

Company I, 120th Ohio Volunteer Infantry

MORTON, John H. 13 Aug 1862

Corporal Morton was age 32 when he entered service. He was captured 3 May 1864 near Snaggy Point on the Red River, Louisiana; discharged 25 Sept 1864 at Columbus, Ohio on a Surgeon's certificate of disability.

Another record: **Jefferson Barracks Hospital records: Morton, John H., 33, Cpl, 120 Ohio Inf., Co. I, July 2, Str. Continental [must be hospital], Gunshot Wound, Left Thigh, Pleasant Hill, La. April 9, 1864, Rifle Ball, Transferred to Columbus Gen. Hosp. July 15, 64, #2941, Ward M.**

So which story is correct?

Father: Norman Sheppard MORTON [World Connect]

Mother: Eliza GAMBLE [World Connect]

Birth: 1831 OH

Marriage: Louisa [Eliza] HARDING in Richland County OH on 16 Oct 1853

Death: 3 Nov 1908

Cemetery: Monroe Street Cemetery, Cleveland, Cuyahoga Co OH [Note: There is a Louisa Morton, d 1912, buried Plot: Section B add 30S 1/2 1 SL] Records are at Highland Park Cemetery 216 348 7210 and Western Reserve Historical Society 216 721 5722.

Register of Interments Dated 3 Nov 1908 [interment] 24819 John M. MORTON, 7709 W. Madison. age 77 born OH, Cause: chronic interstitial nephritis Sec B Lot 30, tier S one half. Remarks, again 1/27/1912, Grave 2 S.L. Soldier used. Vol 3/pg141

I requested a photo at [Find a Grave](#), but the volunteer, William Stark, said he could not locate any gravestone for John.

Pension: John H. MORTON, I 120th OH Inf. Invalid filed 1864 Oct 1, Application 52309, Certificate 44077.

Widow Louisa J. MORTON applied for pension 10 Nov 1908, Application 907642, Certificate 670045, filed in OH. Pension Card: John died 1908.

Included in pension papers for William RICHEY [See his pdf file] of this same company, was a letter of testimony for Richey written by J. H. MORTON of Galion, Crawford Co OH. Dated 2 July 1886.

Mr. W. F. RICHIE was a comrade in the 120 Reg. Co I, the same that I was in and we were intimate friends.

He was then a stout hearty young man and seemed to be in perfect health and a good soldier and he is as worthy of a pension as I am or any other soldier. And if he don't get it soon it will never do him any good. He is unable to do anything and [has] a large family of small children. But to the evidence you are after covers much time and space. I kept a diary from Aug 1862 to May 1864 up to the time I was wounded and I shall make the statement as short as possible. While we lay at Chickasaw Bluffs in 1862 he was afflicted with yellow jaundice and diarrhea. And he would never report [sick] as long as he could get around and by not reporting [he] was on duty when called. Then at Arkansas Post Jan 1863 did not report and was in the fight when I knew he ought to of been in the hospital. And there he caught a bad cold that settled on his lungs.

But still kept in the ranks by not reporting until we were at Champion Hills he was absent from the ranks for a short time. He frequently reported for a few days at a time. Then we were sent to New River Landing and I remember his being brought in from picket insensible caused by a combination of the above named complaints which produced general debility. Then we was sent up Red River and about the first of May 1864 our Reg 120th OVI was all ?ent? to peaces [pieces] and our regimental papers were all destroyed by the enemy. I was ?and? crippled for life and from that time until the close of the war I have no personal knowledge of Mr. Richie. I signed a statement once before but did not realize what was required of me. I get to see him occasionally and in my judgment he is badly used up in the service of his country and he is legally entitled to a pension and if it ever does him any good it must come soon. I could say much more but time and space is to great for me to do more. Yours in spirit and truth, from J. H. Morton co I, 120th Reg OVI

Shephard MORTON was living in Sharon Twp, Richland Co OH in 1850: Shephard MORTON, age 41 MA, farmer; Elizabeth, age 29 OH; Norman, age 17 OH, farmer; William, age 11 OH; Arvilla, age 7 OH; Linus, age 5 OH; Loisa, age 3 OH; Angeline, age 7 months OH; Artemesa SNYDER, age 17 OH.

?????1850 Census, Kenton Twp, Hardin Co OH, Dwelling 70, Family 70: John MORTON, age 19 OH, carpenter is living with the L. T. DUNHAM family. Dunham was also a carpenter.

John H MORTON married Loisa HARDING in Richland County OH on 16 Oct 1853.

1860 Census Sandusky Township, Richland County OH, Dwelling 1286, Family 1268: John MORTON age 29

born OH, a farmer; Louisa age 27 OH; Martha age 3 OH; Melville age 1 OH.

1870 Census Sandusky Township, Richland County OH, Dwelling 55, Family 53: John H. MORTON age 39 OH, a carpenter; Louisa J age 36 OH; Martha A age 13 OH; Melville age 11 OH; Ellsworth age 9 1880 Census OH. Sandusky Twp, Richland, Ohio: John MORTON, age 49 OH, a carpenter, parents born NY; Louisa, age 45 OH, parents born PA; Melville, son, single, age 21 OH, a laborer; Ruth, dau, age 9 OH.

1880 Census: Sandusky Twp, Richland co, OH, Dwelling 106, Family 110: John MORTON, age 49 OH, carpenter, parents born NY; Louisa, wife, age 45 OH, parents born PA; Melville, son, age 21 OH, laborer; Ruth, dau, age 9 OH;

1890 Veterans Schedule: North Bloomfield, Morrow Co OH: Line 15, House 109, Family 109: John H. MORTON, Corp, Co I 120 OVI. Post Office: Galion, Crawford Co OH. Disability: gunshot wound right leg. Very much disabled.

The IGI at Family Search lists these other children: Carrie L, died young, Mordecai Rice, died young

1900 Census, 905 Clark Ave, Cleveland, Cuyahoga Co OH, Dwelling 147, Family 187; Theron RICE, age 42 OH, born Nov 1857, parents born OH, railroad conductor; Ruth J, wife, age 27 OH, born Aug 1872, parents born OH, married 14 yrs, 7 children/6 living; Elma, daughter age 12 OH, born Feb 1888; Morton, son, age 10 OH, born May 1890; Floyd, son, age 5 OH, born June 1894; Gladdes, daughter, age 4 OH, born June 1895; John, son, age 2 OH, born May 1898; Pearl, daughter, age 2 months OH, born Apr 1900; John MORTON, father in law, age 69 OH, born Feb 1831, retired, parents born OH; Eliza, mother in law, age 66 OH, born May 1834, married 46 yrs, 6 children/4 still living, parents born OH.

1910 Census, 7521 Guthrie St, Cleveland Ward 1, Cuyahoga Co OH, Dwelling 1, Family 2: John MENARD, age 58 NY, second marriage, married 18 yrs, father born France, mother born French Canadian, shoe maker in own shop ; Martha, wife, age 52 OH, second marriage, 0 children, parents born OH; Eliza MORTON, mother-in-law, age 74 OH, widow, 6 children/4 still living, parents born PA.

Cleveland Necrology File

Id#: 0248046

Name: Morton, John H.

Date: November 5, 1908

Source: Cemetery record; Cleveland Necrology File, Reel #058.

Notes: Morton-John H., aged 77 years and 7 months, died November 3. Funeral Friday, November 6, at 1 p. m., from late residence, 7709 W. Madison ave., Shelby, Galion and Crestline papers please copy. 1831 - 1908. Monroe Cemetery Cleveland, Ohio.

Death Record in Ohio: John H. Morton, age 77. married, died 3 Nov 1908, Cuyahoga Co OH, age 77, born <1831> OH, place of death 7709 W. Madison his residence, ill for 70 days, father born VA, mother born US.

Son's Death Record in Ohio: File #36590, Melvin E. MORTON died 3 Jun 1936 at Leetonia, R. D., Salem Twp, Columbiana Co OH. Widowed. Wife Amelia. Born 17 Aug 1858 at Salion OH. Father John MORTON born Crestline, OH. Mother Louise HARDING born Bloominggrove, OH. Burial Hart Cemetery Informant, Mrs. Clifford AKEN, of R. D. Leetonia, OH.

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