

Company G, 120th Ohio Volunteer Infantry



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MYERS, William G. 5 Sep 1862
William, age 42, is listed in the Roster of Ohio Soldiers 1861-66 volume 8, page 260 as [Captain](#). He resigned 5 Feb 1863.

Father: Peter MYERS
Mother: Sarah MILLER
Birth: 17 June 1820 Stark Co OH [With date Calculator 7 June 1820]
Marriage: Sarah J. HARDGROVE, 20 Nov 1843, Stark Co OH
Death: 14 Jan 1903, Canal Fulton, Stark Co OH
Cemetery: Canal Fulton [Union] Cemetery, Stark Co OH: William: 82 yrs, 7 months 7 days

Pension index: William G. Myers of Co G 120th:

Invalid pension in 1902 June 14, Application 1286.877; Certificate 1048.661, filed in OH

Widow's pension - Sarah J. in 2 Mar 1903, Application 779555, filed in OH

Pension Card: William died 14 Jan 1903.

Portrait and Biographical Record of Stark County, Ohio. by Chapman Publishing, page 519-520
William G. MYERS is a prominent Lawyer and resident of Canal Fulton. He was born in Pickaway Township, Wayne County, Ohio, June 17, 1820, and is son of Peter and Sarah (Miller) Myers, the former a native of Rensselaer County, N. Y., the later of Pennsylvania. Both parents came to Ohio with their respective families when young. [Note: There is no Pickaway Township in Wayne or Stark counties in OH. There is one in Pickaway County OH.]

Our subject's father settled as a young man in Canton; he afterward went to Wayne County and developed a farm, upon which he spent the remainder of his life. His father, William Myers, who was born in New York, was of Dutch descent. Our subject's maternal grandsire was George Miller, a native of Pennsylvania, who came to the buckeye State in 1812, and located on a farm between Canton and Massillon, remaining there until his death. He was of German descent. Our subject's parents were married in Stark County. Three sons were given to their care and training; of these, two died in infancy, and our subject is second in order of birth. Mr. Myers' first school days were passed in his native place. His father's death occurring when the boy was three years old, he made his home with his grandparents until sixteen years of age. He worked by the month on the farm, and when sixteen was bound out to learn the carpenter's trade, working under Nathan Taylor. He was with him for five years, and was then employed at the trade which he had mastered, building barns, houses, etc., throughout the county. He also taught school during certain parts of the year. November 20, 1843, our subject was married to Sarah J. Hardgrove, a native of Laurel Township, this county, and born October 8, 1822. She received her education in the common schools in the vicinity of her home.

Immediately after marriage, Mr. Myers settled upon his father's farm, which had been secured from the Government in 1816. He remained on that farm for thirty years, and in that time taught nine terms of school. Ambitious to learn law, he commenced to read in 1855, and while carrying on his farm he practiced at the same time. In 1870, our subject joined with his sons in purchasing a hardware store in Canal Fulton, in which the sons are not engaged. Mr. Myers moved to the town in 1871, and gave his attention to the business for ten years. At the same time he was practicing law, and was very successful in the same.

Mr. and Mrs. Myers are the parents of four sons and two daughters, whose names in the order of their birth are given as follows: Mary M. (deceased), John W., Rosa J., William N., George W., and Richard F. Mr. Myers has been an auctioneer for forty years, his work in this line extending over a radius of territory of twenty miles. He is a strong Republican, with an admiration for every feature of that party. During the war, he was actively interested in the Underground Railway, and made some effective speeches in the interest of the Republican party.

He enlisted in the Civil War in 1862, joining Company G, One Hundred and Twentieth Regiment of the Ohio Infantry, and he was at once commissioned Captain. He served for five months and then resigned because of disability. He is a member of the Grand Army of the Republic, also a member of the Patrons of Husbandry

at Canal Fulton, in which he holds office. Mr. Myers owns one hundred and sixty acres of good land in Wayne County, and the old homestead where he was born. His wife is as much interested in woman's suffrage as her husband in universal suffrage.

Ohio Marriages: William MYERS married Sarah Jane HARDGROVE, 28 Nov 1843, Stark Co OH.

1850 Census Chippewa Twp. Wayne Co OH page 254: Wm [William] Myers (age 30 born OH) a farmer; Sarah (28 OH); Mary M. (5 OH); Jno W. (4 OH); Rosa J. (2 OH); Wm (3 months OH); Sarah Wiler (52 PA), Peter Strauss (16 hard to read, Germany) farmer.

1860 Census Chippewa Twp, Wayne Co OH page 378: William G. Myers (39 OH) a farmer; Sarah J (38 OH); Mary M. (15 OH); John W. (14 OH); Reason J (12 OH); William N (10 OH); George W. (7 OH); Richard F (1 OH); Sarah Myers (64 PA).

1870 Census, Chippewa Twp, Wayne Co OH, Dwelling 251, Family 261: Wm G. MYERS, age 50 OH, farmer; Sarah, age 48 OH; Mallissa, age 25 OH; Newton, age 20 OH, farm laborer; George, age 17 OH; Richard, age 12 OH; Sarah MYERS, age 73 PA, retired.

The 1880 census Canal Fulton, Stark county, Ohio: William G. Myers age 60 born OH is an attorney at law. His parents were born in PA. His wife Sarah J. age 58 born OH. Her father was born PA and her mother MD. Son Richard F. Myers age 21 born in OH is a clerk in a hardware. Son-in-law Jacob V. Learch age 36 born PA is a clergyman. His parents were born in PA. Granddaughter Mary M. Learch age 3 born in OH. Her father was born in PA and her mother in OH. Magdalina Howenstine a sister, age 49 born in PA. Also listed Mary Howenstine age 54 born PA. There is also a servant who worked by the week named Eliza Marks.

In the report for the 1897 reunion of the 120th in the newspaper, Captain W. G. Myers was living in Canal Fulton, which is in Stark Co OH.

1900 Census, 11 June 1900, Canal Fulton, Lawrence Twp, Stark Co OH, Dwelling 262, Family 269: William G? MYERS, age 79 OH, lawyer, born June 1820, married 58 yrs, father born NY, mother born PA; Sarah J, wife, age 78 OH, born Oct 1821, married 58 yrs, 6 children/5 still living, parents born MD; William LERCH, grandson, age 20 OH, single, born Oct 1879, law student, parents born OH; Eliza MARKS, servant, age 39 OH, single, born Feb 1861, parents born OH, housekeeper.

Canton Repository, page 1, 30 Oct 1901:

"For Postmaster at Canal Dover

Canal Dover, O., Oct. 30 -- (Cleveland Leader Special.) -- Congressman Tayler has recommended the appointment of Captain W. G. Myers as postmaster at this place. Captain Myers is a member of the Bevard Post, G.A.R., No. 385, department of Ohio, and served during the Civil war in the 120th O.V.I. as captain of Company G."

Death record: William G. MYERS died 14 Jan 1903 at Canal Fulton, Stark Co OH. Age 82. Birth 1821 at Stark Co. Married. Lawyer.

Plain Dealer, page 5, 8 Apr 1904:

"Postmaster at Mogadore Dead.

Special to the Plain Dealer

Akron, O., April 7, -- W. B. Myrs [*sic*], postmaster at Mogadore, died Wednesday night after a short illness.

He was widely known throughout the county, and served for four years in the civil war as a member of the 120th Ohio Volunteer infantry."

Wayne County Democrat, 21 Jan 1903 page 6

Capt. W. G. Myers

The old soldier, William G. Myers, a Captain of one of the five Wayne county companies of the 120th Regiment O.V.I. in the Union War, and resident of Wayne county for many years, died last Wednesday at his home in Canal Fulton. He was 82 years of age, a lawyer by profession, often attending Court in Wooster to practice law suits and to call on friends. His death was sudden, from heart failure.

Wife's Ohio Death Record: Sarah Jane MYERS died 8 Dec 1905, Canal Fulton, Stark Co OH. Widowed housewife. Born 1821, Lawrence Twp.

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