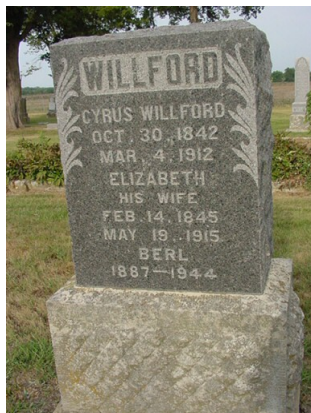


Company H, 120th Ohio Volunteer Infantry



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WILLFORD, Cyrus 9 Oct 1862 WILFORD [A note to WILFORD and WILLFORD researchers: There is another Cyrus WILLFORD in [Company A](#)] Cyrus, age 20, is listed in the Roster of Ohio Soldiers 1861-66 volume 8, page 266, 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: Daniel WILLFORD

Mother: Catharine McFADDEN

Birth: 30 Oct 1842 OH

Marriage: Elizabeth BRUBAKER 8 Mar 1866, Richland Co OH

Death: 4 Mar 1912, Ottawa, Franklin Co KS [home of his cousin]

Cemetery: Appanoose Cemetery, Douglas Co, KS: Cyrus Willford, 30 Oct 1842 - 4 Mar 1912; Elizabeth, 14 Feb 1845 - 19 May 1915; Berl, 1887 - 1944.

Relationship: Is wife Elizabeth the sister of Henry Brubaker of this company?



The photo above is from a group photo of some of the men of Company H taken in 1862 at camp in Mansfield.

Pension Index: Cyrus WILLFORD, H 120th OH Inf.

Invalid filed 13 May 1875, Application 204113, Certificate 372948. Widow, Elizabeth WILLFORD, filed 15 Mar 1912, Application 982589, Certificate 741442, filed in Kansas. Pension Card: Cyrus died 4 Mar 1912.

1850 Census, Hanover Twp, Ashland Co OH, Dwelling 184, Family 184: Daniel WILLFORD, age 37 PA; Catharine, age 34 PA; L, [male], age 7 OH; L J, [female], age 5 OH; C, [female], age 3 OH. [Parents: Wayne County Probate Court record: Daniel WILLFORD married Catharine McFADDEN on 4 Jul 1839 in Wayne County OH.]

1860 Census Hanover Twp, Ashland County OH, page 65: Daniel WILLFORD 47 PA, farming; Catharine 44 PA; Cyrus 17 OH; Eliza J, 16 OH; Catharine 12 OH; Daniel 8 OH; and Sarah S 6 OH.

Parents:

[Ottawa, KS Library](#): Willford, Daniel Born 1813 in Pennsylvania; Died 1899 1885 Atlas – Appanoose S-20-30-29 Franklin County Family File Buried: Appanoose Cemetery (Douglas County) Census: 1870 Centropolis – 48; 1880 Appanoose – 1

[Ottawa, KS Library](#): Willford, Katherine (Mrs. Daniel) Born 1813 in Pennsylvania; Died 1899 Wife of Daniel Willford Buried: Appanoose Cemetery (Douglas County) Census: 1870

Richland County Marriages: Cyrus WILLFORD married Elizabeth BRUBAKER 8 Mar 1866.

1870 Census, Centropolis Twp, Franklin County, Kansas, page 50: Cyrus Wilford, age 27 OH, farm laborer; Elizabeth, age 25 OH; W.W. [male], age 4 OH; F.B. [female] age 2 OH. They are in the dwelling next to Daniel WILFORD, age 56 PA, a farmer; Catherine, age 55 PA; E.J. [female] age 22 OH; Catherine, age 20 OH; Daniel, 17 OH, farm laborer; S.S. [female] age 16 OH.

In 1880 a Cyrus Wilford (age 37), a farmer, can be found in the census with wife Elisabeth (35). Living with them in Appanoose, Franklin county, Kansas, are son Winfield W (13 born OH) and daughter Florence (11 born OH). Cyrus and Elisabeth were born in OH and their parents all in PA.

Cyrus gave testimony for his pension on 7 June 1889 from Hawthorn, Alachua Co, Florida [See pension records below]

Not found on 1890 Veterans Schedule.

1900 Census, Appanoose Twp, Franklin County, Kansas, page 693: Cyrus WILLFORD, age 57 OH, born Oct 1842, married 34 yrs, a farmer; Elizabeth, wife, age 55 OH, born Feb 1845, married 34 yrs, 4 children/4 still living; Mildred M, daughter, age 14 KS, born Feb 1886; Bural? [Berl] E, son, age 12 KS, born Dec 1887.

1910 Census, Series: T624 Roll: 439, West Franklin Street, Pomona City, Pomona Twp, Franklin County, Kansas, page 202 : Cyrus WILFORD, age 67 OH, first marriage, married 44 yrs., own income, column 30 indicates that he was in the Union Army; Elizabeth, wife, age 65 OH, first marriage, married 44 yrs; Berl E, son, age 22 KS, single, farm laborer.

[Ottawa, KS Library](#): Willford, Cyrus Born 1842 in Ohio; Died 1912 Son of Daniel Willford Buried: Appanoose Cemetery (Douglas County) KS

[Ottawa, KS Library](#): Willford, Elizabeth (Mrs. Cyrus) Born 1845 in Ohio; Died 1915 Wife of Cyrus Willford Buried: Appanoose Cemetery (Douglas County) KS

Records from National Archives sent by Debbie Ferdetta:

See photo above that was included.

Cyrus enlisted at Ashland Co OH

[POW1] Captured at Snaggy Point, LA, 3 May 1864. Paroled at Red River Landing, LA, 27 May 1865.

[1505] Widow of Cyrus, Elizabeth Willford, died at Pomona [Franklin Co], KS on 4 Mar 1912. [This does not agree with tombstone which says 19 May 1915.]

[1508] Post office return said Elizabeth died 19 May 1915.

[1511 and 1517] Cyrus was pensioned for disease of lungs [bronchitis] and loss of teeth resulting from scurvy.

[1523] Wife's maiden name, Elisabeth BRUBAKER. They married at Richland Co Oh, 8 Mar 1866.

[1523] Dated 8 May 1875, Declaration of Invalid Soldier for Pension: Cyrus Willford of Ottawa, Franklin Co KS: Whilst in said service and in the line of his duty at Snaggy Point, Red River LA on or about May 3rd 1864 he was captured by the enemy and confined in the Rebel Stockade at Tyler Texas until May 27, 1865. That during his long confinement in said prison owing to barbarous treatment therein received by reason of flagrant exposure to heat, cold and rain, deprivation of food and medical treatment with the wretched sanitary surroundings, his physical system was completely wrecked and never has revived, the effect being a general prostration of the nervous system with affection of the lungs. His occupation is and has always been that of a farmer.

[1527] Cyrus gave testimony on 7 June 1889 from Hawthorn, Alachua, Florida: He was a prisoner of war at the time he was taken sick with the scurvy about October 1864 in the Confederate prison Camp Ford Texas.

There being no surgeon or medicine in the prison he received no treatment except at the hands of his comrade with such herbs as they knew to be of service in the treatment of scurvy. After my return from prison to our line all the treatment I received was pickled cabbage with plenty of cayenne pepper.

[1529] Places the soldier had resided since discharge: Ohio, Kansas and Florida. Was at Loudonville OH to 1 Dec 1868. Was at Centropolis KS to Feb 25?, 1888. Includes a list of his doctors.

[1542] Deafness at Memphis TN while on drill by discharge of guns near my head while firing by platoons.

[1544] But.....Cyrus said that he was treated by the Confederate Surgeon of the Prison Hospital at Camp Ford Texas while a prisoner of war for lung disease and nervous prostration covering a period from July 1864 to May 1865. Dated 21 Mar 1881 at Centropolis, Franklin Co KS.

[1545-6] Was in enemy prison for one year and 24 days. No regimental surgeon was captured and taken to the same prison.

[1547] Moved from Centropolis KS to Douglas Co KS on 25 Oct 1882? which was just a move of four miles.

Post office then was Globe, Douglas Co KS. Back to Franklin Co KS 28 Jan 1889 to former residence p.o. Centropolis. Says he had diarrhea the whole time he was in confederate prison. In the prison, "During my suffering from May to Dec. 1st 1864 my shelter was a brush shed to keep off the hot sunshine by day and

dews by night. For our bed one government blanket for three of us. In time of rain this same blanket stretched over a pole made our shelter. During the summer rain and vermin were the only two things plentiful with the prisoners." "The first treatment I received by any physician was the Confederate Post Surgeon at Camp Ford Texas. He treated me for the cough that I contracted while there in the months of November and December. He gave me medicine for the relief of my cough but received but little benefit there from."

[1563] Dated 1889. Joseph MYERS testified for Cyrus. Myers was the ranking officer of Co H to be at Camp Ford. He was age 51, resident of Kidder, Caldwell Co MO. At prisoner of war camp, Camp Ford Texas. In October 1864 Cyrus took sick while assisting in preparing material for shelter. He took sick with what I supposed was scurvy. His nose bled frequently especially from coughing. His gums became swollen and bled frequently. His legs were swollen and his skin had a chalky white appearance. These conditions continued with varying degree until spring. We had a ring in which we walked for exercise during the winter. The stronger ones of us assisted the applicant [Cyrus] frequently in taking this exercise. In the spring about March 1865 we gathered young and tender shoots of such plants as we knew were not poisonous which we cooked into "greens" for him and other sick men. [1593] Henry Brubaker, age 56 of Granger, St. Joseph IN signed a very similar statement pm 15 Kime 1889.]

[1567] 27 men of Co H were captured at Snaggy Point.Joe Myers, 1st Sergt, Co H.

[1565] Dated 3 May 1887, Kidder, Mo. Joe Myers writes once again to the commissioners of pension. He seems a bit annoyed. "In reply will say that the original affidavit as sworn to before Jno. P. Platt clerk of court was in my own hand writing. I am not a physician but I know what I said in relation to his [Cyrus Willford] contracting a cold, rheumatism and scurvy because I was with him and helped to take care of him during his sickness in the prison camp and until he was discharged along with the rest of us. In the prison camp there was no way of properly caring for the sick and the applicants disease being so severe left an impression on my mind not easily removed.

The clerk or officer who reads this may "put this and that together" and see where the "suspicion of mendacity" rests. Candidate for President Petitions congress for a specific legislation. President candidate for renomination vetoes that specific legislation, and charges disabled soldiers with mendacity. Joseph Myers

[1580] Dated 15 June 1889, David Brubaker, age 42 or Willow Springs Twp, Douglas Co KS testified: I first saw Cyrus Willford after his return from the army about the second week in July 1865. He was in very delicate health and has been ever since as far as my knowledge. And I have lived neighbor to him ever since then was? except for 2 years. I moved to Kansas October 8, 1866 and he moved here Dec 3, 1868 and have lived here ever since until Feb 13 1888 he moved to Florida and he has been unable to do hard labor or in short he is not fit for work except very light work and part of the time was entirely prostrate. His lungs and throat seemed to be the trouble which the doctors called bronchitis or lung trouble. I was well acquainted with him before he went to the army and he was stout and hardy as far as I know when he went in the service.

[1595] Dated 15 Aug 1887, Dr. J C FURBER of Overbrook, Osage Co KS "...I believe it was in 1887, he has removed to Florida, hoping that the wildness of the climate there might be beneficial to his health.'

[1604] Marriage record.

[1587 and 1584] John H. Brubaker of Douglas Co KS and David Brubaker of Willow Springs Twp, Douglas Co KS also testified for Cyrus. Were these the brothers of wife Elizabeth Brubaker Willford?

[1606-07] Living children: Warren Winfield Willford, born 27 Feb 1867; Florence Beatrice, born 24 July 1868; Mildred Matilda, born 28 Feb 1886; Berle Elwood, age 22 Dec 1887. Dated Oct 3rd, 1898, at Centropolis, KS.

[1608] Dated 19 Mar 1912, Ella Harmon, age 63, of Pomona, Franklin Co KS testified: That she was well and intimately acquainted with the soldier Cyrus Willford deceased for 55 years, that she has known him from his boyhood up, knew him before his enlistment in the Union Army, during the Civil War. I also know of my own personal knowledge that said Cyrus Willford was not married prior to his marriage to Elizabeth Brubaker, which marriage occurred March 8th 1866. I also know of my own personal knowledge, that they came to Kansas in 1868 and have lived near Pomona Kansas during all this time. And during this time said deceased Cyrus Willford lived with claimant [Elizabeth Willford] as husband and wife up to the time of his death, which occurred on March 4th 1912 at the home of my sister in the City of Ottawa, Kansas, and that he was never divorced from the claimant, would also state that said Cyrus Willford was my first cousin.

[1610] Dated 30 March 1912, testimony by Catharine Houser [Henry] of North Oak St, Ottawa, Franklin Co KS: I was well acquainted with the soldier Cyrus Willford for over 60 years, in fact from his childhood up. I know of my own personal knowledge that said soldier Cyrus Willford was not married prior to his marriage to the claimant, Elizabeth Willford (nee Brubaker) which marriage took place March 8 1866 in Richland County, State of Ohio and they have lived together as husband and wife all this time, up to the time of his death. He died on March 4, 1912 at my home in Ottawa, Kansas, having come here from his home in Pomona, Kansas to be treated by an Ottawa physician. I also know of my own personal knowledge that said soldier Cyrus

Willford was never divorced from said claimant. My knowledge of these facts came from having lived near him in the State of Ohio and also in the State of Kansas.

[1613] Mary R. LOZIER, age 64 near William Burg, Franklin Co KS, Pomona p.o., dated 20 Mar 1912: testified for Elizabeth as a childhood schoolmate in Ohio and as a friend in Williamburg, Franklin Co KS after coming there in 1869.

[1615] Pomona Republican, 7 Mar 1912: Cyrus Willford, for forty-years a resident of Franklin County, died at 11:45 Monday night at the home of J H Houser, 804 North Oak street in Ottawa. He had been staying at the Houser home. Death was due to a complication of disease. Mr. Wilford was born in Wayne County, O., October 30 1842. He married Elizabeth Brubaker March 8 1866, in Richland County, Ohio, and came to Franklin county in 1868. Mr Wilford settled on a farm in Appanoose Township and has lived there or in Pomona ever since, except one year which he spent in Florida. Besides the widow, he is survived by four children, three sisters and a brother. The children are W W Wilford of Peabody, Kans; Mrs A E Wiles of Stratford, Cal; Mildred Wilford of Kansas City, and Berl E Wilford of Pomona. D Wilford of Pomona is a brother. The deceased was a veteran of the Civil War and served in Company H 120 Ohio Infantry. At one time Mr Wilford was taken prisoner and confined for fourteen months in a Confederate prison at Camp Ford, Texas. He was a member of the Pomona post of the G. A. R. The body was brought here Tuesday night and the funeral was held from the Appanoose church to-day. Burial was in the Appanoose cemetery. All of the family except the daughter in California were here for the funeral.

[1621] Eliza J. WILLFORD, age 65 of Appanoose Twp, Franklin Co KS testified 27 mar 1912 but the document does not give her relationship.

[1628] Sister of soldier, Catharine WILLFORD, age 64, of Pomona p.o., Franklin Co KS testified.

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