

Company I, 120th Ohio Volunteer Infantry

FERGUSON, James 14 Aug 1862

Wagoner Ferguson was age 35 when he entered service. He was captured 24 May 1863 in action at Jackson, Mississippi; returned to company 26 Nov 1863; captured 3 May 1864 near Snaggy Point on the Red River, Louisiana; mustered out 1 July 1865 at Camp Chase, Ohio.

Father: ?Samuel FERGUSON

Mother: ??Rachel ????

Birth: 27 Sep 1826 PA

Marriage: Marry "Nancy" GEIGER, 2 Dec 1847, Franklin Twp, Westmoreland Co PA

Death: 29 Jul 1897 Richland Co OH

Cemetery: Lexington Cemetery, US Rt 42, Lexington, Troy Twp, Richland County OH

Pension: James FERGUSON, I 120th OVI: Invalid filed 28 June? 1880, Application 397750, Certificate, 269423. Widow Nancy FERGUSON applied for pension 16 Aug 1897, Application 660724, Certificate 456420, filed in OH. Pension Card: James died 29 July 1897.

Married 1847 in PA..James FERGUSON married Nancy GEIGER, 2 Dec 1847, near Delmont, [Westmoreland Co] PA. [pension record]

Would have had one child, Mary, born in OH by 1850.

Where was wife Nancy? 1850 Census, Worthington, Richland Co OH, Dwelling 155, Family 158: Samuel FERGUSON, age 60 PA, farmer; Rachel, age 44 PA; James, age 22 PA, farmer; William, age 17 PA, farmer; Samuel, age 11 PA; Hannah, age 19 PA; Lucinda, age 9 OH.

No children.....1860 Census, 20 June 1860, Findley Twp, Allegheny Co PA, Dwelling 414, Family 414: Ambrose STOPHER, age 40 PA, painter; Lucinda STOPTER, age 57 PA; James WALKER, age 22 PA, day laborer; James FERGUSON, age 34 PA, farm laborer; Nancy FERGUSON, age 23 PA. *Nancy FERGUSON, age 23 PA.*

1860 Census Washington Township, Richland County, OH: James FERGUSON age 33 OH, a farmer; Nancy age 30 OH; Mary age 11 OH; Samuel age 9 OH; Jane age 7 OH; Willehemia [female] age 4 OH; Ellen age 1 OH.

1870 Census Washington Township, Richland County OH: James FERGUSON age 48 OH, a farmer; Nancy age 45 OH; Mary age 24 OH; Jennie age 20 OH; Sarah age 18 OH; Elizabeth age 14 OH; Ellen age 10 OH; Boyd age 1 OH.

1880 Census Washington Township, Richland County, Ohio: James FERGUSON age 56 PA, a farmer, parents born PA; Nancy, wife, age 50 PA, parents born PA; Ellen, dau, age 20 OH, single; Jennie, dau, single, age 27 OH, a teacher; Clara FERGUSON, granddau, age 5 OH, father born PA, mother NY.

1890 Veterans Schedule: Washington Twp, Richland Co OH: Line 32 House 221, Family 223: James Ferguson, Pvt, Co I 120 OVI. Post Office: Lexington OH. Disability: rheumatism and heart disease.

In 1900 Nancy was living with daughter Jennie in City of Mansfield on Lexington Ave.

1910 Census, 177 Lexington Ave, Mansfield, Richland Co OH, Dwelling 110, Family 113: Jennie FERGUSON, age 57 OH, single, parents born PA; Nancy FERGUSON, mother, age 80 PA, parents born PA; Mellissa W. COATES, sister, age 54 OH; widow, parents born PA.

Ohio Death record: Marry FERGUSON died 177 Lexington st, Mansfield, Ward 1, Richland Co OH, on 28 Mar 1913, at age 83 yrs, 11 mths, 11 dys. Widowed. Born PA. Father Joseph GEIGER born MD. Mother Marry McREORIC, born Ireland. Informant: Jennie E. FERGUSON, Mansfield OH. Burial Lexington Cem. [Pension records verify that this is Nancy who died on that same date.]

[Richland County] Semi-Weekly News: 3 Aug 1897, Vol 13, No. 62. Obituary.

Sons of Union Veterans: born 27 Sep 1826, died 29 Jul 1897, burial Lexington Cem, US Rt 42, Lexington, Troy Twp, Richland County OH

Pension information from Debbie Ferdetta:

[2377] Snaggy Point in 1864 was not the first time that James was taken prisoner. He was taken prisoner on

or about 10 May 1863 by Confederate forces and carried to Libby Prison in Richmond Virginia. On the way to Libby Prison he was treated by a Confederate physician for 3 days while detained at Mobile, Alabama. He was detained about 7 or 8 days at Libby and then was ??traded/exchanged?? and sent to Camp Chase, OH.

[2436] Roll call: 11 Oct 62 to 30 Apr 63 present.

May and June 63 at Raymond Miss.

Sick May 18, 63 [2453 Was left in hospital at Raymond with others when the Regiment was ordered forward to join the main army around the rebel works at Vicksburg about the 18 of May. FERGUSON with others was captured at Raymond hospital.

July and Aug 63 left at Raymond Miss. Sick. [Court House Hospital 2437]

Captured and paroled by the Enemy.

Same Sept and Oct 63.

Nov and Dec 63 present.

Exchanged and returned to Regt. 26 Nov 63.[Plaquemine, LA]

[New River Landing, LA -2453]

Same to April 30 64

May and June 64 taken prisoner 3 May 64. Same to Oct 30 64 Company was in action on born "City Belle" on Red River near Baton Rouge LA 3 May 64.

Mustered out 1 July 1865 at Camp Chase OH.

"Prisoner of War Records show him captured at Raymond Miss. May 24, '63. Confined at Richmond VA June 3, '63. Paroled at City Point VA June 6, '63. Reported at Camp Parole Md? June 2? '63 and sent to Camp Chase O. June 23, '63 where he arrived Aug 22, '63 and sent to Regt between Oct 20/31 '63. Again captured at Snaggy Point May 3, '64. Paroled at Mouth [of] Red River May 27, '65. Reported at Camp Chase O. June 20, '65 and was mustered out as above."

[2380] James FERGUSON married Nancy GEIGER, 2 Dec 1847, near Delmont, PA. In Aug 1897 Nancy was living in Washington Twp, Richland Co OH, PO address, Lexington. Witnesses to this pension paper were Jennie E and Thomas B FERGUSON, residing near Lexington OH.

[2383] Nancy died 28 Mar 1913.

[2394] James FERGUSON married Nancy GEIGER, 2 Dec 1847 near Delmont, Westmoreland Co PA. Married by Rev. Kirkpatrick. Neither had been previously married. James died 29 July 1897 at his home in Washington Twp, Richland Co OH of heart disease resulting from rheumatism. No children under age 16 at the time of his death.

[2400] James Ferguson was buried at Lexington cemetery by undertaker William Bonham of Lexington, Richland Co OH.

[2402] Testified 24 Aug 1897 Mrs. A. Elizabeth WALTON, age 53 of Latrobe Borough, Westmoreland PA, sister of widow Nancy FERGUSON. She was present at the marriage of Nancy to James FERGUSON, on 2 Dec 1847 at her home in Franklin Twp, Westmoreland Co PA. Neither were previously married.

[2404] Testified 28 Aug 1897, Jack FERGUSON, age 77, resident of Franklin Twp, Westmoreland Co PA. "I know Nancy FERGUSON from infancy up to the time of marriage with James Ferguson the Soldier, her parents residing in the neighborhood of where I live, and was well acquainted with her up to the time they moved to the State of Ohio. I also was acquainted with James Ferguson the Soldier, from infancy up to the time of his marriage to Nancy Ferguson his present widow and until they moved away to the state of Ohio. I was also present at their wedding and know that neither of them was ever previously married."

[2405] Same as previous testimony by Jack Ferguson, by James C. FERGUSON of Franklin Twp, Westmoreland Co PA. PO Manor Dale

[2408] Not divorced.

The veteran had inflammatory rheumatism and heart disease.

[2439] Peter WEIGLE close neighbor since 1852.