

Company H, 120th Ohio Volunteer Infantry

BAIR, John 15 Aug 1862 John BEAR

Private John BAIR, age 22, is listed in the Roster of Ohio Soldiers 1861-66 volume 8, page 264, as a Private. He had been reduced from Corporal. He remained with the 120th until he was transferred to Co. K, 114th OVI on 27 Nov 1864. Transferred to Company E 48th Ohio Veterans Volunteer Infantry. Mustered out 14 Oct 1865.

John Bair is listed on page 283 in the discharge records in Wayne County. He was discharged at Houston TX. He was born in Wayne County OH. He was 5' 5" tall, fair complexion, blue eyes and light hair. He listed himself as being a farmer when he enlisted. He was discharged at Houston TX.

Soldiers and Sailors System lists: Don't mix up these two soldiers.

John M BAER, 1st Lieut., Co E 48th OH Inf. [See his own pdf.]

John BAIR, Pvt, Co E 48th OH Inf.

Pension Index: H 120th, K 114th and the E 48th Ohio: John's widow Laura C. applied for a pension in Iowa 23 Nov 1916, Application 1091453, no Certificate. Invalid filed 25 Ap 1883, Application 481285, Certificate 759350, filed in Iowa.

Pension Card: John died 9 Nov 1916 at Cedar Rapids, IA. [Note from Find A Grave: Laura died in 1919 and is buried in Linwood Cem.] Notice that the spelling was changed on the card to match his military records. The spelling on his cemetery stone is BEAR as are most of the census records

NAME OF SOLDIER: <i>Bair, John</i>				
NAME OF DEPENDENT: <i>Widow, Mrs. Laura C.</i>				
SERVICE: <i>K. 114. 26. 120. E. 48 Ohio Inf</i>				
DATE OF FILING.	CLASS.	APPLICATION NO.	CERTIFICATE NO.	STATE FROM WHICH FILED.
<i>1883/11/27</i>	<i>Invalid.</i>	<i>481,285.</i>	<i>759,350.</i>	<i>Iowa</i>
<i>1916/11/23</i>	<i>Widow.</i>	<i>1091453</i>		<i>Iowa</i>
	<i>Minor.</i>			
ATTORNEY:				
REMARKS:				

United States Veterans Administration Pension Payment Cards, 1907-1933 available at Family Search:

NAME: <i>Bair John</i>		3189 (S-P. A. L.)	
Certificate No. <i>759350</i>	ARMY INVALID.		Law: <i>Act June 27, 1890.</i>
Service: <i>Corp 5/120th P. E 48 Ohio Inf</i>			<i>Act February 6, 1907.</i>
Disability:	ACT MAY 11, 1912		
ISSUES.			
CLASS.	RATE.	DATE OF COMMENCEMENT.	DATE OF CERTIFICATE.
<i>Inc</i>	<i>30</i>	<i>Oct 22, 1912</i>	<i>FEB 27 1914</i>
Died <i>Nov 9, 1916</i> Accrued order dated <i>Jan 24, 1917</i>			
payable to widow <i>Laura C. Bair,</i>			
<i>R#4 - Marion Iowa</i>			
Dropped, Pensioned under Act of February 6, 1907 <i>1/10/08</i>		Dropped, Pensioned under Act of May 11, 1912 <i>1/11/12</i>	
Transferred from: DES MOINES		Transferred to: <i>Cedar Rapids Iowa</i>	
Died: <i>11/9/16</i>	Buried at: <i>JAN 1 9 1917</i>		
Remarks: <i>Check No. 3253943</i>	Dated: <i>JAN 4 1917</i>		
Former Roll No. <i>2369</i>	Home: <i>FEB 10 1919</i>		

Father: John BAIR
Mother: Barbara
Birth: 22 Oct 1838
Marriage: 1Lydia L BOWERS, 22 Mar 1866 Wayne Co OH
2Laura C. <1907>

Death: 9 Nov 1916

Cemetery: Murdoch-Linwood Cem, Cedar Rapids, Linn Co IA.

Grave stone photo at [Find a Grave](#). The photos are by Anonymous so there is no way I can get permission to use them.

1850 Census, Green Twp, Wayne County, OH, page 179: Barbara BARE, age 50 Switzerland; Christ, age 26 Switzerland; Samuel, age 21 OH; John, age 12 OH; Elizabeth, age 18 OH; Anne, age 14 OH. There were no occupations listed for any of them. Christ and Samuel were listed as "none". [Wayne Co OH Wills: John BAIR died in Green Twp 10 May 1847. Wife was Barbara.]

1860 Census, Green Twp, Wayne County, OH, page 40: Barbara BEAR, age 62 Swiss; John, age 21 OH, carpenter.

Wayne County Probate Court record: John Baer who married Lydia L. Bowers, 22 Mar 1866 in Wayne County OH.

1870 Census, Green Twp, Wayne County, OH, page 211: John BEAR, age 30 OH, carpenter; Lydda, age 30 OH; Wm S, age 2 OH; Girtie SLATER, age 18 OH, teaching school.

1880 Census, 6th Ward Cedar Rapids, IA, page 70: John BEAR, age 42 OH, carpenter, parents born Germany; Lydia, wife, age 41 OH, parents born PA; Wm, son, age 12 OH; Saml E, age 6 OH.

1890 Did not find on 1890 Veterans Schedule.

1900 Census, Marion Twp, Linn County, IA, page 219: John BEAR, age 61 OH, born Oct 1838, married 34 yrs, farmer parents born Germany; Lydia, wife, age 62 OH, born May 1838, married 34 yrs, 3 children/2 still living, parents born PA; Samuel L, son, age 25 OH, single, In School, May 1875; Anna M STONE, servant; William KENKEY, servant.

Lydia died in 21 May 1903.

The National Tribune, 8 March 1906, page 3:

"Return of the Rebel Flags. Comrade J. Bear, Co. H, 120th Ohio, Cedar Rapids, Iowa, writes to enter his protest against the return of the rebel flags to the men who carried them in the war of the rebellion. He says he protests 'without hesitation of equivocation,' and characterizes the return of the captured flags as 'a gross insult to all old soldiers who have one drop of patriotic American blood coursing through their veins, and who so freely shed their blood to maintain the life of the Nation in the '60s.'

The writer says he has in his possession a brass spear-head that he took from a rebel flagstaff in Texas, and he adds that 'perhaps Congress would like to vote to send it, too, across Mason and Dixon's line.'

Comrade Bear says he will never get tired of reading The National Tribune, and adds, 'long may it wave all over this land of the free and home of the brave.'

'The two charts you sent me,' he concludes, 'came in fine shape. I had them framed, and gave one to each of my boys as birthday presents, and I am glad to inform you they were appreciated by the receivers.'

Married Laura C. <1907>

1910 Census, Marion Twp, Linn County, IA, page 17: John BEAR, age 71 OH, 2nd marriage, married 3 yrs, parents born Switzerland [German speaking], general farming; Laura C, wife, age 51 WI, second marriage, married 3 yrs, father born NY, mother born PA. [Note: Column 30 marked UA for military service for John.]

<http://iowawpagraves.org/index.php> John BEAR, age 78, died 1916, Linwood Cem, Cedar Rapids, Linn County. Civil War Vet. <http://iowawpagraves.org/index.php>

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