Company K, 120th Ohio Volunteer Infantry

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CLEMENT, Shannon  4 Oct 1862  CLEMENTS
Sergeant Clement was age 21 when he entered service. He was appointed from private [date not given]; transferred to Co. K 114th OVI 27 Nov 1864. Transferred to Co E, 48th OVI, 24 July 1865. Mustered out 14 Oct 1865.

Father: James CLEMENTS
Mother: Eliza Jane STONE
Birth:  17 Aug 1841 OH
Marriage: Anna MULLONS 16 Nov 1871 at Crawford Co OH
Death: 26 Apr 1905, OH [Find a Grave]
Cemetery: Oakwood Cemetery, Bucyrus, Crawford Co OH [Anna also there]

[In Company K there were two soldiers who were taken prisoner near Napoleon Ark. on or about 21 Jan 1863. It seems that after leaving the battle at Arkansas Post, there was a decision to cut through the peninsula at Beulah Bend where the Arkansas river and the Mississippi come together. The Rebels were able to fire on boats going past there. The cut was done. Pvt David Dewitt and Charles Schott must have been on shore there at that time. I also wondered where they were held prisoner. Charles Schott said in pension records that Dewitt died a prisoner at Jackson, MS. That makes sense since Jackson would have been a convenient place to send those prisoners. So Schott survived but there is a conflict on the date that Dewitt died. Best guess is April or May 1863. Interestingly, because of that cut in the peninsula, gradually Napoleon and Wellington Arkansas both were flooded by the Mississippi and no longer exist. [See David Dewitt's page for the testimony in his pension file. The three men were all in Company K.]

I found out that there was an army hospital in the capital building there at Jackson MS. It could be that Dewitt was in that hospital when he died. Sherman, after the second battle against Jackson MS, did not have that building burned. Two reasons, there was a Mason's organization that used that building [he was a Mason] and second that it housed that hospital.]

There is a bio of Shannon Clements of Company K. It states that his father became Probate Judge in Bucyrus, Crawford county OH. Shannon was born 17 Aug 1841 to James and Eliza [STONE] CLEMENTS. He married Anna MULLONS 16 Nov 1870. HISTORY OF CRAWFORD COUNTY AND OHIO BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCHES, Part III, p.723 CHICAGO BASKIN & BATTEY, HISTORICAL PUBLISHERS 186 DEARBORN STREET 1881

[History of Crawford County and Ohio..., 1881, Baskin & Battey; Perrin  page 723]

Shannon Clements  
born 17 Aug 1841, Crawford Co OH  
father James Clements  
mother Eliza Stone  
Probate Judge of Bucyrus.  

“At the outbreak of the war, he enlisted in Co. K, 120th O. V. I., under command of Col. French, his corps being under Gen. Grant; he participated in the battles of Chickasaw Bluff, Arkansas Post, Grand Gulf, Raymond, Champion Hill, Black River, siege of Vicksburg, Jackson, Miss., Blakely, Ala., and other minor engagements; only three of his company returned at the close of the war; he was mustered out at Houston, Tex., in October, 1865, and never, during the whole time of his service for the old flag, was he sick, wounded or off duty.”

Not found on Pension Index.

1850 Census, Jackson Twp, Crawford County, OH, page 359: James CLEMENTS, age 34 PA, merchant; Eliza Jane, age 30 PA; William L, age 9 OH; Jno. M. S?, age 7 OH; Josephine, age 4 OH; Anne CLEMENTS, age 40 PA. [Family Search, Ohio, County Marriages, 1789-1994: James CLEMENTS married Eliza Jane STONE on 19 Dec 1839 at Crawford Co OH, by William Hutchinson, Minister of the Gospel Pres Church.

1860 Census, Bucyrus Twp, Crawford County, OH, page 35: James CLEMENTS, age 42 PA, attorney at law; Eliza, age 36 PA; John, age 16 OH, farm laborer; Josephine, age 13 OH; Ada, age 2 OH; Cassie BAKER, domestic.

1870 Census, Bucyrus, Crawford County OH, Dwelling 80, Family 85: James CLEMENTS, age 55 PA, lawyer; Eliza, age 48 PA; Shannon, age 27 OH, clerk in probate office; Josephine, age 23 OH.


According the Anna's grave stone and other info at Find a Grave there were two children: James born 1872 and died 1873,
and an infant daughter, Lillie J, born and died 1877.

1880 Census Bucyrus, Crawford County, OH, page 323: Shannon CLEMENTS, age 39 OH, probate Judge, parents born PA; Anna, wife, age 30 England, parents born England; Sillie SEISER, servant.

Not found on 1890 Veterans Schedule.

1900 Census, 4th Ward Bucyrus, Crawford County, OH, page 96: Shannon CLEMENTS, age 58 OH, born Apr 1841, married 29 yrs, manager of stone co, father born OH, mother born PA; Anna, wife, age 52 England, born Apr 1848, married 29 yrs, 0 children, parents born England; Y??? BENSINGER, servant.


Death Record: Shannon CLEMENTS died Apr 1905 at Wooster, Crawford Co [See obituary for explanation of this incorrect county. Should be Wayne county.]

Born in Bucyrus. Retired. Widowed.

[Wayne County Democrat, 3 May 1905, page one]

“Judge Clements. His Death In Wooster Under Sad Circumstances.

Judge Shannon Clements, of Bucyrus, died in Wooster Wednesday night at the residence of his cousin, Mrs. M. S. Axtell, on North Buckeye Street. In last issue was published that on Sunday evening he got off a railroad train ill and was taken to the American House and assigned to a room, where he remained until Proprietor Zeigler broke in the door, which was locked inside, and found the Judge lying on the bed unconscious. Dr. J. D. Beer was promptly summoned and pronounced it a fatal case of apoplexy.

He was removed as soon as possible to the Axtel home where he lingered in life unconscious until death came, having all that medical skill and expert nursing could do for his relief, and attention of Bucyrus friends. His age was sixty-five years. He was a Democrat in politics, and was Probate Judge of Crawford county for two terms, possessed many excellent qualities, successful in business, a man of financial means, and a man generally highly regarded during his long and active career. He was a soldier in the 120th Regiment O. V. I., in the Union War, in the company commanded by Capt. J. B. Taylor, of Wooster. [Incorrect company] His wife died about a year ago, having no children, and he is survived by a brother and sister, his only near relatives who reside in the west??.

Thursday afternoon the remains were conveyed to Bucyrus for burial, a number of his comrades of the 120th Regiment acting as escort and pall-bearers to the railroad train.”

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