Summit County OH, east of Wadsworth where S. Medina Line Rd meets Broad St/Greenwich Rd. west of rt 21 and south of rt 224.

1870 Census, Series M593 Roll 1177, Miami University Dormitories, Oxford, Oxford Twp, Butler Co OH, page 367: Thomas J DAGUE, age 26 OH, student.

1880 Census, Series T9 Roll 1047, Wadsworth, Medina Co OH, page 428: Thomas DAGUE, age 36 OH, proprietor Dagues Institute, parents born PA; Martha J, wife, age 31 VA, teacher, parents born VA; Isabella DOWDY, black, servant, married, age 30 VA, housekeeper, parents born VA; Mary L DOWDY, black, age 4 VA, boarder, father born OH, mother born VA; Alice F REID, boarder, single, age 17 VA, student, parents born VA; Emily NOYES, boarder, single, age 34 OH, teacher, father born NH, mother born MA; John W PEIRCE, boarder, single, age 22 OH, student, no birthplaces for parents; Albert M BAUM, boarder, single, age 21 PA, student, no birth places for parents; Mary E STOAKES, boarder, single, age 18 OH, student, father born NH, mother born MA; Ernst MUELLER, boarder, single, age 51 Baden, teacher, parents born Baden.

1890 Veterans Schedule: Delphos, Allen Co OH: Line 32, House 116, Family 116: Thomas J. DAGUE, Pvt, Co G 120 OH Inf. Post Office, Delphos, Allen Co OH.

1900 Census, Series T623 Roll 1331, High St, Doylestown, Chippewa Twp, Wayne Co OH, page 70: Thos J DAGUE, age 56 OH, born Dec 1843, married 27 yrs, minister, parents born PA; Martha, wife, age 50 VA, born Apr 1850, 0 children, parents born VA; Michael, father, age 85 PA, born Apr 1815, retired, parents born PA; Alice REED, servant, age 37 VA, single, born Aug 1862, house keeper, parents born VA.

1910 Census, Series T624 Roll 1239, Church St, Doylestown, Chippewa Twp, Wayne Co OH, page 78: Thomas J. DAGUE, age 66 OH, first marriage, married 37 yrs, farmer on home farm, parents born PA, Column 30 marked UA for military service; Martha, wife, age 63 VA, first marriage, married 37 yrs, 0 children, parents born VA; Alice REED, companion, age 46 VA, single, parents born VA.

Death Record in Ohio: File #74295, Rev T. J. DAGUE died 15 Nov 1917 at Doylestown, Wayne Co OH. Widower. Minister. Born 1 Dec 1843 in OH, Father M. C. DAGUE, born PA. Mother Elizabeth McELHENIE, born PA. Burial Chestnut Hill Cemetery. Informant G. C. DAGUE of Doylestown OH.

Wife's Death Record in Ohio: File #61130, Martha Josephine DAGUE died 29 Oct 1913 at Doylestown, Wayne Co OH. Married. Born 6 Apr 1848 in VA. Parents Andrew REID and Sarah KELSO. Burial Chestnut Hill Cemetery. Informant Thos. J DAGUE, of Doylestown OH.