

Company H, 120th Ohio Volunteer Infantry



Cemetery Photo Credit: Susie Holderfield

BRICKER, Joseph W 19 Aug 1862

Joseph W. Bricker, age 19, is listed in the Roster of Ohio Soldiers 1861-66 volume 8, page 263, as a Corporal. He was transferred to the 105th Co, 2nd Battalion, Veteran Reserve Corps, Feb 11, 1864. He was mustered out Oct 13, 1865 at Philadelphia, PA.

According to page 514 in Hardesty's: Joseph W. Bricker enlisted at Smithville.

No discharge papers in Wayne county.

Father: George BRICKER

Mother: ???Susan

Birth: Mar 1843 Pennsylvania

Marriage: Elizabeth R. Brenizer, 25 Sep 1873, Wayne County OH

Death: 16 Oct 1937, California

Cemetery: Smithville Cem, Wayne Co OH. Joseph W. Bricker is buried in

Smithville Cemetery 1845-1937 with his wife Elizabeth, 1841-1916.

Note: I don't know why the stone at the cemetery says Company A.

Relationship: Brother of Leslie BRICKER of Co H, 120th OVI

Pension Index: Joseph W BRICKER, H 120th OH Inf. and 105th Co 2nd Battalion VRC. Invalid filed 28 Mar 1884, Application 509479, Certificate 456416, filed in OH.

Who was his mother? Susan ????

1850 Census, Monroe Twp, Cumberland County, PA, page 245: George W BRICHER, age 34 PA, no occupation; Susan, age 33 PA; Joseph, age 7 PA; Lessla [male] age 5 PA; Margret BIRTLE??, age 19 PA.

1860 Census, Green Twp, Wayne County, OH, page 40: George BREAKER, age 46 PA, farmer; Susan, age 43 PA; Joseph, age 17 PA; Leslie, age 15 PA [See soldier Company H]; George, age 7 PA; Daniel WILSON, age 9 NY.

1870 Census, Green Twp, Wayne County, OH, page 210: Geo W BRICKER, age 54 PA, farmer; Susan F, age 58 PA; Joseph W, age 27 PA, student; George B, age 17 farm laborer, PA; Jacob GAROVER, age 18 OH, miller; Margaret QUINN, age 13 OH.

Joseph W. Bricker married Elizabeth R. Brenizer 25 Sep 1873 in Wayne County OH.

[Newspaper article in Dr. Anna Yoder's Scrapbook page 33 at Wooster library says that Joseph W. was somewhat incapacitated after the first campaign against Vicksburg and spent much of the rest of his service in caring for the sick and wounded, but that he did participate in some of the remaining campaigns.]

1880 Census, Smithville, Green Twp, Wayne county, OH, page 222: Joseph W. BRICKER, age 37 PA, teaching school, parents born PA; Elisabeth, wife, age 36 OH, parents born PA.

1890 Veterans Schedule: Green Twp, Wayne Co OH: Line 40, House 332, Family 349: Joseph W. BRICKER, Cpl. Co H 120th OVI. Post Office Smithville, Wayne Co OH. Remarks: transferred invalid corps.

1900 Census, Smithville, Green Twp, Wayne County, OH, page 4B: Joseph BRICKER, age 57 PA, born Mar 1843, married 26 yrs, school teacher, parents born PA; Elisabeth R., wife, age 59 OH, born July 1840, married 26 yrs, parents born PA. no children

1910 Census, Mill Street, Smithville, Green Twp, Wayne County, OH, page 5A: Joseph W BRICKER, age 67 PA, married 36 yrs, parents born PA, newspaper correspondent, [marked UA for service in the Civil War]; Elizabeth, wife, age 56, 0 children/0still living, parents born PA.

1920 Census, Main St, Smithville, Green Twp, Wayne County, OH, page 9A: Joseph W BRICKER, age 76 PA, widowed, no occupation, parents born PA.

1930 Census, South Hope? St, House number 427, dwelling number 6, Los Angeles, Los Angeles, California, page 3B: Joseph W BRICKER, age 87 PA, a widower, parents born PA, retired.....living in boarding house.

Date: Wednesday, May 29, 1935 Paper: Repository (Canton) page 17: Smithville

"J. W. Bricker, Civil war veteran of Los Angeles, formerly of here, is visiting friends in this community."

Date: Wednesday, May 26, 1937 Paper: Repository (Canton, OH) Page: 15

"J. W. Bricker of Los Angeles is visiting friends here for several weeks. He will attend the 120th O.V. I. reunion."

Joseph W. Bricker was the last to die of Company H. Smithville resident after the war.

[From an October 1937 obituary in Anna Yoder's Scrapbook at the Wooster Library: Colonel J. W. Bricker died in California at age 95 (born about 1842) and was buried in Smithville. He was a medical doctor but the war ruined his health to the point that he could not continue in that profession. So he taught school at Eberly Academy in Smithville, was a local correspondent for the Daily Record and the Daily and Weekly Republican, and was mayor of Smithville.]

Date: Friday, October 22, 1937 Paper: Repository (Canton, OH) Page: 39

"J. W. Bricker

Wooster -- Services for J. W. Bricker, one of four Civil war veterans of Wayne county, will be held Monday at 3:30 p. m. at Smithville M. E. church with burial in Smithville cemetery. He died in California, where he spent part of the last years of his life.

While not in California Mr. Bricker spent his time in Smithville and made an annual visit to Wayne county for several years. The services are being held on the same day as a reunion was arranged for former Smithville school pupils of the 1880's, many of whom were acquainted with Mr. Bricker."

Ohio Obituary Index: Joseph W. BRICKER died 16 Oct 1937

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