

Company H, 120th Ohio Volunteer Infantry



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HOFF, David L. 19 Aug 1862
David, age 25, is listed in the Roster of Ohio Soldiers 1861-66 volume 8, page 264, as a Private. Transferred to Co. K, 114th OVI 27 Nov 1864. Transferred to Co E, 48th OVI, 24 July 1865. Mustered out 14 Oct 1865. Hardesty's Wayne County Roll of Honor says that David enlisted at Wooster. It also says he was wounded at Thompson's Hill.

Father: Jacob HOFF
Mother: Sophia Elizabeth BLOCHER
Birth: Aug 1836
Marriage: Emeline GOCHENOUR
Death: 21 Mar 1918 at McEwen, Humphreys Co TN
Cemetery: Smithville Cemetery, Rt. 585, Green Twp, Wayne Co OH.
David Hoff is buried in Smithville Cemetery. 1836-1918. He is buried with his wife Emeline G. 1850-1890. [The stone indicates that he was the David Hoff of Company H.]

Pension Index: David L HOFF, E and K 114th, H 120th and E 48th OH Inf. Invalid filed 1883

March 1 in Ohio, Application 474103, Certificate 297686. Pension Card: David died 21 Mar 1918 at McEwen, Humphreys Co TN

1850 Census, Milton Twp Wayne Co OH, Dwelling 12, Family 12: Elisabeth (37 PA), farmer; Sophia (18 PA); John (16 OH), farmer; David Hoff, age 14 OH
[The age in this census actually is closer to the age given in his 1862 enlistment ..age 25. So this may be the correct David, even though the tombstone says 1839.]

Researcher Rayman agrees that this is the right family.....he says that there was another sibling for David named Lucy Ann who was born in 1846. He also says that David's father was Jacob Hoff. At World Connect, Rayman says that Jacob's wife was Sophia Elizabeth BLOCHER.

1860 Census,, Milton Twp, Wayne Co OH, Dwelling 611, Family 611; David L HOFF, age 24 OH, farmer; Elizabeth HOFF, age 43 PA. [Note: Another HOFF family is living nearby....Philip HOFF, age 49 PA.]

Listed in the Wooster Republican on 29 January 1863:

Listed as being at Overton Hospital, Memphis Tennessee: D. L. Hough, Company H, 120th.

The National Tribune, 5 Apr 1906, page 3:

"Flag of the Harriet Lane. Apropos of the capture of the Harriet Lane, as described in the history of the rebellion now running in The National Tribune, Comrade J. W. Bricker writes from Smithville, O.: 'The 114th Ohio got into Galveston, Tex., in June, 1865. The Buckeye soldiers were looking over the town, and found what they understood to be a rebel Signal corps office where there were many flags on shelves. David L. Hoff, of Co. H, 120th Ohio, was at that time in the 114th, his regiment having been used up on an expedition up Red River in May, 1864. In the supposed rebel signal room Comrade Hoff picked up a large and beautiful United States flag, which was labeled, 'Colors of the Harriet Lane, captured Jan. 1, 1863,' as told in the history of the rebellion. He said, 'I guess I will take this for my share,' and carried it away with him. He displayed the flag on numerous occasions at his home in Smithville, O., but where it is now I do not know, Comrade Hoff having been for some years at the National Military Home.' " [David Hoff died in 1918.] [The [Harriet Lane](#) was captured at the Battle of Galveston, 1 Jan 1863.]

[1870 mother Elizabeth HUFF is living alone in Green Twp.]

[Good copy at Heritage Quest] 1870 Census, Milton Twp, Wayne Co OH, Dwelling 54, Family 55 : D L HOFF, age 34 OH, sawyer; Emaline, age 20 OH; Alace, age 1 OH [Death record shows birth: 12 Sep 1868]; Albert, age 6 months OH, [born Dec 1869]

Wayne County OH birth records :

David L. HOFF and Emeline GOCHENOUR had the following children:

in Milton Township: a baby girl born 12 Sep 1868

in Chippewa Township: Albert G. 6 Dec 1869, Samantha 22 Oct 1871, Amanda M. 10 Nov 1873, and Mary Christena 26 Feb 1876

1880 Census, Homestead Twp, Barton Co KS, Dwelling 34, Family 34: David L HOFF, age 43 OH, farmer, parents born PA; Emaline, wife, age 29 OH, father born PA, mother born OH; Claria A, daughter, age 11 OH; Albert G, son, age 11 OH; Ida S, daughter, age 8 OH; Manerva, daughter, age 6 OH; Mary, daughter, age 4 OH.

1890 Veterans Schedule, Green Twp, Wayne Co OH: Line 15, House 240, Family 255: David L. HOFF, Pvt, Co H 120th OVI. Post Office: Smithville, Wayne Co OH. Comments: In hospital two months.

1900 Census, Congress Twp, Wayne Co OH, Dwelling 139, Family 144: David HOFF, age 61 OH, born Aug 1838, farm laborer, widowed, parents born PA.

1910 Census, Series T624, Roll 1239, Prospect St, Smithville, Green Twp, Wayne Co OH, page 167: David L HOFF, age 73 OH, widowed, no occupation, parents born PA, Column 30 marked UA for military service.

National Home for Volunteer Soldiers, Johnson City, TN: David L. Hoff, 120 OH Inf, 114 OH Inf, 48th OH Inf. Born OH."

Age at time of admission, 64. 5'10", dark complexion, blue eyes, gray hair, can read and write, Protestant, carpenter, resident subsequent to discharge Ohio. Widower. Nearest relative: Albert Hoff, son, Mongo IN. He was in and out in 1901, 1902, 1908, 1911, and 1913. But the document does not say that he died there.

Ohio Obituary Index: David HOFF of the 120th died in Tennessee on 21 Mar 1918, born 1836. Daughter, Ida, lived in TN.

1910 Census, District 5, Humphreys Co TN, Stage Road, Dwelling 132, Family 133: Menno S SCHROCK, age 42 OH, first marriage, married 19 yrs, father born PA, mother born Germany, general farmer; Ida S, wife, age 35 OH, first marriage, married 19 yrs, 5 children/5 still living, parents born OH; Melvin, son, age 18 OH, single, farm laborer at home; Lizzie, daughter, age 15 TN; Clara, daughter, age 9 TN; Ella, daughter, age 8 TN; Noah, son, age 5 TN. [Ida Samantha SCHROCK died at McEwen, Humphreys Co TN on 10 Apr 1932.]

Veterans Administration Pension Payment Card, 1907-1933: David L. HOFF died 21 Mar 1918, but doesn't say where.

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