

Company H, 120th Ohio Volunteer Infantry



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HUNTER, Lemuel * 21 Aug 1862 Samuel
Lemuel, age 18, is listed in the Roster of Ohio Soldiers 1861-66 volume 8, page 264, as a Private.
Lemuel died 1 June 1863 at Milliken's Bend, LA. The Roll of Honor in the back of the Roster book says that Lemuel Hunter was buried at Vicksburg, Mississippi.
Enlisted at Apple Creek.

Father: William Wilson HUNTER
Mother: Mary A. SALSBURY
Birth: 16 Dec 1843, East Union Twp, Wayne Co OH
Marriage:
Death: 8 July 1863 or 1 Jun 1863, Milliken's Bend, LA

Cemetery: Vicksburg National Cemetery, MS: Nationwide Gravesite Locator for the Department of Veterans Affairs does list S. HUNTER from Ohio who died 8 July 1863, Section H, Site 8.

Relationship: Brother of Wm HUNTER, Co H 120th OVI

Registers of Deaths of Volunteers, 1861-1865: Lemuel HUNTER, rank not given, Co H 120th OH Inf, died 8 Jul 1863 at Van Buren General Hospital Millikens Bend, LA. Cause: chronic diarrhoea.

Burial Registers, Military Posts and National Cemeteries, 1862-1960: Previous burial Grave yard at Marshall Plantation, Madison Parish LA. running number 319, L. or S. HUNTER, Private, Ohio regiment. Died 8 July 1863. Vicksburg [old numbering system] H 8. [Same sheet as George Huston of Co B 120th OH Inf.]

National Cemetery Interment Control Forms, 1928-1962: S. HUNTER, Regiment Ohio, died 8 July 1863. Sec H, Grave 8. For original burial see case of J. Rosenberger, Grave 1, Sec. H. Joseph Rosenberger, Pvt, Co A 60th IN died 11 July 1863, was first buried at graveyard at Marshall Plantation, Madison Parish, LA, and is listed on the same sheet at Burial Registers, Military Posts and National Cemeteries, 1862-1960 as S. HUNTER.

Pension Index: Lemuel HUNTER, Co H 120 OH INF. Mother: Mary A. HUNTER, filed for his pension 4 Oct 1889, Application 404327, Certificate 382943, filed in OH. Father: Wilson HUNTER filed 20 Jan 1896, Application 626740, Certificate 423027, filed in OH.

Lemuel was the brother of William Hunter, also of Company H, and Lemuel was listed on the 1850 census as Samuel, age 6.

1850 Census, East Union Twp, Wayne Co OH, Dwelling 194, Family 195: William HUNTER, age 35 OH, farmer; Mary Ann, age 34 OH; David, age 10 OH; *William, age 8 OH*; Samuel, age 6 OH; Alexander, age 4 OH; James, age 3 OH.

1860 Census, East Union Twp, Wayne Co OH, page 25: Wilson HUNTER, age 44 OH, farmer; Mary, age 42 OH; David, age 20 OH; *William, age 19 OH*; Samuel, age 17 OH; Alexander, age 15 OH; James, age 13 OH; Thomas, age 11 OH; Franklin, age 5 OH; Wilson, age 2 OH; Sarah E., age 8 OH.

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Lemuel Hunter left his home full of health and vigor of young manhood, and gave his life a sacrifice to his country, not 20-years of age at his death. He enlisted at Apple Creek, in August 1862, and at Camp Mansfield, October 17th, was mustered into Company H, 120th Ohio Volunteer Infantry. He shared the fortunes of that regiment through its first campaigning under Sherman, and took gallant part in the battles of Chickasaw Bayou and Arkansas Post. Returning then to the regiment to the Mississippi at Youngs Point, they were sent down to Millikens Bend. There the life the rebel bullet had spared was taken by a more insidious foe. The unhealthfulness of the locality, and the abominable water they were forced to drink, laid many a brave man low. Lemuel Hunter was one of these victims. He became afflicted with chronic diarrhea, was sent to the hospital, and there wasted away until his death, which occurred on the 8th of July, 1863. Far from home and the mourning parents who had given him to the service of the country he died, and his remains were laid beneath the alien sod, on the banks of the Mississippi, in the old cemetery at Millikens Bend. He was born in East Union township, where his father still lives [1885], a farmer, the date of his birth December 16, 1843, and Wilson and Mary A. (Salsbury) Hunter his parents. Another son this patriot couple gave to the service, and of his fate they still remain ignorant. He served in the same company with his brother, until on the Red River campaign he was sent on a foraging expedition from which he never returned. Whether he fell by the hand of the lurking bushwhacker, or wasted away with sickness and died among strangers, is unknown. His name was William Hunter.

William

William Hunter, age 8, is listed in the 1850 census in East Union Twp, Wayne County OH, Dwelling 194, Family 195, living with William (35) farmer, and Mary Ann (34) Hunter. His siblings were David (10), Samuel (6)[*Lemuel of the same Company Hsee above.*], Alexander (4) and James (3). All were born in OH.

Contributor Cleve Brown says that the father was William Wilson Hunter and the mother was Mary Ann Salsbury.