

Company H, 120<sup>th</sup> Ohio Volunteer Infantry



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FETZER, George E. 23 Aug 1862  
George, age 21, is listed in the Roster of Ohio Soldiers 1861-66 volume 8, page 263, as a Corporal. He was appointed 1 Jan 1864; captured 3 May 1864 near Snaggy Point, on Red River LA; mustered out 6 July 1865 at Camp Chase OH.

George enlisted in Milton Twp.  
Hardesty's Richland: "During Mr. Fetzer's army life, being a carpenter by trade, he was often detailed for duty on the pioneer corps."

"<http://www.civilwarhome.com/terms.htm>  
Pioneers - Soldiers detailed to carry out duties similar to those of modern combat engineers such as cutting roads, repairing bridges and works, and dismantling enemy artillery, fortifications, and railroads..."

Father: Barnhart FETZER  
Mother: Catherine YOUNKER  
Birth: 3 Aug 1838, Canaan Twp, Wayne Co OH  
Marriage: Susanna HOFF, dau of Philip and Julia [BLOCHER] HOFF  
Death: 18 May 1920, Wayne Twp, Wayne Co OH  
Cemetery: Wooster Cemetery, Wayne Co OH, Section 19

Pension Index: George E FETZER, G 114th and H 120th OH Inf. Invalid filed in OH in 1888 Feb 5, Application 652956, Certificate 410795. Widow, Susanna FETZER, filed 1920 May 29, Application 1158398, Certificate 896259, filed in OH. Pension Card: George died 18 May 1920 at Wayne Twp, Wayne Co OH.

1850 Census, Canaan Twp, Wayne County, OH, Dwelling 7, Family 7: Barnhart FATZER, age 41 Europe, farmer; Catherine, age 31 Europe; George, age 12 OH; Margaret, age 11 OH; Samuel, age 5 OH; Joseph, age 4 OH; Susanna, age 2 OH.

1860 Census, Milton Twp, Wayne Co OH, Dwelling 666, Family 665: Daniel HOFF, age 25 OH, lawyer; Margaret, age 20 OH; Perry F, age 4 months OH; George FETZER, age 22 OH, carpenter.

1880 Census, Wayne Twp, Wayne Co OH, Dwelling 178, Family 181: George E. GETZER, age 40 OH, farmer, parents born Alsace; Susanna, wife, age 36 OH, parents born PA; Allen A, son, age 13 OH; Clarence E, son, age 8 OH.

1890 Veterans Schedule: Wayne Twp, Wayne Co OH: Line 41, House 184, Famil 185: George E. FETZER, Corp, Co H 120 Ohio Inf. Post Office: Madisonburg, Wayne Co OH. Disability: chronic diarrhoea. Prisoner 13 months.

1900 Census, Wayne Twp, Wayne Co OH, Dwelling 1, Family 1: Georg FETZER, age 61 OH, born Aug 1838, married 34 yrs, parents born Germany, farmer; Susanna, wife, age 56 OH, born Apr 1864, married 34 yrs, 2 children/2 still living, parents born PA; Clarence E, son, age 28 OH, single, born Sep 1871, school teacher.

1910 Census, Wayne Twp, Wayne Co OH, Dwelling 95, Family 96: George FETZER, age 71 OH, first marriage, married 44 yrs, farmer, parents born Germany; Susan, wife, age 65 OH, first marriage, married 44 yrs, 2 children/2 still living, parents born PA

1920 Census, Wayne Twp, Wayne Co OH, farm, Dwelling 87, Family 88: George E FETZER, age 81 OH, parents born Alsace Loraine, farmer on home farm; Susan, wife, age 76 OH, parents born OH.

[1156 GALLAGHER file] George E. FETZER was living at Madisonburg, Wayne co OH, age 56....dated 1 Sep 1894.

From Contributor Rachel Lyon:

*George E. Fetzer married Susanna Hoff 25 Jan 1866 in Wayne Coutny OH.*

*Hardesty's Wayne page 504: "Mrs. Fetzer [Susan Hoff] was born in Milton township, Wayne county, April 18, 1844. Her parents were Philip and Julia A. (Blocher) Hoff. Mr. and Mrs. Fetzer have two children: Allen Myron, born November 28, 1866, and Clarence Edwin, born September 15, 1871.....Mr. Fetzer is engaged in farming; his address is Madisonburg, Ohio."*

*George E. Fetzer had a big public sale at his residence at stop 118 on the C.S. and C. electric line 7 miles north of Wooster and 5½ miles south of Creston on Thursday Jan. 22, 1920.*

*Obituary: Wednesday 9 June 1920 Creston Journal*

*George E. Fetzer was born in Canaan Township, Wayne county, Ohio, August 3, 1838, and died May 18, 1920, aged 81 years, 9 months and 15 days. He was the eldest son of Barnhart and Catherine Younker Fetzer. On January 25, 1866 he was united in marriage to Miss Susan Hoff, who survives. They were married by the Rev. Joshua Derr at the parsonage of the Reformed church in Wooster. To this union were born two sons, Allen Myron, who lives on the old homestead, and Clarence Edwin, of Cleveland.*

*Shortly after their marriage they moved to Iowa, removing to Michigan a year later, where they resided for nine years, returning to Wayne county, Ohio in 1876, since which time they have lived on the same farm, seven miles north of Wooster at stop 118 on the Cleveland, Southwestern and Columbus line, where Mr. Fetzer died.*

*On August 23, 1862, he answered the call of his country, enlisting as a private soldier in Co. H, 120th Ohio Volunteer Infantry, commanded by Capt. J. B. Taylor of Wooster. December 2, 1863, he was promoted to corporal for meritorious services on the field. He was captured at Snaggy Point on the Red River expedition and **spent 13 months in that den of cruelty, Camp Ford, Texas.***

*Early in life Mr. Fetzer united with the Reformed church, later transferring his membership to the Evangelical Lutheran church of which he was an officer for many years and a faithful member at the time of his death. Funeral services were held at the Lutheran Church at Smithville on Friday, May 21, 1920, conducted by his Pastor, Rev. Miller, assisted by Rev. S. P. Keifer. Appropriate rites were also held by the Given Post G.A.R., and other comrads [sic]. Burial was made in the Wooster cemetery.*

*George E. Fetzer, Civil War Veteran, is buried in Wooster Cemetery, 1838-1920. George is identified as being in Company H 120th on the flagholder. Dates for George are 3 Aug 1838 to 18 May 1920. His wife is buried with him...Susanna Hoff, 28 Ap 1844 to 1 Sep 1931.*

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