

Company H, 120th Ohio Volunteer Infantry

GALLAGHER, Daniel 21 Aug 1862

Daniel, age 37, is listed in the Roster of Ohio Soldiers 1861-66 volume 8, page 263, as a Sergt. He remained with the 120th until he was transferred to Co. K, 114th OVI on 27 Nov 1864. Mustered out 24 July 1865 at Galveston TX by reason of consolidation.

Father: William GALLAGHER

Mother: Eleanor CAMPBELL

Birth: 23 Dec 1826, Somerset Co PA [[Find a Grave](#)]

Marriage: 1 Diana HOOVER, <1849>[PA]

2 Sarah E. POWERS MERCER, 3 Feb 1876 [Sarah E. had previously been married to James D MERCER]

Death: 1 Sep 1896 at Mansfield OH

Cemetery: Mansfield Cemetery, Richland Co OH [[portrait photo at Find a Grave](#)]

Pension index: Daniel GALLAGHER of Co H 120th OVI, Co K 114th OH INF and Unassigned 48th OH Inf, applied 3 June 1885 in OH, Application 541380, Certificate 462288 . Pension Card: Widow also applied, 18 Sept 1896, Application 641565, Certificate 467929, filed in OH. Note for J. D. MERCER, Co F 82nd OH Inf. [Sarah E. had previously been married to James D MERCER] Daniel died 1 Sep 1896 at Mansfield OH.

Pension papers said: Daniel Gallagher had 3 brothers and one sister living in PA, William, James, and Henry. The widow did not remember their post office addresses or the name of the sister.

Married Diana before 1850, probably in PA.

1850 Census, Unity Twp, Westmoreland Co PA, Dwelling 602, Family 620: William GALLEHER, age 47 PA, farmer; Eleanor, age 42 PA; Daniel, age 23 PA, carpenter; Cathran ALBERT, age 18 Germany; [next page] Daniel GALLEHER, age 19 PA; Elisabeth, age 18 PA; William, age 15 PA; Margrett, age 13 PA; Eliza,[female] age 11 PA; Ellanor, age 8 PA; James, age 4 PA, Jane, age 2 PA.

[Family tree](#) says that his parents were William and Eleanor [Campbell] Gallagher. Has photo of Daniel.

Family, 1860 Census, Unity, Westmoreland, PA, Dwelling 452 , Family 446: William GALLAGHER, age 56 PA, farmer; Ellenor, age 52 PA; Elizabeth, age 28 PA; Elijah, age 21 PA, laborer; Ellen, age 18 PA; James H, age 14 PA; Jane, age 12 PA; Sarah, age 9 PA.

Came to Ohio from ?Somerset Co PA in winter 1851-52 [pension paper] Daniel's uncle and cousin, John R., were already here in 1850. Supposedly, Daniel was still living in PA.

[1850 Census, Monroe, Richland Co OH, Dwelling 48, Family 48: Henry GALAGHER, age 39 PA, farmer; Mary, age 36 PA; William, age 14 OH; John, age 13 OH; Michael, age 11 OH; Mary C, age 6 OH.] [Family Search, Ohio, Deaths and Burials, 1854-1997: Henry GALLAGHER died 31 Mar 1875 at Madison Twp, Richland Co OH, age 60, born <1815> at Somerset Co PA, married.]

1860 Census, Worthington Twp, Richland County, OH, page 180: Daniel GALLAIGHER, age 33 PA, carpenter; Dinna, age 29 PA; William, age 10 PA; Mary, age 6 OH; Amanda, age 7 OH; James, age 3 OH.

1870 Census, Madison Twp, Richland County, OH, page 110: Daniel GOLLAHER, age 45 PA, carpenter; Diana, age 37 PA; William, age 20 PA, laborer; Amanda, age 17 OH; Mary E, age 15 OH; James H, age 13 OH; Emma, age 4 OH; Charles, age 1 OH.

1st wife's death, Family Search, Ohio, Deaths and burials, 1854-1997: Daina [sic] GALLAGHER died 11 Jun 1875, Mansfield, Richland Co OH, age 44, born PA. Born <1831> Married. [One pension paper says she died 9 June 1875 and was buried 12 June.]

2nd Marriage: Sarah E. POWERS MERCER, 3 Feb 1876 [Pension papers]

1880 Census, Mansfield, Richland, Ohio: Daniel GALLAGHER, age 53 PA, car inspector on railroad, parents born PA; Sarah E, wife, age 41 OH, washer woman, father born OH, mother born NY; Charles, son, age 11 OH, parents born PA; Berite V, daughter, age 3 OH, father born PA, mother born OH; Bertha I, daughter, age 3 OH, father born PA, mother born OH; Minnie B, age 11 months OH, father born PA, mother born OH; Alice C MERCER, step daughter, age 18 OH, servant, parents born OH; William MERCER, step son, age 14 OH, laborer, parents born OH; David MERCER, age 12 OH, parents born OH; Ida M MERCER, step daughter, age 8 OH, parents born OH; Charles MERCER, step son, age 6 OH, parents born OH; MERCER, other, male, age one month OH, parents born OH.

1890 Special Veterans Schedule: Daniel GALLAGHER of Co K 114th is listed. Post Office Mansfield, Richland County OH.

Daniel GALLAGHER was reported to have died in the past year at the 1897 Reunion of the 120th held at Fredricksburg OH.

(Wooster Weekly Republican, Wednesday 9 June 1897)

1900 Census, Series T623 Roll 1316, 8th ward Mansfield, Richland Co OH, page 236: Sarah E GALLAGHER, age 61 OH, widow, born Feb 1839, 9 children/8 still living, father born OH, mother born NY; William MERCER, son, age 33 OH, single, born July 1866, teamster, parents born OH; Ida M MERCER, daughter, age 28 OH, single, born July 1871, laundress, parents born OH; Minnie B GALLAGHER, daughter, age 20 OH, single, born June 1879, parents born OH; Etta D HISER, grand daughter, age 10 OH, born Jan 1890, parents born OH.

1910 Census, Series T624 Roll 1225, East 2nd St., 4th ward Mansfield, Richland Co OH, page 240: Sarah E GALLAGHER, age 71 OH, widow, 9 children/7? still living, father born OH, mother born NY; William MERCER, son, age 46 OH, single, teamster for coal company, parents born OH.

2nd Wife's Death record in Ohio: File #60000?, Sarah E GALLIGHER died 28 Jan 1917 at Mansfield, Richland Co OH. Widowed. Born 11 Feb 1838 in OH. Father John POWERS. Mother Sarah E POWERS, born OH [I think this question might have been misunderstood, but it has OK marked beside it] Burial Mansfield Cem.

Informant Allis SALES, of Mansfield OH. [Sarah's first marriage, Richland Co Probate Court record: James D MERCER married Sarah E POWERS on 5 Apr 1860 in Richland Co OH.]

Pension information from Debbie Ferdetta:

[1124] Pensioner Sarah E. GALLAGHER died 28 Jan 1917.

[1125] Soldier was on ambulance detail 13th Army Corps with which Regiment served for March and April and May and June 1865.

[1127 - 1128] Sarah E. had previously been married to James D MERCER [their first marriage] who died 2 Feb 1875 as a result of disease contracted during his service in the War. Soldier MERCER had been a private in C. F, 82nd OVI. They had married 5 April 1860. MERCER had served from Feb 1864 to 24 July 1865 with an honorable discharge. On 3 Feb 1876 Sarah married Daniel GALLAGHER.

Sarah's children with MERCER:

Alice, 19 Jan 1862 [Corrected to 19 Jan 1863 in file 1163]

William J., 10 July 1866

David E., 19 Mar 1868 [Corrected to 27 Mar 1868 in file 1163]

Ida, 20 July 1871

Charles, 31 Aug 1873

[1130 -1131] Daniel GALLAGHER came down with chronic Diarrhea at Youngs Point, LA, Jan 1863. The disease continued for weeks and he was treated by Dr. C C Stouffer. Sept 1864, severe cold at Morganzia Bend which resulted in lung problems. He then continued to suffer from both diseases. At Plaquemine, LA, on the Mississippi River in Dec 1863 or Jan 1864 he injured his back while he "and two or three others were unloading a hogshead of sugar, some of the men slipped throwing the greater weight of the hogshead against [him] and he making an extra exertion to save himself strained his back...." This resulted in kidney trouble.

[1132] During the five years before Daniel GALLAGHER enlisted he lived at Newville, Richland Co OH and was a carpenter. For four years after discharge he lived at Independence, Richland Co OH and then at Mansfield. Has been two thirds to three fourths disabled for active manual labor.

[1141] Gallagher was also in the 48th Battalion OH Inf, but was unassigned.

[1443] Sarah's first husband, James Mercer/Messer, died 1 Feb 1875.

[1165] On 28 July 1897, Sarah had to supply addresses for her MERCER children:

Alice C. Mercer SALYLES, Oak St, Mansfield OH

William J. MERCER, 317 3rd St, Mansfield OH

David E. MERCER, killed 3 July 1897 by accident; widow Ida and two children, Akron OH

Ida MERCER, No 1, 317 3rd St, Mansfield OH

Charles W. MERCER, 317 3rd St, Mansfield OH...Sarah was at this same address.

[1168] Request for increase in pension, 3 Nov 1891: disabled by chronic diarrhoea, disease of rectum, an ulceration of bowels, rheumatism and disease of lungs.

[1173-74] Daniel wrote of "a severe strain in the back at Plaquemine LA while in the service"

[1180] Asst Surgeon, C C Stouffer: "he strained his back while unloading a steamboat, the same resulting in disease of kidneys."

[1183] James B. Taylor also wrote of Gallagher's illnesses and accident.

[1193] Soldier died 1 Sept 1896 in red ink at bottom of page.

[1202] May 1898: George N Stevens, post office address Mansfield, wrote a letter saying that the widow needed help of a pension. He lived about a block from her. "She has one disabled son, & a sickly feeble daughter is at home with her, and am satisfied her own health is such that she cannot work but little of the time."

[1209 & 1211 & 1214, 1217,1218] Letters about the condition of soldier MERCER, widow's first husband.

[1230] Sarah and James Mercer had not been married previous to their marriage to each other.

[1250] Marriage record of Sarah E. POWERS and James D MERCER. 5 Apr 1860, by W H Nickerson.

[1251] Daniel Gallagher was detailed to the ambulance corps March 14, 1865 and returned to company 24 July 1865.

[1256] Silas C. Parker: "I am a member of the Co Soldiers Relief Commission and was compelled to insist that Mr. Gallagher take a relief from our fund which he did reluctantly for a few months prior to his death. His wife and family now receive assistance monthly from our fund."

[1257] Gallagher's doctor in the last part of his life was George W. Baughman. Baughman said that it was his opinion that Gallagher died of apoplexy [a stroke].

[1264] Walter Bradford, member of the Soldiers Relief Commission, wrote about Sarah Gallagher. "This relief arranges five dollars a month for perhaps ten months in the year and is simply a charity given by the State to widows or soldiers who are in indigent circumstances. My law firm attends to her affairs and I have personal knowledge of her circumstances."

[1268] Sarah's son, David E. MERCER, was "killed by the cars July 3rd 1897." James Mercer was born and raised in Richland Co OH. He was a carpenter. He had a brother Joseph who lived out by the Fair grounds. He had sisters who lived in MO.

[1271] Mercer never applied for a pension himself.

[1276 and 1277] Letter from Joseph MERCER about James MERCER.

[1282] Letter from Alice SAYLES daughter of Sarah MERCER GALLAGHER.

[1283] Letter from Ida MERCER, daughter of Sarah MERCER GALLAGHER.

[1307 and 1308] Special examiner's letter. 30 June 1898, Fred S. Cowles, Special Examiner. "I recommend admission of the Invalid and widows claim by reason of the service and death of Daniel Gallagher late Co. H, 120 Ohio Vol. Inf."

[1310] Daniel Gallagher had 3 brothers and one sister living in PA, William, James, and Henry. The widow did not remember their post office addresses or the name of the sister.

[1311 and 1352] Daniel Gallagher was working at a box factory when he had a stroke. He was taken home where he died. He was brought home on a Saturday and lingered unconscious until Tuesday when he died at home at ten minutes past eleven o'clock.

[1312] The widow had inherited from her first husband a house at No 136 Second St, Mansfield OH.....a small six room house.

[1313] Sarah took in washing and ironing and house cleaning.

[1320] Robert Bell, "The way I remember is that we were on picket duty at the same time at New Iberia La and I know he was complaining of the rheumatism and wishing he could get home." [1321....Robert Bell tells about his capture. See Robert Bell, Company H, 120th OVI]

[1321] Samuel L. Blossier knew Daniel Gallagher from about 1877. "I remember Daniel Gallagher quite well, I knew him from about 1877, he was working at the carpenter business, kind of jobbed around, not working for any particular person or firm. We were neighbors for two- yes very near three years, from along about 1876, after that time being well acquainted with him saw him about town quite frequently." "I considered him more of less a cripple, he walked bent over and had that appearance, he was afflicted with rheumatism, or at least that was always his complaint, the old man was afflicted all over, it would be hard to locate it in any particular place, that was his condition from the time I first knew him, of course gradually growing worse, the longer it ran the worse it grew."

[1351, 1352, 1353, 1354] Good summary of "special" pension applications for Daniel Gallagher and widow. "The death cause cannot therefore be properly claimed as due to soldier's army service." No special claim could be made on James Mercer's death either.

[1366 and 1367] About James Mercer's children. Alice's married name was SAYLES.

[1369-1371] Daniel Gallagher, age 58, height 5 ft 8.5 inches, weight 170. Description of health tracing his travels from Louisville KY to Vicksburg MS to Plaquemine LA to Morganza La to Carrollton La hospital and how his illness continued after his return home.

[1375] Undertaker T. B. Martin of Mansfield, took care of the remains of Diana Gallagher, former wife of Daniel Gallagher. She died 9 June 1875 and was buried 12 June 1875. He also buried Daniel Gallagher who died 1 Sep 1896 and was buried 3 Sep 1896.

[1393, 1395] William O. Hissong worked with Daniel Gallagher in carpentry and cabinet work. Hissong later lived in Furnas county Nebraska. They worked together in Jackson MI for a short while in 1873. But Gallagher returned to Mansfield.

[1399] Gallagher worked part of the time in the B & O railroad yards.

[1401] Affiant, Samuel A. Smith, of Mansfield, Pvt, Co H 120th OH Inf: About Daniel Gallagher: "And as near as he can remember the Regt left Carrollton La. in October 1863 on the Teche Campaign and it was generally understood that we were headed for Opeloussas La. but before reaching said point we turned back and finally landed at Plaquemine La. where they went into winter quarters. and it was while on this march said soldier contracted rheumatism. That soldier was weak and reduced in flesh when the regt. started on said campaign from the effects of Chronic Diarrhoea which he contracted sometime previous and he could not stand the March and when he became afflicted with rheumatism he was excused from duty. and affiant thinks he was left behind and did not join the regt again until after they were in camp at Paquimine [sic]. Affiant further testifies that said soldier continued to suffer with rheumatism until May 1864 when affiant was taken prisoner [sic] and did not see him again during service." [Bayou Teche Campaign https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Bayou_Teche_Campaign. The 120th OVI was one of the regiments that took part in the Bayou Teche Campaign in Western Louisiana, Oct 3 - Nov 30 1863. A Compendium of the War of the Rebellion, Vol 1, page 749.

[1408] William H. COLE, affiant, St. Joseph, Berrien Co, MI: "Daniel Gallagher enlisted at the same time. I was with him all the time slept and messed with him. Most of the time after the siege of Vicksburg the 13th corps was sent to New Orleans and camped at Carrollton [Carrollton] near the city of New Orleans while in camp at Carrollton [Carrollton] I heard him complain of rheumatism this was about or as near as I can recollect the fore part of August 1863 when we left on the Teache [Teche] campaign he was left at Carrollton [Carrollton] sick he had some other trouble I forget now in the course of two or three weeks he came to the regiment near Brazier [Brashear] city and were together until February 1864 at Plaquemine LA..."

***[1417] William C. GALLAGHER, of West Newton [borough], Westmoreland Co PA, dated 9 Dec 1896, age 61 [b<1835>]: "The soldier Daniel Gallagher was not married prior to his marriage to Diana HOOVER. and if my memory serves me right it was in the year 1849. My reason of knowing is that the soldier Daniel Gallagher was my oldest brother...." Written with his own hand.

Note: William C. Gallagher, 1835-1913, buried [West Newton Cem](#), Westmoreland Co PA.]

***[1419] John R. GALLAGHER, of Mansfield, Richland Co OH, PO address #294 Wayne St, dated 3 Dec 1896, age 59 [b<1837>]: "That in the matter of the previous marriage of Daniel Gallagher the soldier I declare that said soldier was a cousin of mine. That I was born in Somerset Co PA and said soldier was living at my fathers house at the time. And unmarried there until my Father moved to Ohio about 1839. Said soldier was about eleven years old when I was born In the winter of 1851 & 52 my Father went back to Pa and brought said soldier to Ohio with him and he had been married then about two years to Diana Hoover. and to the best of my knowledge and belief said soldier was never married prior to his marriage to said Hoover. And if he had of been I certainly would of known it."

[1427] Official copy of marriage record State of Ohio, D Gallagher and Sarah E. Messer, 3 Feb 1876, by D.W. Smith, Minister of Gospel.

[1450] Sarah E. GALLAGHER was born 11 Feb 1839 at Windsor, Richland Co OH. Her address on 16 Sep 1916 was 192 East 2nd St, Mansfield, OH.