

Company G, 120th Ohio Volunteer Infantry



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KISSINGER, Franklin 22 Aug 1862
Franklin, age 21, is listed in the Roster of Ohio Soldiers 1861-66 volume 8, page 262 as a private.
He was captured 3 May 1864 near Snaggy Point on the Red River in Louisiana. He mustered out 7 July 1865 at Camp Chase OH by order of the War Department.
[Enlisted at Doylestown]

Father: Peter KISSINGER
Mother: Elizabeth HARNER/HOMER
Birth: 30 Nov 1840, Lancaster Co, PA
Marriage: Mary C. TRIMBEE, 18 Jan. 1862, Wayne County OH
Death: 2 Mar 1926, Wayne Co. OH

Cemetery: Frank Kissinger is buried at Easton Cemetery, Section 1, in Chippewa Twp, Wayne County OH. 1840 - 1926 [Death Record: Franklin H. KISSINGER Born 30 Nov 1840 in PA] Mary C. his wife 1842 - 1905, David H. a son 1875 - 1897

Pension index: Franklin N. Kissinger, Co G 114th OVI, Co. G 120th OVI, filed for invalid pension in Ohio on 6 Feb 1889, Application 688.343; Certificate 486.140.

1850 Census, Warwick, Lancaster PA, Dwelling 305, Family 336: Peter KISSINGER, age 45 PA, blacksmith; Eliza, age 40 PA; William, age 20 PA; Susana, age 18 PA; Mary, age 15 PA; Franklin, age 8 PA.

1860 Census, Series: M653 Roll: 1051, Chippewa Twp, Wayne Co OH, page 371: Peter KISSINGER, age 55 PA, farmer; Elisabeth, age 51 PA; Franklin, age 18 PA, farm hand; Richard A J KILE, age 7 PA, deaf.

Wooster Republican, 1 Jan 1863: Listed F. A. KISSINGER's residence as Chippewa, Wayne OH

Franklin H. Kissinger married Mary C. Trimbee, 18 Jan. 1862 in Wayne County Ohio (probate record)

Record of Discharge on microfilm at Wayne County OH..page 51

Franklin Kissinger of Co G 120th was discharged 7 July 1865 from Camp Chase. It says he was born in Lancaster County PA. It says he was 22 when he enlisted and was 5' 9½" tall, medium complexion, dark blue eyes, and brown hair. He was a farmer when he enlisted. The Oath of Identity was not filled out.

1870 census, Chippewa Twp, Wayne co OH, page 77

Frank Kissinger (29 PA) a carpenter laborer, Mary (28 OH). [On the same census page right next to Peter Kissinger (65 PA) a farmer and Elizabeth (60 PA).]

1880 Census, Series: T9 Roll: 1076, Chippewa Twp, Wayne Co OH, page 73: Frank KISSINGER, age 37 PA, farmer, parents born PA; Mary C, wife, age 36 OH, father born PA, mother born OH; Clara J, daughter, age 9 OH; David H, son, age 5; Charles F, son, age 1; Elizabeth ALLEN, sister in law, age 31 OH, domestic, father born PA, mother born OH; Minnie E, niece, age 4 OH, parents born OH; Francis, nephew, age 2 OH, parents born OH; Ella, niece, age 1 OH, parents born OH.

Hardesty's Wayne page 511-512 [See Sources](#)

Franklin H. Kissinger was two years, ten months and twenty-one days a soldier. He enlisted at Doylestown, Aug 16, 1862, and at Camp Mansfield, October 14th, was mustered into Company G, 120th Ohio Volunteer Infantry. The regiment reported to Memphis in time to take part in Sherman's expedition down the Mississippi, and was assigned to the 1st brigade, 2nd division, 13th army corps. In this corps it took part in the battles under Grant, of the Vicksburg campaign, and Mr. Kissinger was a participant in the battles of Chickasaw Bayou, Arkansas Post, Thompsons Hill, the assaults on Vicksburg and the battle of Jackson. At Thompsons Hill he had his suspenders shot in two, but he was never wounded. He was one of the unfortunates captured at Snaggy Point, and saw 13 months of imprisonment in Camp Ford. All the horrors that are elsewhere portrayed in this work as having been perpetrated, he saw: men beaten over the head with revolvers, tied up by their thumbs, was himself kept without rations for three days; rations were a pint of corn meal a day, a spoonful of salt a week, and the sufferings such as no tongue can portray. Mr. Kissinger was paroled in the spring of 1865, and was discharged from the service at Camp Chase, July 7, 1865. He is a member of Jeremiah Galehouse Post, N. 297, G.A.R. He was born in Lancaster county, Pennsylvania, son of Peter and Elizabeth (Harner) Kissinger. He married, in Easton, Wayne county, a daughter of Samuel and Jane (Lee) Trimby, Mary C., born in Medina county, Ohio. Their firstborn, William

Henry, was born December 23, 1869, and died when a week old. They have three living children: Clara J., born March 22, 1871; David H., May 14, 1875; Charles F. January 7, 1879. Mr. Kissinger is a farmer, of Chippewa township. Postoffice address, Easton, Wayne county.

1890 Veterans Schedule: Chippewa twp, Wayne Co OH: Line 42 House 445, Family 454: Franklin H. KISSINGER, Pvt, Co G 120th OH Inf. Post office: Easton Wayne Co OH, Disability: catarrh, rheumatism, diarrhoea.

1900 Census, Series: T623 Roll: 1331, Chippewa Twp, Wayne Co OH, page 96: Franklin KISSINGER, age 59 PA, born Nov 1840, married 39 yrs, farmer, parents born PA; Mary C, wife, age 57 OH, born Jan? 1843, married 39 yrs, 4 children/2 still living, father born PA, mother born OH.

1910 Census, Series: T624 Roll: 1239, Chippewa Twp, Wayne Co OH, page 92: Frank KISSINGNER, age 69 PA, widowed, truck farmer, parents born PA, Column 30 not marked for military service; Mary SCHWESZERT, servant, age 72 OH, widow, father born PA, mother born OH, private family house work.

1920 Census, Series: T625 Roll: 1448, Chippewa, Wayne Co OH, page 95: Frank KISINGER, age 74 OH, widowed, retired soldier, parents born PA; Mary HOLLWELL, age 81 OH, relationship "none", widow, father born PA, mother born OH.

Rittman Press, page 1, Thursday, 4 March 1926

Civil War Veteran Passes Away

Frank Kissinger, 84, died at the home in Easton. Tuesday morning. Cause of death, dropsy.

He was a Civil war veteran and was imprisoned in Libby Prison for 13 months and when released he weighed less than 100 pounds. There are but few of the Civil war veterans remaining.

[Libby Prison was way over in Richmond Virginia. The men of the 120th who were captured at Snaggy Point in Louisiana were imprisoned at Camp Ford near Tyler TX. Please see the history section.]

[Easton is in Chippewa Twp. near Doylestown, Wayne co OH.]

The index at Wayne County Library says that there is more on page 2, but I could not find anything more in that issue of the paper.

The Ohio Death Index online says Franklin H. Kissinger died 3 Mar 1926 in Wayne Co. OH.

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