

Company H, 120th Ohio Volunteer Infantry



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STAUFFER, Henry 9 Aug 1862 Henry W. STAUFFER
Henry, age 20, is listed in the Roster of Ohio Soldiers 1861-66 volume 8, page 263 as a Sergeant, appointed from Corporal 1 Jan 1864. He was captured 3 May 1864 near Snaggy Point on Red River, LA. He was mustered out 6 July 1865 at Camp Chase, Ohio. [Sgt when discharged.]
There are discharge papers in Wayne County for Henry Stauffer, age 19. He was 5' 6", with light complexion, dark eyes, and dark hair. He listed himself as a student when he enrolled.

Father: George STAUFFER
Mother: Elizabeth STARK
Birth: 1842, OH
Marriage: Harriet C. CHAFFEE, 20 July 1867 at St. Peter MN.
Death: 29 Dec 1893
Cemetery: Santa Barbara Cemetery, Santa Barbara, Santa Barbara Co CA

Henry W. STAUFFER, Co H, 120th OVI
Cemetery online [Santa Barbara County Genealogical Society](#): : Henry W. STAUFFER, died 29 Dec 1893, veteran, Mountain View section, Lot 119.

Pension Index: Henry STAUFFER, H 120th OH Inf. Filed in California. The dates look like 21 Sep 1892, Application 1132057, Certificate 865742, filed in CA as an invalid and then the widow's pension, Hattie C. Stauffer, 9 Feb

1894, Application 590289, Certificate 402302, filed in CA.

[The Chaffee Genealogy, by William Henry Chaffee, pub 1909, The Grafton Press.]

pp 493-494 Harriet Cornelia Chaffee, born Enfield Conn., 13 Oct 1846, married Dr. Henry W. Stauffer 20 July 1867 at St. Peter MN.

"Doctor Henry W. Stauffer of Mankato, Minn., born near Wooster, Wayne County, O., November 6, 1842, died in Santa Barbara, Cal., January 9, 1894. He had a dark complexion, dark brown eyes, and was five feet, five and one-half inches in height. He joined the Presbyterian Church, of which his wife is also a member, at the age of twenty-four, and sung [sic] in the choir. At the outbreak of the Civil War, although only fourteen years of age, and at boarding school, he enlisted in the Union army in a company composed of his school fellows, and commanded by one of his professors, but on learning of his enlistment his parents had his name stricken from the roll, to his great disappointment. The following year a married brother enlisted, and in response to the combined entreaties of his wife and younger brother, the latter was allowed to go in the elder's place. He was enrolled as Sergeant in Company H, 120th Ohio Volunteer Infantry, August 19, 1862, in East Union, O., and was mustered in for three years, October 14, 1862, in Mansfield, O. He fought in the Red River Campaign and was taken prisoner on Red River. He was confined in Camp Ford, Texas, for thirteen months; six months of this time he and his fellow prisoners were without any kind of shelter from sun or storm, but finally they were allowed to go from the stockade and bring in logs, from which they constructed little huts. A stream of good water flowed through the stockade, thus making the situation a little less unbearable than it would otherwise have been. Many died, but Doctor Stauffer came through the long, weary trial, and was discharged at the close of the war, in the spring of 1865. He went to Faribault, Minn., in 1867, to practice dentistry, and there met, in musical circles, Harriet C. Chaffee. They lived in Mankato until the winter of 1880-81, when they moved to California, locating in Santa Barbara, where Doctor Stauffer died of Bright's disease. He was warm-hearted, had a genial disposition, and had hosts of friends in all classes of society.

Harriet Cornelia Chaffee moved from Enfield to Red Wing, Minn., when she was ten years old [ca 1856], and soon after the death of her father. In speaking of the trip she says: "**When my mother with her three younger children moved from Connecticut to Minnesota, we went from La Crosse, Wis., to Red Wing, Minn., by the steamer 'City Belle.' Our new home was near the river, and we used to watch to see that boat once more, but we never saw it. Later we learned that the Government was using it as a transport; still later, I found that the 'City Belle' was sunk at Red River, from which my husband, with many others, had to swim to rebel shores.**"

1850 census for East Union Twp, Wayne County OH: George STOUFFER, age 45 PA, farmer; Elizabeth, age 40 PA; Lewis (17 PA), Samuel (15 PA), Hiram (14 PA), Susan (9 OH), Henry, age 8 OH; Edwin (nine months, OH).

1860 Census, East Union Twp, Wayne Co OH, page : George STAUFFER, age 55 PA, merchant; Lewis, age 26 PA, Hiram, age 24 PA; Susan, age 19 OH; Henry, age 17 OH; Edwin, age 11 OH; Christina BURGESS (?hard to read), age 10 OH.

Minnesota, County Marriages, 1860-1949, Family Search: H. W. STAUFFER married Hattie C. CHAFFEE on 20 Jul 1867 at Blue Earth, MN.

1870 Census, 1st Ward Mankato, Blue Earth Co, MN, Dwelling 9, Family 9: Henry STAUFFER, age 28 OH, dentist; Hattie C, age 23 CT.

1880 Census, Town of Grange, Pipestone County, MN, page 252: Henry W. STAUFFER, age 38 OH, dentist, parents born PA; Hattie C. wife, age 34 CT, father born CT, mother born NY; Myra E, daughter, age 4 MN; Alice C, daughter, age 7 months MN, born in Sept. 1879.

Daughter's birth in MN: Minnesota Births And Christenings, 1840-1980, Family Search: Myra Elizabeth STAUFFER born 12 Feb 1876 at Mankato, Blue Earth, Minnesota. Father Henry STAUFFER born OH, age 33. Mother Harriet C. CHAFFEE, born CT, age 28.

Daughter's marriage: California, County Marriages, 1850-1952, Family Search: Myra E. STAUFFER, age 39, born <1876>, father Henry W. STAUFFER. Mother Harriet C. CHAFFEE. Married Elliott C. SMITH, 26 May 1915 in Los Angeles, CA. He was age 45. Parents George E. SMITH and Jennie R. ALEXANDER.

Not on 1890 Veterans Schedule.

1900 Census, Series: T623 Roll: 89, 4th Ward Los Angeles, Los Angeles Co, CA, page 206: C. Harriett STAUFFER, age 53 CT, widow, born Oct 1846, parents born IA?, Myra, daughter, age 24 MN, single, born Feb 1876, father born OH, mother born CT, dress maker.

1910 Census, Series: T624 Roll: 84, Precinct 38 Los Angeles, Los Angeles Co, CA, page 70: Harriet C STAUFFER, age 63 CT, widow, 6 children/1 still living; father born CT, mother born NY, no occupation.....was a roomer on North Broadway st. in the dwelling along with Myra E STAUFFER, age 34 MN, single, father born OH, mother born CT, housekeeper for private family.....and many other "roomers".

1920 Census, Series: T625 Roll: 103, Cerritos Ave, Alamitos, Long Beach Twp, Los Angeles Co, CA, page 152: Harriet STAUFFER, age 73 CT, widow, father born CT, mother born NY, no occupation. This is a single dwelling. [Note: did not find Myra.]

Harriet C STAUFFER died 1 May 1924, Buried at [Santa Barbara Cemetery](#), Santa Barbara Co, CA. Lot 119

Brother, Lewis' Death record in Ohio: File # 32124, Lewis STAUFFER, died 11 May 1925 at East Union, Wayne Co OH. Widowed. Farmer. Born 1 Jan 1833 in PA. Parents George STAUFFER and Elizabeth STERK, born PA. Burial Apple Creek. Informant, H. E. STAUFFER of Apple Creek OH. [Sister Susan HOFFMAN's death record confirms George STAUFFER and Elizabeth STIRK, born Lancaster Co PA. Apparently there was another sister Harriet CUNNINGHAM with parents George STAUFFER and Elizabeth STARK, born PA. Harriet was born in 1831 and like Susan, lived in Williams Co OH.]

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