

Company I, 120th Ohio Volunteer Infantry

RODDY, William* 2 Sept 1862

Sergeant Roddy was age 21 when he entered service. He was appointed from Corporal on 17 Apr 1863; he died on 30 Aug 1863. No burial information given in the Roll of Honor.

Father: William RODDY

Mother: Sophia KOPLIN

Birth: <1841>

Marriage: Not married

Death: 30 Aug 1863 Marine Hospital, New Orleans, LA

Cemetery: [Not listed at Department of Veterans Affairs website]

Oddly enough, as I was researching a soldier today who was buried at Chalmette LA, I realized from the fact that this other soldier died also at Marine Hospital in New Orleans, LA, that William Roddy might have his final resting place at Chalmette Cemetery. [Chalmette National Cemetery, St. Bernard Parish, LA E. BEBELL, section 48, grave 3743, died 4 Oct 1863 Chalmette National Cemetery, Union Database: BEBBELL, E., sec 48, grave 3743, pvt Co K 120 OH Inf, died 4 Oct 1863, moved from Cypress Grove, LA.] This other soldier was first buried at Cypress Grove LA and then reburied at Chalmette. Chalmette is in St. Bernard Parish, Louisiana. There are a number of the soldiers from the 120th buried there. However, Wm Roddy is not listed. I am thinking that he is buried there as an "unknown." This is the list that I searched:

<http://www.civilwarhome.com/chalmla.html>

Pension Index: William RODDY, Co I 120th OH Inf. Mother, Sophia RODDY, filed for pension 20 Jan 1864, Application 44086, Certificate 22565.

Registers of Deaths of Volunteers, 1861-1865: William ROADY, Sergt, Co I 120th OH Inf, died 30 Aug 1863 at Marine General Hospital New Orleans, LA. Cause: acute dysentery.

Have not found at Burial Registers, Military Posts and National Cemeteries, 1862-1960.

Not found at National Cemetery Interment Control Forms, 1928-1962

1850 Census, Dublin Twp, Huntingdon Co PA, Dwelling 84, Family 84: William RODDY, age 53 PA, farmer; Sophia, age 54 PA; Eliza, age 20 PA; Jonathan C., age 18 PA, farmer; Margaret, age 15 PA; Thomas, age 13 PA; David R, age 11 PA; William, age 9 PA. [Member at Family Search: Parents, William RODDY married Sophia KOPLIN about 1829 in Huntingdon Co PA.]

1860 Census, Dublin Twp, Huntingdon Co PA, Dwelling 116, Family 112, page 202: Sophia RODDY, age 59 PA, farmer; Eliza, age 25 PA; Margaret, age 23 PA; Thomas, age 21 PA; David, age 19 PA; William, age 17 PA.

Mother, Sophia RODDY died 3 May 1874 in PA. Burial at Possumtown Cem, Shade Gap, Huntingdon Co PA. At [Find a Grave](#). Her husband William is also listed at [Find a Grave](#).

Pension at fold3.com :

William RODDY, Co. I 120th OH Inf. Mother Sophia RODDY applied for pension 30 Jan 1864.

Mother Sophia RODDY, post office Shade Gap, Dublin Twp, Huntingdon Co PA. William died 30 Aug 1863 at New Orleans of chronic dysentery. William left no widow or minor children and his mother was partly dependent on him for her support. Before the war William was "engaged at different employment, sometimes clerking in a store and sometimes teaching school and that for five years before entering the service of the United States, he regularly contributed of his earnings to the support of his mother..." He sent money home to her from the service. [This information came from John MORROW and D. R. P. RODDY...this is probably his brother David] In 1863, Sophia was age 65 and was the mother of the soldier William RODDEY and the widow of William RODDEY. The soldier died at Marine Hospital, New Orleans, LA. from fever and chronic diarrhea.

Written from Carrollton LA, 1 Sep 1863

Sir

It is with regret that I am compelled to inform you of the death of your brother William Roddey who died at the marine Hospital Aug 30th. He was taken sick while on the march from Black River Miss. to Jackson and was sent back to Black River when we came back to Vicksberg. He again joined us and was in a fair way of getting well. I then tried to have him sent home on sick furlough with Wm Henny and James Coleman but failed and we were ordered to bring all our sick with us when we came down here and on arriving here we were put under marching orders and were ordered to send our sick to the hospital. He was taken there Aug 25th but soon after arriving there he gave up and said that he must die. He sent for the chaplain and was

baptised. He was first taken sick with fever and got better and then the diarrhea set in which soon became chronic and cut short the life of one who was loved by all who knew him. He was always while in health at his post and was in all the battles that the Regt was in except Jackson and there was only prevented by sickness. I herewith send you a certificate which will enable you or his father to draw his back pay and bounty which is due him. I also intend to send to you some of his effects the first opportunity I have which I think will present itself in a day or two as there is a couple young men of the Regt expects to go home on sick furlough in a day or two while at Port Hudson. He had the bad luck one night while asleep to have his pants stole with all the money he had and little trinkets. I will send all that I can get the boys to take and dispose of the rest to the best advantage I can. The things I will send in a carpet sack of my own to my wife and she will deliver them over to you on their arrival there. In conclusion I would say that all was done that could be done during his sickness to supply his wants and especially while in the hospital. I was told that they watched over and attended him almost with mothers care. Though fair and esteemed was the flower with us, it now blooms (we have hope) with more radiance in the eternal world.

Capt. C. Au

P.S.

I have started Wm Roddy's things, everything he had except his blanket and boots which were too heavy to send. If they get through safe, you will get them of Mrs. L. J. Au.

Capt C. Au