

Company G, 120th Ohio Volunteer Infantry

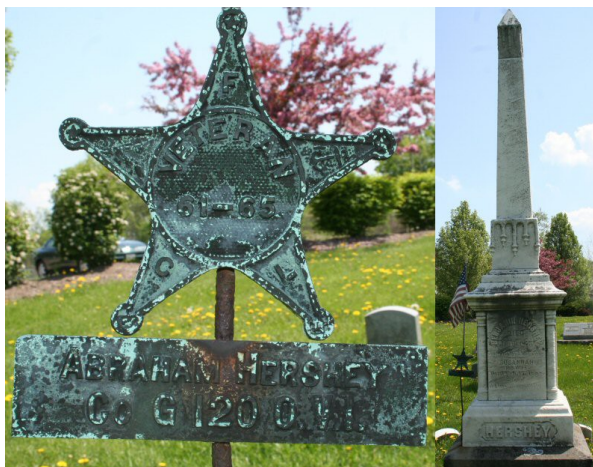


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HARSHEY, Abraham 13 Aug 1862
HERSHEY

Abraham, age 19, is listed in the Roster of Ohio Soldiers 1861-66 volume 8, page 260 as 1st Sergeant. He was appointed Sergeant from Corporal in 1863 [date incomplete] and the date is not given for his promotion to 1st Sergeant. He was transferred to Co. K 114th OVI, 27 Nov 1864.

Transferred to 48th OVI and Promoted to Com. Sergeant 48th OVI, 24 July 1865....was a part of the "Field and Staff" for the 48th. Mustered out 13 Oct 1865. [enlisted at Doylestown]

The large stone you see in this composite photo is actually for Abraham's parents.

Wayne County Burials book says that Abraham Hershey is

buried at Easton Memorial Cemetery, Chippewa Township, Wayne co OH.

It also says Abraham Hershey of Company G [Civil War marker] has a small stone beside Benjamin & Susannah Hershey's stones. [Note: I saw the tall stone for Abraham's parents and the markers for Elizabeth, George and John. But did not find a stone for Abraham. His military flag holder is there.] Possible additional siblings' stones at that cemetery indicate children of B and S Hershey....Elizabeth (died 18 Sept 1845 age 17dys), George F. (died 3 Feb 1842 at age 2 yrs.), and John (died 17 Sep 1844)

Father: Benjamin HERSHEY

Mother: Susannah WELLHOUSE

Birth: 21 November 1842, Milton Township, Wayne co OH

Marriage: Clara SHEETS

Death: 24/25 July 1896

Cemetery: Easton Memorial Cemetery, Chippewa Township, Wayne co OH

Pension index: Abraham Harshey [G120th OH Inf, Com. Sergt. 48th OH Inf, Co K 114th OH Inf.] filed for invalid pension 20 May 1891, Application 1022464; Certificate 906841 in Ohio. His widow Clara E. filed for pension 29 July 1896, Application 638181; Certificate 446.666 in Ohio.

Discharge record on microfilm at Wayne Co OH, book 2 page 94:

Abraham Harshey, Commissary Sergeant, 48th Battalion Ohio Veterans Infantry, was born in Wayne Co OH. He enrolled at age 19. He was 5' 8" tall, fair complexion, blue eyes and light hair. He was a farmer. The Oath of Identity was dated 22 Feb 1888. He was of Easton in Wayne Co OH at that time. 1860 census Chippewa Twp, Wayne Co Oh page 372

Benjamin Harshey (39PA) a farmer, Susanah (37OH), all the children born in OH, Aberum (17) a farm hand but was also attending school, George (14), William (12), Simon (10), Mary C. (8), Edward (44) Sarah E. (2), George Heys (23 born HesaVarnstadt or HesaDarnstadt or --stacht) a miller by trade, Levina Hook (22 PA) a domestic. This family had a big farm apparently...the value of the real estate being \$17,500.

1870 census Chippewa Twp, Wayne co OH

Abraham Hershey, age 25 a farmer, with Clara age 22. Also living there was Samuel Hook age 16, a farm laborer.

1880 census Chippewa Twp. Wayne co OH page 08

Abraham Hershey, farmer age 37 born OH (parents PA and OH), Clara E. Age 33 (OH-Pa-PA) no children are listed.

The newspaper account of the 1897 Reunion of the 120th OVI stated that Abraham Hershey of Company G had died in the past year.

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Wayne County Democrat: 29 July 1896, page 3
Easton, July 25th [Easton is in Chippewa township, Wayne county, OH]

"There is a reaper whose name is Death,
And, with his sickle keen,
He reaps the bearded grain at a breath
And the flowers that grow between."

This skillful and inexorable reaper has invaded this field and cut down both the ripened grain and the young and beautiful flower.

Abram Hershey died at his home, two miles northwest of here, at one o'clock yesterday morning. A few weeks ago he went to a hospital in Columbus to have a tumor removed. By the strain upon his system by the tumor and the surgical operation, he was obliged to take to his bed, from which he did not again rise.

Mr. Hershey was a son of Benjamin Hershey, in his time one of the most prominent citizens of this part of the county. His grandfather was Judge Wellhouse, one of the early and leading settlers in this part. We do not know Mr. Hershey's age, but he was old enough to be a soldier (Co. G, 120th O.V.I.), and, we believe, a prisoner at Camp Ford, Tyler, Texas. *[The roster does not indicate that he was captured at Snaggy Point. So he probably was not at the Tyler prison camp.]* Upon his return from the war he married Clara, daughter of the late J. F. Sheets. Mr. Hershey was a leading member of the United Brethren organization here and superintendent of Sunday school. His death is a heavy loss to the church. He had acquired considerable property, but a few years ago he became interested in some manufacturing enterprise in Cleveland and was forced to make an assignment. Funeral took place Monday forenoon at the U. B. Church. *[In another obituary below this one in the newspaper, it mentions that Mr. Hershey was childless.]*

The Commemorative Biographical Record of Wayne County Ohio, (1889) verifies that Abraham Hershey, son of Benjamin and Susannah (Wellhouse) Hershey, was this soldier in Company G 120th OVI. His family was of Swiss descent coming first to Pennsylvania in 1734 and then to Ohio in 1830. Abraham's siblings were George W., Simon B., William O., Mary C, Edward A. and Ella S. Abraham was born 21 November 1842 in Milton Township, Wayne co OH. After the war he returned to farming and was on his Chippewa Township farm since 1866. His wife was Clara E. Sheets, daughter of John F. and Catherine [Schrantz] Sheets of Chippewa Township. Benjamin was a member of the United Brethren Church.

About the Grave Registration Cards in Wayne county:

When I look in the Roster book , I see in Co K 114th that Abraham Harshey, age 19 when he enlisted, had come from Co G 120th and went to the 48th as a Com. Sergeant on 24 July 1865.

There was a mistake in the original grave registration cards in Wayne County. I think that they mixed up Abraham with his father Benjamin because the large stone at the cemetery is for Benjamin. Abraham died 24 or 25 July 1896.

Ohio Obituary Index: Abraham HERSHEY died 25 July 1896 at Chippewa Twp, Wayne Co OH at age 54. He was born in Chippewa Twp, Wayne Co OH.

There is more about the ancestors of Abraham at WorldConnect. Type in his father's name.
<http://worldconnect.rootsweb.com/cgi-bin/igm.cgi>

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