

Company H, 120th Ohio Volunteer Infantry



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GRINER, Andrew 15 Aug 1862 [Grenor, Greiner]
Andrew, age 18, is listed in the Roster of Ohio Soldiers 1861-66 volume 8, page 264, as a Private. Andrew was transferred to Co K, 114th OVI on 27 Nov 1864. Transferred to Company E, 48th OVI, 24 July 1864. Mustered out 14 Oct 1865.

Andrew enlisted at Wooster.
Father: Frederick GRINER
Mother: Sarah KINTNER
Birth: 21 Nov 1843, Green twp, Wayne Co OH
Marriage: Margaret SANDS
Death: 24 Apr 1932 in Bedford, Cuyahoga Co OH
Cemetery: Polk Cemetery, Jackson Twp, Ashland Co OH

Andrew Griner is buried in Polk Cemetery, Jackson Twp., Ashland Co. OH. The flag holder lists him as A.J. Greiner, Company H, 120 Reg. OVI. The stone is flat in the ground. It lists him as Pvt 120 Ohio Infantry, Civil War. The dates given on it are 10 Oct 1843 and 24 Ap 1931. [These dates don't agree with the death certificate.]

Buried beside Andrew is his son Grant S. Griner with a Spanish American War flagholder. The flat stone lists him as Cpl 8 Ohio Infantry Spanish American War. The dates listed for son, Grant, are 20 Ap 1869 and 23 June 1939.

Pension Index: Andrew GRINER, K 114th, E 48th, and H 120th OH Inf. Invalid filed 20 Feb 1878, Application 248994, Certificate 308766. No state given. Pension Card: Andrew died 24 Apr 1932 at Bedford OH.

Soldier, Farmer, Grocer, Carpenter, Railway Agent, Mayor, Musician
History of Ashland County, Ohio by A. J. Baughman, 1909 Andrew J. Griner

Andrew J. Griner, who has farm holdings in Jackson township, is now residing in the village of Polk, of which he at present is acting in the executive capacity of mayor, and also previously served in that office for several terms. He was born in Green township, Wayne county, this state, November 21, 1843, a son of Frederick and Sarah (Kintner) Griner, both of whom came from Dauphin county, Pennsylvania, with their parents in the early pioneer days and were among those who assisted in developing the natural resources of this part of the state, in which they attained to considerable prominence. The name Griner is one which gained a wide reputation through these parts through the paternal grandfather, Philip G., who for a number of years kept a tavern at Smithville in Wayne county, the inn in those days being far different from the ordinary tavern of today by reason of the fact that they were not simply drinking places but particularly the meeting places of travelers and people throughout the community, who there entered into discussions of public questions, debating those issues upon which depend the public welfare. The father was an agriculturist, the tract of land he cultivated having been transformed from thick woodland into fertile fields, his son assisting in the work of improvement.

At the outbreak of the Civil war Andrew J. Griner enlisted, on August 15, 1862, in Company H., One Hundred and Twentieth Ohio Volunteer Infantry, serving throughout the struggle and being honorably discharged on October 16, 1865. His regiment witnessed much hard service in the army of the Mississippi particularly at the siege of Vicksburg, being present at the surrender. A. J. Griner participated in six battles with the regiment and for a period of thirty days in the three years was under continuous fire. However, Mr. Griner was fortunate in that he was never taken prisoner nor seriously wounded, although, as in the case of many others, he returned from the conflict with his health greatly impaired. Following the war he returned home and for two years assisted his father on the farm, presently removing to Fayette county, Illinois, where

he engaged in farming for about one year. In 1869 he removed to Decatur, Illinois, where for one year he became interested in the grocery business, after which for a period of four years he worked at the carpenter trade. In the fall of 1872 returning to Wayne county, he managed his father's farm for two years, and then removed to Medina county, where for four years he followed general agricultural pursuits. Again returning to Wayne county he settled near West Salem, where he followed farming and stock-raising for four years and in 1884 removed to Burbank, Wayne county, where for eight years he plied his craft as a carpenter. In 1892, Mr. Griner again had recourse to farming, this time near Albion, where he remained until 1894, when he went to Polk, where he devoted his time to agriculture and carpentry until February, 1909, when he was appointed agent for the Cleveland Southwestern & Columbus Railway, the duties of which office he is now performing.

On January 23, 1863, Mr. Griner wedded Miss Margaret Sands, a daughter of John and Elizabeth (Frank) Sands, her father a prominent clergyman of the Reformed church. Mrs. Griner entered into rest April 27, 1904. To this union were born two children: Grant S. and Lodell G., both of whom reside with their father.

Mr. Griner is a republican in politics, taking an active interest in the affairs of the party and frequently has been a delegate to county and district conventions. Being a man of intelligence and highly respected for his administrative ability he was elected as chief executive of Polk in 1900 and served for two terms, covering a period of four years. In 1906, he was again elected and is still performing the duties of that office. He belongs to McCarty Post, No. 182, G.A.R., of which several times he has been commander, having also filled various other offices in that organization of which he at the present time is commander. He is well known throughout Grand Army circles and on a number of occasions has been sent by his post as a delegate to state and national encampments. His religious affiliations are with the Methodist Episcopal church, to which he has belonged for many years and in which also he is an active worker. Being a musician of considerable ability and at the same time a teacher of vocal and instrumental music he finds recreation by this means and since coming to Polk has been chorister in the Methodist Episcopal church. Mr. Griner is one of the most enterprising and public-spirited men in the community, always ready to further all movements designed for its betterment particularly favoring good roads and schools, and in him the municipality finds one of its most honorable and excellent citizens.

1850 Census, Green Twp, Wayne County OH with Frederick, a farmer, and Sarah Griner. Andrew Griner (age 7 born in OH); Philip (11), Frederick (4), Israel (3 months). Also living there were Samuel Mellinger (20), and Elizabeth Keefer (28). [Researcher also lists a sister Mary born in 1846 who lived to adulthood, but she is not in the census.]

1860 Census Green Township Wayne County OH Frederick (44) and Sarah (40) both born in PA; Andrew Griner (age 18); Philip (21), Frederick (16), Israel (12), Simon (6), and Elizabeth (15). All the children were born in OH.

An Andrew J. Griner married Margaret Sands 23 Jun 1866 in Wayne County OH.

1870 Census, Series M593 Roll 249, Decatur Twp, Macon Co IL, page 336: Andrew GRINER, age 26 OH, day laborer; Margaret, age 30 OH; Grant, age 1 IL.

1880 Census, Series T9 Roll 1047, Harrisville Twp, Medina Co OH, page 281: Andrew GRINER, age 36 OH, farmer, parents born PA; Margaret, wife, age 40 OH, father born MD, mother born OH; Grant, son, age 11 OH, works on farm; Ada, daughter, age 8 OH.

1900 Census, Series T623 Roll 1237, Polk, Jackson Twp, Ashland Co OH, page 63: Andrew GRINER, age 56 OH, born Nov 1843, married 34 yrs, carpenter, parents born PA; Margaret, wife, age 60 OH, born Oct 1839, married 34 yrs, 2 children/2 still living, father born PA, mother born OH.

1910 Census, Series T624 Roll 1151, Main St, Polk, Jackson Twp, Ashland Co OH, page 102: Andrew J GRINER, age 65 OH, widowed, Agent for electric railroad; parents born PA, column 30 not marked for military service; Ledella, daughter, age 37 OH, single, parents born OH.

1920 Census, Series T625 Roll 1347, North Main st, Polk, Jackson Twp, Ashland Co OH, page 63: Andrew J GRINER, age 76 OH, widowed, station agent on electric railroad; parents born OH; Ledelle B?, daughter, age 45 OH, single, parents born OH.

Death record in Ohio: File # 22015, Andrew GRINER of 74 Eldred St, died 24 Apr 1932 in Bedford, Cuyahoga Co OH. Widowed. Wife Margret GRINER. Born 21 Nov 1843 at Smithville OH. Retired farmer. Parents Frederick GRINER and Mary KINTNER, born Wayne Co OH. Burial Polk, OH. Informant Grant S GRINER, of Bedford.

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