

Company I, 120th Ohio Volunteer Infantry

HIGGINS, William 7 Apr 1864

Private Higgins was age 21 when he entered service. Captured 3 May 1864 near Snaggy Point on the Red River, Louisiana; mustered out 7 July 1865 at Camp Chase, Ohio.

Father: Michael HIGGINS

Mother: Julia GRECE

Birth: 16 Aug 1841 or 8 Sep 1840, Long Point, Canada East

Marriage: Sarah MATHEWS/MATTHEWS, Richland Co, 23 Dec 1875

Death: 16 June 1914 at Jackson Twp, Richland Co OH

Cemetery: Oakland Cemetery, Shelby, Richland Co OH

There is a stone for Sarah, but none for [William](#) .

How to obtain a government headstone: <http://www.cem.va.gov/hmm/>

Pension card for William HIGGINS of Co I, 120th OH. Invalid filed 5 June 1880, Application 372953, Certificate: 379518. Pension Card: William died 16 June 1914 at Shelby OH.

Haven't found earlier. Could be the one in Butler County in 1860.

1870 Census 4th Ward Mansfield, Richland County OH: William HIGGINS, age 26 born Canada, a farm hand. He is living with George and Phebe BITTINGER family.

Ohio, County Marriages, 1789-1994: William HIGGINS married Sarah MATTHEWS on 23 Dec 1875 at Richland Co OH.

1880 Census Washington Township, Richland County OH: William HIGGINS age 38 born Canada, a farmer, parents birthplaces left blank; Sarah, wife, age 40 OH, parents born PA.

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 soldiers' 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. Hardesty's states that William Higgins of Company I was severely wounded in the wrist as he fended off a blow from the sword of a Confederate captain as he attempted escape after the City Belle was captured at Snaggy Point. Parents: Michael and Julia (Grece) Higgins. Born: 16 Aug 1841 in parish of Long Point, Canada East. Marriage: Sarah Mathews, Holmes county, OH, 23 Dec 1875. Currently farming near Mansfield, Richland county OH.

Not found in 1890 Veterans Schedule.

1900 Census, Ripley Twp, Huron Co OH, page 300: William HIGGINS, age 59 Canada, born Aug 1840, married 25 yrs, father born Ireland, mother born Scotland, farm laborer, Came to US in 1852, naturalized; Sarah, wife, age 60 OH, born Feb 1840, married 25 yrs, no children, parents born PA.

1910 Census, Jackson Twp, Richland Co OH, page 91: William HIGGINS, age 68 Canada, first marriage, married 34 yrs, parents born England, came to US in 1865, naturalized, laborer, column 30 marked UA for military service; Sarrah, age 74 OH, first marriage, married 34 yrs, parents born PA.

Wife's Death record in Ohio: File # can't read: Sarah HIGGINS died 22 May 1912 at Jackson Twp, Richland Co OH. Born 8 Feb 1837 at OH. Married. Father Jacob MATTHEWS, born PA. Mother Mary BITTINGER, born PA. Burial Oakland Cem. Informant Viola MATTHEWS, of Shelby OH.

Birth date does not match the story above. Death record in Ohio: 36025, William HIGGINS died 16 June 1914 at Jackson Twp, Richland Co OH. Born 8 Sep 1840 in Canada. Widower. Farmer. Burial Oakland Cemetery. Informant Harry C LANE, of Shelby RR 6.