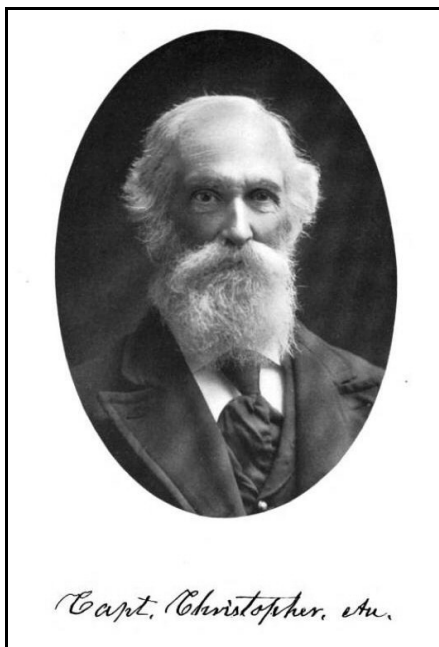


Company I, 120th Ohio Volunteer Infantry



Portrait from A Centennial Biographical History of Richland County, OH by A. J. Baughman, 1901.



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AU, Christopher 14 Oct 1862
Captain Au was age 37 when he entered service. He was mustered out 27 Nov 1864 by reason of consolidation.

Father: John Henry AU
Mother: Barbara STOWE
Birth: 12 Dec 1824, Cumberland Co PA
Marriage: Laura J. GREENFIELD, June 27, 1848
Death: 16 Jan 1909, Mansfield, Richland Co OH
Cemetery: Mansfield Cem, Richland Co OH. Section OS-10 Lot 657

Pension Card: Christopher AU, Co I 120th OH Inf. Invalid applied 2 July 1890, Application 785308, Certificate 789152, filed in OH. Widow, Laura Jane AU, also applied on 29 Jan 1909, , Application 912743, Certificate 678336, filed in OH. Christopher died 1909.

Hardesty's Richland = Hardesty's Historical and Geographical Encyclopedia. [Richland County OH version] 1885...original available at the Ohio Historical Society. There is also a version of the soldier's biographies extracted from the above Hardesty's that has been published by the Richland County Genealogical Society, 1998 called Richland County, Ohio Civil War Veterans. This book states that Christopher Au was born 12 Dec 1824 to Henry and Ann Barbara Au in Cumberland county PA. He married Laura J. Greenfield 17 June 1847 at Fort Madison, Iowa. They had the following children: George W., Adessa Jane, John H., Mary E. Martha A., Sherman G., Abram H., Laura F., and Christopher S. Captain Au was living in Ontario, Richland county Ohio in 1885. He was postmaster and merchant.

History of Richland County Ohio by A. A. Graham, Springfield Twp, 1880, page 893: AU, CHRISTOPHER; merchant, Ontario; he was born in Cumberland Co., Penn., in 1824, and came to Ohio in 1843. He was married June 27, 1848, to Laura J. Greenfield, who was born Nov. 16, 1829, in the State of New York ; they have the following family : John H., born May 2, 1852; Mary E., March 27, 1854; Martha A., April 8, 1856; Sherman G., July 10, 1858; Abraham Hamlin, Sept. 1, 1860; Laura F., Nov. 15, 1862; Christopher Sheriden, Oct. 25, 1865. Mr. Au resided in Mansfield for one year and a half; then spent six years in the Western States; returned to Mansfield and remained till 1855, then removed to Springfield Township, and engaged in farming till 1869, when he located in Ontario, and engaged in the mercantile business; he also has been Postmaster for eleven years. Mr. Au recruited a company for the 120th O. V. I., of which he was Captain, during the war. John H. Au was married, April 18, 1878, to Miss E. M. Hartupee; they have one daughter, Minnie L., born Feb. 8, 1879. He is now a partner in the mercantile business with his father.

A Centennial Biographical History of Richland County, Ohio, by A. J. Baughman, 1901:

Spells Christopher's mother's name Barbara Ann STOUGH and his father is named Henry AU. Parents were married in 1816 and Christopher was born in Cumberland County PA. Siblings: Henry, Samuel, Catherine [Philip LUTZ], Jane [William BLOOR]; Jacob; John, Mary M.; Amanda [Obadiah MUNNELL]. Christopher's mother died 1870.

Christopher lived in PA until he was 17 and in 1843 moved to Mansfield OH and worked as a carpenter. He also worked in southern Ohio and then went to Iowa in spring 1846. He then went to TN and MS until he returned to Iowa where he met and married Miss Laura J. GREENFIELD on 27 June 1848 at Fort Madison IA.

In 1850 they returned to Mansfield OH.

When the 120th Regiment was consolidated with another regiment, Christopher was assigned to one Company and his "boys" to another company. Christopher opposed this separation and he mustered out and returned home. Even though he was offered a colonelcy in a new organization, he turned it down. During his time with the 120th he had one month's furlough at home, but otherwise was on duty the whole time with his regiment.

Christopher belonged to the GAR, Ontario Post No 485, and was a Republican. He was a township trustee and a postmaster. He was a merchant in Ontario.

Children: George Washington, 31 May 1849, died in infancy Adessa J, born 1851, died at 5 months; John Henry, born 2 May 1852; Mary Ella, born 27 Mar 1854 [P. M. RINGER of Mansfield]; Martha Ann, 8 Apr 1856 [Dr. W. H. ROASBERRY of Olivesburt]; Sherman G. born 1858, grocer Mansfield; Abraham H, born 1860, grocer Mansfield; Laura F. born Nov 1862 [W. N. COATS] died 1892; Christopher S, born 1866, killed r r accident age 20.

Mrs. Laura Au: "While her husband was at the front she cared for her family and instilled into their minds the spirit of patriotic devotion to their country. She made for them a flag which was unfurled in their yard. A man of the community threatened to tear it down, but when he found her ready to defend it even with her life he retreated."

1850 Census, Madison, Richland Co OH, Dwelling, Family 61: Christopher AU, age 24 IA, carpenter; Laura, age 21 IA; Thomas WILLIAMS, age 7 IA. [They had been living in Iowa.]

1860 Census, Series: M653 Roll: 1028, Springfield Twp, Richland Co OH, page 91: Christopher AU, age 35 PA, farmer; Laura, age 30 NY; John, age 8 OH; Mary, age 6 OH; Martha, age 4 OH; Sherman, age 2 OH; Loreta NAZOR, age 16, domestic, no birthplace; Albert WILLISON, age 20 England, farm hand.

1870 Census, Series: M593 Roll: 1261, Springfield Twp, Richland Co OH, page 346: Christian AU, age 45 PA, dry goods merchant; Laura, age 39 NY; John, age 18 OH, clerk in store; Mary, age 16 OH; Martha, age 14 OH; Sherman, age 12 OH; Abraham, age 9 OH; Laura, age 7 OH; Christopher, age 4 OH.

1880 Census, Mansfield St, 16 Ontario Hill, Springfield Twp, Richland, OH, Dwelling 16, Family 16:

Christopher AU, age 55 PA, dry goods merchant, parents born PA; Laura, wife, age 50 NY, parents born NY; Sherman, son, age 21, railroad brakeman; Abraham, son, age 19 OH, works on farm; Flora, daughter, age 17 OH, weak lungs; Christopher, son, age 14 OH.

1900 Census Springfield Township, Richland County OH: Christopher AU age 75, born Dec 1824 in PA, a farmer, married 51 yrs, parents born in PA; Laura S, age 70 born Nov 1829 in NY, married 51 yrs, 9 children 5 still living, parents born NY.

Death Record in Ohio: Christopher AU died 16 Jan 1909 at Mansfield, Richland Co OH. Born about 1825. Age 84 yrs, 1 month, 4 dys. Father John Henry. Mother Barbara STOWE.