

Company H, 120th Ohio Volunteer Infantry



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KELLEY, Eli H. 14 Oct 1862 Eli H KELLY
Eli, age 23, is listed in the Roster of Ohio Soldiers 1861-66 volume 8, page 264, as a Private. Eli was discharged 31 Oct 1863 of **wounds** received 1 May 1863 in the battle of Thompson's Hill, Miss.

Father: David KELLY
Mother: Catherine BILER
Birth: 12 Mar 1839, Stark Co OH
Marriage: Cynthia KANNARD, 1861
Death: 27 July 1913 at Washington Twp, Mercer Co OH
Cemetery: Macedon Cemetery, Washington Twp, Mercer Co OH

Pension Index: Eli H KELLY, H 120th OH Inf. Invalid filed 20 Jan 1864, Application 39183, Certificate 55221. Widow Cynthia A. filed for widow's pension 1913 Oct 29, Application 1016555, Certificate 769648, filed in Ohio. Pension Card: Eli died 15 Aug 1913 at Coldwater OH. This date disagrees with death record.

1850 Census [14 September], Liberty, Mercer Co, OH, Dwelling 5, Family 5: David KELLEY, age 46 PA, farmer; Catherine, age 46 PA; Joseph, age 22 OH; Wm, age 21 OH; Nancy, age 19 OH; John, age 17 OH; Saml, age 15 OH; Eli, age 12 OH; Abram, age 10 OH; David, age 7 OH.

1860 Census, Series M653 Roll 1009, Liberty Twp, Mercer Co OH, page 361: David KELLY, age 57 PA, farmer; Catharine, age 59 PA; Eli, age 22 OH, school teacher; Abraham, age 18 OH, farmer; David, age 16 OH; Ann E SPANGLER, age 16 OH.

1870 Census, Series M593, Roll 1243, Washington Twp, Mercer Co OH, page 216: Eli KELLY, age 30 OH, farmer; Cynthia, age 25 OH; John, age 7 OH; George, age 5 OH; Jerusha, age 2 OH; William, age 10 months OH, born July [but the date of the census was August 10, 1870]

1880 Census, Series T9 Roll 1049, Washington Twp, Mercer Co OH, page 545: Eli KELLY, age 41 OH, farming, parents born PA; Sintha A, wife, age 34 OH, father born OH, mother born PA; John E. B., son, age 17 OH, farm laborer; George D. A., son, age 15 OH, farm laborer; Gerusha A, daughter, age 12 OH; William A, son, age 10 OH; Viola A, daughter, age 7 OH; Lusettie? M, daughter, age 2 OH.

1890 Veterans Schedule: Washington, Mercer Co OH: Line 3, House 96, Family 96: Ely H. KELLY, Pvt, Co H 120th OH Inf. Post Office: Washington, Mercer Co OH.

1900 Census, Series T623 Roll 1304, Washington Twp, Mercer Co OH, page 283: Elias? H KELLY, age 61 OH, born Mar 1839, married 38 yrs, farmer, mother born unknown, father born PA; Cynthiann?, wife, age 55 OH, born Apr 1845, married 38 yrs, 7 children/7 still living, father born PA, mother born OH; William A, son, age 30 OH, single, born July 1869, farm laborer; Estella J, daughter, age 16 OH, born sep 1883, single.

History of Mercer County, Ohio & Representative Citizens, 1907, by S.S. Scranton, pp 546 & 551

Eli H. Kelly, residing in section 22, Washington township, owns 150 acres of valuable farm land and is one of the survivors of the Civil War. He was born March 12, 1839, in Stark County, Ohio, and is a son of David and Catherine (Biler) Kelly, who were the parents of eight children.

The parents of Eli Kelly moved to Knox county, Ohio, in his infancy where they lived for five years, then lived in Allen county for two years, after which they resided for 11 months in Adams County, Indiana. They finally located in Liberty Township, Mercer County, in 1851, and it was here that our subject was reared. His father bought a farm of 80 acres which Eli assisted in clearing and cultivating. By attending school during the winter he secured an education and after leaving school he taught for three years; also one year after his marriage. In October, 1882 [*should be 1862*], he enlisted in the 120th Regiment, Ohio Vol. Inf., and served for 13 months. He had enlisted for three years but was severely wounded in the battle of Thompson's Hill, May 1, 1863, which prevented any further military service. He participated in the battles of Chickasaw Bluff and Arkansas Post, in the Army of the Mississippi under General Sherman. His regiment then went under the command of General Grant, going to Vicksburg, Mississippi, where it did hard labor building a canal, then ran the blockade at Vicksburg, on the Grand Gulf and marched all night to Thompson's Hill, going into battle the next morning without anything to eat. About 11 o'clock that morning Mr. Kelly was severely wounded in the left hand by a musket ball, which tore part of it away. He was then sent to the field hospital where he

underwent an operation, being later removed to a hospital near Grand Gulf, where rations were cut off and Mr. Kelly had nothing to eat for four days. He was later moved to a camp near Vicksburg, where he took fever and was moved from camp to camp until June 1st, when he was sent to St. Louis where he lay in the hospital for three months. After leaving the hospital, he obtained quarters in St. Louis, and after examination was assigned to the Invalid Corps, but was rejected. He then underwent a medical examination and was finally discharged after 13 months of most trying experiences.

Mr. Kelly then returned to his home in Washington township, whither his wife had moved in the meantime, and where she owned a farm of 40 acres, which is now the residence property of Mr. Kelly and his family. He was ill for a long time after returning from the war, but upon his recovery engaged in farming. He bought 40 acres of land in Liberty township in 1865, which he later sold and bought 80 acres in section 12, Washington township; he has also 20 acres in section 24. He has cleared the greater part of this land and has left about 30 acres of timber.

Mr. Kelly was married in 1861 to Cynthia Kannard, a daughter of George Kannard, and they have had seven children, namely: John, who was educated at the Western Ohio Normal School, at Middlepoint, later taught school three years and is now interested in a stone quarry at Middlepoint -- he has a family of five children; George Albert, who is married and resides on his 40-acre farm in Recovery township; Rusha, who married Robert McQueen and lives on her father's farm in section 12, Washington township; Viola, who married Michael Konrath and at her death left one child, which lived only a week; William; Etta, who married Jacob Clouse, lives in Kansas and has three children; and Estella, who lives at home. Mr. Kelly is a member of the Grand Army of the Republic and belongs to Washington Grange, P.of H. *[date of the book: 1907]*

Page 268 of this same book states that E.H. Kelley was in Company H of the 120th Reg., showing the correct identity for this soldier.

1910 Census, Series T624 Roll 1214, Washington Twp, Mercer Co OH, page 276: Eli H KELLEY, age 70 OH, first marriage, married 49 yrs, farmer on general farm, father born ??, mother born PA; Cynthia, wife, age 65 OH, first marriage, married 49 yrs, 7 children/6 still living, parents born OH; Wm A, son, age 40 OH, single, laborer at odd jobs; Estella J, daughter, age 26 OH, single.

Death record in Ohio: File #41823, Eli H KELLY, died 27 July 1913 at Washington Twp, Mercer Co OH.

Married. Farmer. Born 12 Mar? 1839 in OH. Father David KELLY. Mother Cath BYLER. Burial Macedon [Note: Macedon Cem is located in Washington Twp, Mercer Co OH] Informant Wm KELLY, of Coldwater OH.

Wife's Death record in Ohio: File #52313, Cynthia Anne KELLY died 9 Aug 1923 at Washington Twp, Mercer Co OH. Widowed. Born 22 Apr 1845 in OH. Father Geo KINNARD, born OH. Mother Malind DIXON. Burial at Macedon Cemetery. Informant J. El KELLY of Perrysburg, OH.