

Company H, 120th Ohio Volunteer Infantry



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SHELLMAN, Francis F. 21 Aug 1862 Francis Freeman SHELLMAN
Francis, age 19, is listed in the Roster of Ohio Soldiers 1861-66 volume 8, page 265, as a Private. He was **captured** 3 May 1864 near Snaggy Point, on the Red River, LA; he mustered out 6 July 1865 at Camp Chase, OH.

Father: William SHELLMAN
Mother: Susan FREEMAN
Birth: 13 May 1843, OH
Marriage: Catharine Ann Isenberger, 16 Dec 1869, Wayne Co OH
Death: 24 Ap 1924, MI
Cemetery: Lakeside Cemetery, Lake Odessa, Ionia County MI, plot 674.

From Julie Meyers, a SHELLMAN researcher:
Francis F. Shellman is buried at Lake Odessa, Ionia County MI. The stone has the inscription Company H, 120th OVI. He was born 13 May 1843 in Ohio and married Catharine Ann Isenberger of Wayne County OH on 16 Dec 1869. They moved to Michigan in the 1870s.. They had a son Oliver Rufus who married Alice Carrier. Francis died 24 Ap 1924. [Father thought to be William SHELLMAN of Knox Co OH.

First wife and mother of Francis was Susan.]

Pension Card: Francis F. SHELLMAN, Co H 120th OH Inf, Co G 114th OH Inf. Invalid applied 30 June 1880, Application 404007, Certificate 745615. Pension Card: Francis died 24 Apr 1924 at Lake Odessa, MI.

His [death certificate](#) does not show his parents' names.

Parents: Ohio Marriages, 1800-1958 at Family Search: William SHELMAN married Susan FREEMAN on 22 Mar 1838 at Wayne Co OH.

Need 1850...haven't found.

Father: Family Search, Ohio, Marriages, 1800-1958: William SHELMAN married Elizabeth MORE 2 Jan 1854 in Knox Co OH. William and Elizabeth are buried at [Millwood Cemetery, Mount Vernon, Knox Co OH](#). William 1810-1883.

?Aunt Julian FREEMAN?: 1860 Census East Union Twp, Wayne County OH, page 12: John SWINEHEART, age 33 OH, a farmer; Julia, age 25 OH; Delno? [male] age 4; Francis SHELMAN, age 17 OH; Sarah ?SHELMAN, age 12 OH; Catharine KANEDY?? age 70 PA. [Note: John SWINEHART married Julian FREEMAN on 6 Jun 1854 in Wayne Co OH.]

Francis F. SHELLMAN married Catharine A. ISENBERGER on 16 Dec 1869 in Wayne Co OH. [Family Search]

1870 Census, Series M593 Roll 1270, Norton Twp, Summit Co OH, page 330: Freeman SHELLMAN, age 26 OH, farm laborer; Catherine, age 21 OH.

[Note: Was Francis' mother a FREEMAN? Was his full name Francis Freeman SHELLMAN? Is the Julia SWINEHEART above in the 1860 census his aunt?]

[Wayne County OH births book](#): Francis and Catherine (ESENBERGER) SHELLMAN of Chippewa twp: parents of Charles born 26 Feb 1879

Apparently, the family had just moved in the past year [1879] to MI since the son Charles, age 1, was born in OH.

1880 Census Odessa, Ionia County, MI, page 321: Francis SHELLMAN, age 37 OH, a farmer, father born MD, mother born MI; Catharine, wife, age 31 MI, father born PA, mother born MI; Oliver, son, age 9 OH; Dellia, daughter, age 7 OH; Charles, son, age 1 OH.

1900 Census Odessa Twp, Ionia County MI, page 235: Francis F SHELLMAN, age 57 OH, born May 1843, a farmer, married 31 yrs, father born MD, mother born MI; Catharine, age 51 OH, born Feb 1844, married 31 yrs, 6 children, 6 still living, father born PA, mother born OH; Charles F, son, age 22 OH, born Feb? 1878, single, farm laborer; William, son, age 15 MI, born Aug 1884, farm laborer; Earl, son, age 13 MI, born July 1887; Florence, daughter, age 10 MI, born Set 1889; also living there was May BARKDULL, a servant, age 22 MI, born Feb 1878, parents born OH.

Catherine died 13 Apr 1904. She is also buried at Lakeside Cemetery, Lake Odessa, Ionia Co MI.

1910 Census, Series T624 Roll 650, Odessa Twp, Ionia Co MI, page 87: Oliver SHELLMAN age 39 OH, first marriage, married 8 yrs, general farmer, parents born OH; Alice B, wife, e 38 WV, first marriage, married 8 yrs, 2 children/2 still living, parents born VA; Florence J, daughter, age 7 OH; Cliffor F, son, age 5 OH; Francis, father, age 67 OH, widowed, retired farmer, father born MD, mother born OH, column 30 marked UA for military service.

1920 Census Lake Odessa, Ionia County MI, page 270: Frances F SHELLMAN, age 76 OH, a widower, no occupation, father born MD, mother born OH; William, son, age 36 MI, farm laborer, single.

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