

Company H, 120th Ohio Volunteer Infantry



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GADDIS, Johnson R. * 15 Aug 1862

Johnson, age 24, is listed in the Roster of Ohio Soldiers 1861-66 volume 8, page 263, as a Sergt. He was reduced to Corporal from 1st Sergt. 16 Nov 1862 at his own request; appointed Sergt. 28 Dec 1862; **died** 7 Oct 1863 at Carrollton LA. Roll of Honor lists Johnson Gaddis as being buried in Chalmette, Louisiana in Monument Cemetery. Chalmette is in St. Bernard parish. There is a national cemetery at [Chalmette](#). But he was not listed at that site or at Nationwide Gravesite Locator, Dept of Veterans Affairs.

Father: Abner GADDIS

Mother: Martha BYAL

Birth: 8 Feb 1835 [date calculator] East Union Twp, Wayne Co OH

Marriage: Sarah Elizabeth WILLFORD, 1861, Wayne Co OH

Death: 7 Oct 1863, Carrollton LA

Cemetery: Chalmette, LA, National Cemetery [not listed at Chalmette]; stone at Crown Hill Cem, Orrville, OH: The cemetery stone shows Johnson's service in Company H 120th OVI.

Relationship: Brother in law of Cyrus J. WILFORD, Co A 120th OVI

Not on Registers of Deaths of Volunteers, 1861-1865.

Not found on Burial Registers, Military Posts and National Cemeteries, 1862-1960

Pension index: Johnson R Gaddis, Co H 120th. Widow's pension for Sallie E GADDIS in 1863 Nov 24, Application 39446, Certificate 41644.

Wayne County Burials book:

Johnson R. Gaddis is buried in Crown Hill cemetery, Orrville, Wayne co OH

The book says he was buried 8 Oct 1863, age 28 years. *This is probably just be a memorial stone and not his true burial place....see below.*

Also buried there is Sallie E, buried 16 Feb 1927 at age 87 years. [Wife Sarah Elizabeth.]

In addition, buried there are Isa E. buried 15 Jan 1936 age 67 and Frank F, buried 20 Aug 1942 age 81.

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Johnson R. Gaddis was born in 1835 in East Union Twp. Wayne County OH. He was the son of Abner GADDIS and Martha BYAL. He married Sarah Elizabeth WILLFORD. [IGI says they were married about 1861 in Wayne County.]

Johnson's siblings were: Sarah (1817), Harriet (1820), Julia, Ruth (married Isaiah Keiffer of Company A...see Company A), Nancy (1823), Clark (1827), and Martha (1837).

1850 Census, East Union Twp, Wayne County, OH, page 207: Abner GETTIS, age 63 PA, farmer; Martha, age 56 MD; Nancy? age 27 OH; Clark, age 23 OH; Johnson, age 15 OH; Martha, age 13 OH.

Wife: 1860 Census, East Union Twp, Wayne Co OH, Dwelling 390, Family 404: Elizabeth WILFORD, age 51 PA, farmer; Sarah, age 20 OH; Mary, age 16 OH; George P, age 13 OH. [The father, Jacob, died in 1849.]

1860 Census, East Union Twp, Wayne County, OH, page 24: Martha GIDDES, age 65 VA; John, age 25 OH, carpenter.

Family Search, Ohio, County Marriages: Mr. Johnson R. GEDDIS married Miss Sallie Emma WILFORD, 5th Mar 1861, Wayne Co OH, by James A. Reed, Minister of the Gospel.

Guardianship information Wayne County OH:

Year of the guardianship was 1864. Johnson Gaddes [deceased]. Probate case #2547 J6-233

Child: Francis E. born 19 Jun 1861

Guardian: Sally Gaddes

1870 Census, East Union Twp, Wayne Co OH, Dwelling 55, Family 54: Elisabeth WILFORD, age 61 PA, housekeeper; Geo. P. WILFORD, age 24 OH, tinner; Sarah GADDIS, age 31 OH, housekeeper; Francis E GADDIS, [male] age 8 OH; S G KAUFMAN, age 25 PA, preacher; Mary M. KAUFMAN, age 26 OH, school teacher.

1880 Census, East Union Twp, Wayne Co OH, Dwelling 320, Family 327: Elizabeth WILFORD, age 70 PA, father born MD, mother born PA, widow; Sarah GADDIS, daughter, age 42 OH, widow; Francis E GADDIS, age 17 OH, grandson, parents born PA; Mary DILLON, servant, age 12 OH, father born Canada, mother born OH.

1890 Veterans Schedule: East Union Twp, Wayne Co OH: Line 9, House 76, Family 79: Sallie E, widow of Johnson R. GADDIS, 1st Sergt, Co H, 120 OH Inf. Post office: East Union Died in Hospital at Carrollton LA.

1900 Census, East Union Twp, Wayne Co OH, Dwelling 141, Family 144 and 145: Frank F GADDIS, age 38 OH, married 10 yrs, born June 1861, parents born OH, farmer; Isa E, wife, age 31 OH, married 10 yrs, 0 children, born Oct 1868, parents born OH; [145] Salley E. GADDIS, age 59 OH, born Dec 1840, widow, one child/one still living, father born OH, mother born PA, no occupation.

1910 Census, East Market St, Marshallville, Baughman Twp, Wayne Co OH, Dwelling 42, Family 42: Sarah ADIS. age 64 OH, father born OH, mother born PA, no occupation.

1920 Census, Market St, Marshallville Village, Baughman Twp, Wayne co OH, Dwelling 61, Family 66: Sallie E. GADDIS, age 70 OH, widow, parents born PA, no occupation.

Sallie GADDIS died 16 Feb 1927

Pension record information from Debbie Ferdetta:

[1475]"....soldier was healthy before enlistment, but while in the service contracted chronic diarrhea - which after six months duration caused heart dropsy of which he died at Camp Carrollton, La. Oct 8, 1863."

[1476] also says soldier died 8 Oct 1863. Sally E. GADDIS states that she married Johnson R. GADDIS, 4 Mar 1861, by James A. Reed. [also in (1481) official paper for marriage] Her post office: Orrville, Wayne Co OH. Child Frances Elmer WILLFORD, age 2 yrs 19 June 1863 was residing with Sally when this paper was signed on 17 Nov 1863.

[1478] Soldier died 7 Oct 1863 at Carrollton, LA.

[1483]Thomas and Nancy ORR were present at the birth of Francis E. GADDIS, minor. The doctor was Alexander ADAMS who to their personal knowledge was dead at the time of this testimony, 3 Dec 1866.

[1484] Sallie GADDIS died 16 Feb 1927.

[1495] Sallie GADDIS was born 14 Dec 1839, East Union Twp, Wayne Co OH. On 31 Oct 1916 her address was Marshallville, OH. In a short note Salley E. GADDIS said that she married Johnson R. Gaddis in 1858.

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