

Company I, 120th Ohio Volunteer Infantry



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OYSTER, Daniel 2 Aug 1862

Private Oyster was age 26 when he entered service. Transferred from Co. E, 102d OVI on 13 Aug 1862; captured 3 May 1864 near Snaggy Point on the Red River, Louisiana; mustered out 7 July 1865 at Camp Chase, Ohio.

Father: William OYSTER

Mother: Fanny KELLER

Birth: 13 June 1834, Columbiana Co OH.

Marriage: Ann Jane JACKSON, Richland Co OH, 4 May 1851

Death: 29 Dec 1892

Cemetery: Pleasant Grove Cemetery [Jno. Steel Cem], small country church four miles west of Bellville, Richland Co OH, Reed Rd.

1850 Census, Jefferson Twp, Richland Co OH, Dwelling 185, Family 185:

William OISTER, age 60 PA, laborer; Fanny, age 58 PA; Catharine, age 24 PA; Jacob, age 22 PA, laborer; Daniel, age 20 PA, laborer; Nancy, age 16 PA; Mary, age 13 PA; Samuel, age 10 PA; Angaline, age 2 OH.

1860 Census Jefferson Township, Richland County OH, Dwelling 402, Family 393 : Daniel OYSTER age 27 OH, a ? maker; Ann age 26 OH; Mary age 7 OH; Covette [female] age 6 OH; Lewis age 4 OH; Dora age 2 OH.

1870 Census Jefferson Township, Richland County OH, Dwelling 208, Family 221 : Daniel OYSTER age 37 OH, a farm laborer; Ann J age 37 OH; Mary E age 18 OH; Comfort A age 17 OH; Ludem [male] age 15; Dora [male] age 12 OH; Duggy age 9 OH; Ida age 7 OH.

1880 Census, Jefferson Twp, Richland Co OH, Dwelling 135, Family 142 : Daniel OYSTER, age 48 OH, carpenter, father born PA, mother born Germany; Ann J. wife, age 49 OH, father born OH, mother born PA; Lewis L, son, age 2 OH, farm laborer; Dora T., daughter, age 22 OH; Stephen A. C., son, age 19 OH apprentice to carpenter; Eli CLAY, grandson, age 3 OH.

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 Daniel Oyster was the son of William and Fanny (Keller) Oyster, born 13 June 1834 in Columbiana co., OH. He married Ann Jane Jackson in Richland county, OH, 4 May 1851. Their children were Mary Ellen, Comfort Ann, Lewis Ledom, Dora Tillistie, Stephen A. Douglas, and Ida Jane. In 1885 at the time the original book was written Daniel Oyster was a carpenter near Bellville, OH. While in prison in Texas after the capture of the City Belle at Snaggy Point, Daniel "contracted the scurvy and chronic diarrhea, and he was almost dead on his feet when paroled." Simon P. Oyster (brother of Daniel???) was killed on the steamer Sultana on the Mississippi river on 27 March 1865. [*Simon's mother was Savilla according to the pension index record. Simon was in Co E. 102nd Ohio Infantry. Savilla applied for a pension in 1880. Simon was most likely the son of John and Savilla OISTER. He is listed with them in Jefferson Twp, Richland Co OH in the 1850 Census, Dwelling 11, Family 11. He is most likely buried as an unknown in Memphis National Cemetery, Shelby Co TN.*]

Widow 1900 Census, Jefferson Twp, Richland Co OH, Dwelling 165, Family 176: Clara C OYSTER, age 39 OH, born Sept 1860, widow, 0 children, farmer, father born OH, mother born PA; Hazel D. SWANK, niece, age 8 OH, single, born Nov 1891, parents born OH; Anna J. OYSTER, mother in law, age 67 OH, widow, born Oct 1832, 6 children/4 still living, parents born OH.

Pension index: Daniel OYSTER, I 120th OH Inf. Invalid filed 3 Feb 1880. Widow Ann J. OYSTER applied for pension in OH, 23 Jan 1893.

Pension information from National Archives, sent by Debbie Ferdetta:

[2724] Disability: chronic diarrhoea, disease of gums, loss of teeth result of scurvy. [2720] Soldier alleges diseases began at Milligan's Bend, La. in March 1863.

[2722] Widow Ann Jane Oyster, Bellville, Richland Co OH.

[2713] Soldier died 29 Dec 1892.

[2711] Soldier and Ann had only one marriage. Married 4 May 1851. Married Ann Jane JACKSON. [2687] and [2687] Married in Richland County by Reuben Evarts, J. P.

[2680] States that his illnesses resulted from his time in prison in Camp Ford, Tyler TX.

[2707] John WATSON testified that Ann Jane JACKSON had been partly raised with his parents and was living at their home when she married Daniel OYSTER. They had all lived in the same neighborhood of Bellville, Richland Co OH.

[2708] Undertaker D. A. LANEHART, age 36 of Bellville testified: burial of Daniel OYSTER was at Pleasant Grove Cemetery which was connected with a small country church four miles west of Bellville, OH and sometimes called the Jno. Steel Cemetery located on the Lexington and Fredericktown Road.

[2674] Letter from Wm R MORROW saying that OYSTER had scurvy in the prison camp.

[2690] Dated 18 Jan 1893, Ann Jane, widow, testified: "I am Widow of the above named soldier who died Dec. 29th 1892 leaving an estate of 11, eleven acres of land valued at about thirty dollars pr acre no chattles [*movable or personal property*] of any value the above named soldier left lawful debts on the said land to the amount of over two hundred dollars and no one legally bound to pay the above debts but myself so that I am left without other means of support than my own daily labor" [2698] 11 acres of land in Jefferson Twp in 1892, value 200, Levi RITTER and William R. MORROW testified about when and where OYSTER became ill.

[2672] So information had to be gotten to prove where they were during the war. This report dated 8 Mar 1883: First Christopher C. STOUFER, Asst. Surgeon 120th Regt OH Inf. must be reporting on OYSTER: on roll F and S dated Dec 31 63 absent sick, left at Hosptl. Memphis Tenn Dec 20 - 62 Jany and Feby 63 present, same to Apl 3 of 63 Return[report] Jany 63 does not report on him, same March 63 Station Jany 31 - 63 Camp near Vicksburg, Feby 28 63 Camp near Youngs Point La. Apl 1 63 Smiths Plantation Then STOUFER reports on the other two soldiers: Levi Ritter and Wm R. Morrow Privates Co "I" 120th Ohio Vols. are reported on roll of co, March and Apl 64 does not report either of them absent May 64 reports them both missing in action May 3 Station Apl 30 64 In the field Miss. Co was in action at Thomasons Hill or Port Gibson, May 1 64 May 5 arrived at Rock Springs. [The years seem jumbled up here.] May 13 arrived at Raymond Miss. marched to Vicksburg May 19 and were engaged in Siege until 24. The name Jacob Goon is not borne on the rolls of Co I.