

## Company H, 120<sup>th</sup> Ohio Volunteer Infantry



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WITMER, Henry \* 7 Oct 1862 Henry WITWER  
Henry, age 18, is listed in the Roster of Ohio Soldiers 1861-66 volume 8, page 266, as a Private. He was discharged on 24 July 1863 on a Surgeon's certificate of disability.

Henry Witwer (spelled Witmer in the Roster), Company H, has a stone in Paradise Cemetery, Wayne County OH. He died 25 July 1863. The stone says that he was the son of M and M Witwer. Buried right behind Henry are Magdalena[Winger] and Michael Witwer.

Father: Michael WITWER  
Mother: Magdalena WINGER  
Birth: 28 Sep 1845, Wayne Co OH  
Marriage:  
Death: 25 July 1863, Benton Barracks, St. Louis, Missouri

Cemetery: Paradise Cemetery, Wayne Co OH

Relationship: Brother-in-law of Henry HARTMAN, Co D 120th OVI

Registers of Deaths of Volunteers, 1861-1865: Henry WHITNER, Private Co H 120th OH Inf, died 25 July 1863 at General Hospital Benton Barracks MO. Cause: chronic diarrhoea.

Not found on Burial Registers, Military Posts and National Cemeteries, 1862-1960.

Pension Index: Henry WITWER, H 120th OH Inf. Father, Michael WITWER, filed 1892 Sep 3, Application 558651, Certificate 369942, filed in OH. Another Pension Card: Mother, Magdalena WITWER applied 13 Mar 1882, Application 290961, Certificate 208225.

1850 Census, Baughman Twp, Wayne County, OH, page 158: Michael WITWER, age 37 PA, farmer; Magdalen, age 36 PA; Amos, age 10 OH; Maria, age 8 OH; Susan, age 6 OH; Henry, age 4 OH; Nancy, age 2 OH; Elam, age 1 OH.

1860 Census, [use the copy at Heritage Quest] Green Twp, Wayne Co OH, Dwelling 847, Family 866: Michael WHITMER/WHITWER, age 46 PA, farmer; Magdalena, age 45 PA; Amos, age 19 OH; Maria, age 17 OH; Susan, age 15 OH; Henry, age 14 OH; Nancy, age 12 OH; Elam, age 10 OH; Magdalena, age 8 OH.

This WITWER family is listed in the IGI. Henry was born 28 Sep 1845 in Wayne County OH to Michael WITWER and Magdalena WINGER who were married in 1840 near Orrville. Henry's siblings were Amos (1841), Maria (1842), Susan (1844), Nancy (1847), Elam (1849), Mattie (1852).

Sister Susan married [Henry Hartman](#) of Company D 120th OVI. Henry Hartman's biography verifies that Henry Witwer's parents were Michael and Magdalena (Winger) WITWER. It also states that Henry WITWER died at the hospital at Benton Barracks, St. Louis, Missouri on the date stated above. For this reason, I don't know if his body was returned home for burial or not. The Roster says he was discharged on 24 July. Apparently he died the day after his discharge and did not make it home.