

Company H, 120th Ohio Volunteer Infantry



The first photo here was cut from a group photo of some men of Company H 120th OVI at Mansfield in 1862. [Contributed by Don Myers.] It had identified this man as Bushong. The second photo is from a larger group photo of part of Company H on parade at Mansfield. [Contributed by Nina Rippee] I think it looks like the same man.

BUSHONG, Andrew C * 1 Sept 1862

Andrew, age 27, is listed in the Roster of Ohio Soldiers 1861-66 volume 8, page 263 as 1st Sergt. He was appointed 1st Sergeant 16 Nov. 1862. He died 27 Dec 1862 at Memphis Tenn. The Roll of Honor in the back of the Roster book for the Ohio soldiers says that Andrew Bushong

is buried in the Mississippi River Cemetery in Memphis TN

Father: David BUSHONG

Mother: Barbara STRICKLER

Birth: 20 Aug 1834, Fairfield Twp, Columbiana Co OH

Marriage: Single

Death: 27 or 28 Dec 1862

Cemetery: Mississippi River Cemetery in Memphis TN [Not listed in National Cemeteries.] Probably buried there as an unknown.

Registers of Deaths of Volunteers, 1861-1865: John BUSHONG, Private, Co H 120th OH Inf, died 28 Dec 1862 at Overton General Hospital, Memphis TN. Cause: not stated.

Have not found in Burial Registers, Military Posts and National Cemeteries, 1862-1960

Not on National Cemetery Interment Control Forms, 1928-1962.

Not in Pension Index.

1850 Census, Fairfield Twp, Columbiana Co OH, Dwelling 555, Family 566: David BUSHONG, age 45 VA, farmer; Barbara, age 43 VA; Catharine, age 19 VA; Elizabeth, age 17 OH; Andrew, age 15 OH; Rebecca, age 13 OH; David, age 11 OH; Noah, age 6 OH; Alpheus A, age 4 OH; Sarah M, age one OH.

1860 Census, Fairfield Twp, Columbiana Co OH, Dwelling 1230, Family 1223: D. BUSHONG, age 45 VA, farmer; Barbara, age 43 VA; Andrew, age 26 OH, teacher; David R, age 21 OH, farmer; Rebecca, age 22 OH; Noah, age 16 OH; Alpheus A, age 14 OH.

Andrew was from Green Twp when he entered the war. [See news article on 120th history page.] But his home was really Columbiana County OH.

From Gloria Bushong [Gloria was my first contact and helped point me in the right direction]:

Andrew was born 20 Aug 1834 in Fairfield Twp, Columbiana County OH to David and Barbara (Strickler) BUSHONG. David and Barbara had previously lived in Virginia.

From Carol Willsey Bell, Bushong Researcher:

Andrew C. was never married. In 1860 he was living in Columbiana County OH with his parents and four of his siblings. His occupation was listed as teacher. (This and his age make me think that he was not a student, but rather a teacher with Taylor at the Smithville Academy.) His siblings were: Katherine (Alice), Elizabeth M., Rebecca, David R., Reuben, Noah, Alpheus A., and Sarah.

This announcement was published in the Salem Republican, 14 Jan 1863:

"Died, Andrew B Bushong, formerly a resident of Columbiana, and a member of the 120th Ohio Regiment, died at Memphis TN of Typhoid fever on the 28th ult [28 Dec 1862]."

Andrew was buried at the Mississippi River Cemetery in Memphis TN.

Story of Andrew's Brother, Noah Bushong

Andrew had two brothers who also served in the war, Alpheus and Noah (115th OVI). At the time of Andrew's death, Noah got permission to come home to Columbiana county for his funeral. But upon his return to service, he was charged with desertion by Captain Isaac N. Campbell, Company K.

In the Courts Martial 1st Lieut. Albert W. Thompson testified that "he left the Company, to the best of my knowledge, without authority, although the Captain that then had command of the Company allowed some to go home on his own authority. The prisoner made application to one, stating that his brother of some other Ohio Regiment had been killed in battle and his body was being sent home at that time. I simply ordered him to the Captain. He has been absent from the company since then." Noah testified that, "The only thing that took me away was the death of my brother. I asked the Captain then in command of my Company, for permission to go home and he said that he could not give one permission to go at that time, as there were already too many at home on 'French Leaves'; but said 'that he guessed they would not do much with me if I went.' I then went home with out leave..."

There was some question as to whether his not being mustered in yet at the time he went home would release him of guilt in this matter. However he was found guilty and sentenced to one year with ball and chain attached to his left leg performing hard labor. He served his year at Camp Nelson, KY and then returned to the army after an 18 day furlough to go home. (It's a wonder he would not be afraid to do that!) Years later, however, when applying for a pension he maintained that he had never had a ball and chain at any time during his year of labor.

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