

Company H, 120th Ohio Volunteer Infantry



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BELL, Robert W. 21 Aug 1862 Robert Wilson BELL
Robert, age 36, is listed in the Roster of Ohio Soldiers 1861-66
volume 8, page 263, as a Corporal appointed 6 March 1863;
[Hardesty's Richland: For meritorious services in the field he
was promoted to corporal January, 1863, at Milligans Bend.,
Louisiana."], he remained with the 120th until he was
transferred to Co. K, 114th OVI on 27 Nov 1864. He was
mustered out 24 July 1865 at Galveston Tex. as supernumerary
[excess; not needed]. [Milliken's Bend]

Father: Hamilton BELL
Mother: Nancy SERRELS

Birth: 1 Sep 1825, Richland Co OH

Marriage: Rosa Ann [Rosanna]REEDER, 6 Mar 1867, Richland Co OH

Death: 23 Feb 1906

Cemetery: Bunker Hill Cem, Worthington Twp, Richland Co OH. Also buried there is Rose Ann, his wife,
born 10 Oct 1849/1845 ...her death date is not filled in. She died 3 July 1911 at Butler, Richland Co OH.

Hardesty's Richland: "Robert Wilson Bell was born in Washington Township, Richland county, Ohio,
September 1, 1825. He is the son of Hamilton and Nancy (Serrels) Bell. He married in Worthington
township, Richland county, Ohio, March 6, 1867, Rosa Ann Reeder, who was born in Worthington township,
October 15, 1845, the daughter of Philip and Elizabeth (Stine) Reeder. They have an only son, Allen, born
November 12, 1868. Mr. Bell is engaged in farming near the town of Independence, Richland county, Ohio."

From the pension papers of Daniel Gallagher [paper 1321] Robert Bell said: "In 1863 in May as I said I was
taken prisoner but was sick at the time and paroled by the rebes..was in our own hospital - that is I was in
the hospital when captured and was paroled there within a few hours. The next day a cotton train came
along and I went to Regt at Black River from there to Vicksburg, from where I was sent to Camp Chase
[OH] finally returning to the Regt in Oct."

Pension Index: Robert W BELL, K 114th, H 120th, and Unassigned 48th OH Inf. Invalid filed 1878 Dec 29,
Application 327181, Certificate 228874. Widow, Roseann BELL, filed 1906 Mar 14, Application 845166,
Certificate 607808, filed in OH. Pension Card: Robert died 1906.

History of Richland County, 1908, by A.J. Baughman pp. 736-737

This history has a biography of the son Allen E. Bell. It states that Robert W. was born in Troy township on 2
September 1825, his parents coming from PA to OH in 1820. A year later they moved to Worthington
Township on eighty acres of land on section fifteen where they built a log house. It says that Robert was in
Company H 120th OVI and Company E 114th and mustered out in July 1865 at Houston TX. This bio gives
his marriage year as 1866. It says he attended the Presbyterian church and was a Republican. It gives his
death year as 1906 (but the stone looks like 1905). It says he lived on his farm in Worthington township
until his death.

Son Allen, according to this bio was born in Worthington Township on 13 Aug 1867 which is an entirely
different date from the one above in Hardesty's.

He was an only child. Allen married Essie R. Farst on 6 Jan 1892. They had at least two children, Estella C.
and Kenneth L. He was a newspaperman and postmaster at Butler, Richland County.

1850 Census, Worthington Twp, Richland Co OH, Dwelling 184, Family 187: Hamilton BELL, age 47 PA,
farmer; Nancy, age 49 PA; Robert W., age 24 OH, farmer; Mary J, age 20 OH; Sarah M., age 9 OH; John
BYELEY, age 15 OH.

1860 Census, Series M653 Roll 1028, Worthington Twp, Richland Co OH, page 177: Hamilton BELL, age 58
PA, farmer; Nancy, age 59 PA; Robert, age 33 OH, farmer; Mary, age 31 OH; Sarah, age 19 OH. [Samuel
BELL, age 30 OH, is living next door with his family. Was he Robert's brother?]

From Richland County Marriages:

Robert W. BELL married Rosanna REEDER 6 Ap 1867. Parents 1860 Census: Phillip and Elizabeth REEDER,
born Hess Drumstadt Germany. Rosana was 14.]]

1870 Census, Worthington Twp, Richland Co OH, page 419: R. W. BELL, age 44 OH, farmer; Rosina, age 24 OH; Allen, age 3 OH; Huldah, age 10 OH; Hamilton, age 68 PA, farmer; Nancy, age 68 PA; Sarah, age 24 OH. [Huldah was a niece.]

1880 Census, Series T9, Roll 1061, Worthington Twp, Richland Co OH, page 267: Robert W BELL, age 54 OH, farmer, parents born PA; Rosean, wife, age 36 OH, parents born Germany; Allen, son, age 12 OH; Huldah A BELL, niece, age 19 OH, father born OH, mother born KY; Elizabeth READER, mother in law, age 62 Germany, parents born Germany.

1890 Veterans Schedule: Worthington, Richland Co OH: Line 32, House 218, Family 227: Robert W. BELL, Corporal, Co H 120 OH Inf; Post Office, Butler, OH. Disability: chronic diarrhoea.

1900 Census, Series T623 Roll 1317, Worthington Twp, Richland Co OH, page 211: Robert W BELL, age 74 Oh, born Sep 1825, married 33 yrs, farmer, parents born PA; Rose A, wife, age 54 OH, born Oct 1845, married 33 yrs, 1 child/1 still living, parents born Germany. [Allan E BELL is living next door with family.]

Sons of Union Veterans: Robert W BELL died 18 Feb 1906. Born 1 Sep 1825.

Family Search, Ohio, Deaths, 1908-1953: Rozeanna BELL died 3 July 1911 at Butler, Richland Co OH. Widow. Age 65. Born 10 Oct 1845 in OH. Burial: Bunker Hill. Father Philip REEDER, born Germany. Mother unknown. Informant, Allen BELL of Butler, OH.

Son's Death record in Ohio: File #74639, Allen E. BELL died 11 Dec 1932 at 174 S. Main, Mansfield, Richland Co OH. Married to Essie R. FARST. Born 13 Aug 1866. News reporter for new printing company. Father, Robert BELL born OH. Mother, Rosanna REEDER, born OH. Burial Bunker Hill Cem. Informant K. L. BELL of Mansfield, OH.

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