

## Company K, 120<sup>th</sup> Ohio Volunteer Infantry

FOCKLER, Robert 28 Sept 1862

Private Fockler was age 25 when he entered service. He was discharged on 3 Aug 1864 at Columbus, Ohio, on a Surgeon's certificate of disability.

Father: Godlaeb FOCKLER

Mother: ?Hannah ????

Birth: <1837> OH

Marriage: Margaret KEISER, 10 Mar 1859, Holmes Co OH

Death: 17 Feb 1875, Holmes Co OH or 10 Oct 1874.

Cemetery: Nashville [Methodist] Cemetery, Holmes Co OH

Created a page for Robert at [Find a Grave](#). An online listing of this cemetery says that Robert FOCKLER is buried there but has no stone, [maybe] a GAR marker. So what happened to the stone that was ordered for him in 1901?

Pension Index: Robert FOCKLER, K 120th OH Inf. Invalid filed 1869 July 6, Application 145496, no Certificate. Widow's pension: Margaret Fockler, 10? July 1880, Application 271481, no Certificate. Minor pension William Fockler, filed 5 Mar 1884 in OH, Application 313979, no Certificate.

Headstones Provided for Deceased Union Civil War Veterans, 1879-1903: Robert FOCKLER Pvt Co K 120 Reg OH Inf. Cemetery Methodist at Nashville, Holmes Co OH. Died 10 Oct 1874. Contract dated 8 Mar 1901, Vermont Marble Co. [That would be [Nashville \[Methodist\] Cemetery](#).]

1850 Census, Knox Twp, Holmes County, OH, page 271: ?Godliff FOCKLER [1840 census spelling is Godlaeb], age 68 MD, farmer; Hannah, age 56 PA; Joseph, age 27 OH, laborer; Nancy, age 21 OH; Emanuel, age 16 OH; Robert, age 13 OH. [Note: next dwelling are Andrew [33OH] and Lucinda [27PA] FOCKLER and family.]

Wife's family: 1850 Census, Knox Twp, Holmes Co OH, Dwelling 294, Family 298: John KISER, age 70 NY, farmer; Louna?, age 58 NY; Hannah, age 39 NY; Adam, age 24 PA, laborer; Olive, age 21 PA; Moses, age 19 PA, laborer; Margit, age 17 PA; May/Mary, age 17 PA; Caroline, age 14 PA.

8 Mar 1859 Robert married Margaret, Knox Twp, Holmes Co OH.

1860 census Knox township, Holmes county OH, page 372: Robert FOCKLER born OH, age 23, a farmer. Margaret, age 26 born in PA. William, 8 months born OH. Hannah FOCKLER, age 66, born PA.

Daughter, Sarah E. was born 4 Oct 1862 and death date of Sarah E. is 8 Sep 1863.

1870 census Knox township, Holmes county, OH: Robert FALCKLAR, born OH, age 32, a farmer. Margaret, age 37, born PA. William, age 10, born OH.

Robert died 17 Feb 1875.

1880 Census, Knox Twp, Holmes Co OH, page 310: Washington WADDLE, age 24 OH, farmer, parents born PA; Marget FOCKLER, mother, widow, age 45 OH, parents born PA; Wm FOCKLER, brother, single, age 20 OH, farmer, parents born OH.

Mother, Margaret, has died 2 Feb 1882

Family Search, Ohio, County Marriages, 1789-1994: William FOCKLER married Josephine SHUMAN at Holmes Co OH, on 10 Sep 1885, by H. N. Wachtel, JP.

Family Search, Ohio, Deaths, 1908-1953: [William FOCKLER](#) died 23 Aug 1934, Knox Twp, Holmes Co OH. Residence Glenmont R.F.D. 2. Farmer. Married: Josephine Shuman FOCKLER. Born 1860, Holmes Co OH. Burial: Glenmont, Sunnyside. . Father Robert FOCKLER, born Ireland. Mother: Martha KAISER. Informant Mrs. William FOCKLER of Glenmont R.F.D. 2.

Family Search, Ohio, Deaths, 1908-1953: Josephine FOCKLER died 26 Dec 1944 at Knox Twp, Holmes Co OH. Residence Glenmont, Holmes Co OH. Age 79. Widow. Farmer. Born 25 Dec 1866 OH. Burial: Glenmont, OH. Father: Michael SHUMAN born OH. Mother: Sarah.

Not on 1890 Veterans Schedule.

Pension information from Debbie Ferdetta:

Marriage: 10 Mar 1859 Robert FOCKLER married Margaret KEISER in Holmes Co OH.

[0680] Soldier died at Knox Twp OH, 17 Feb 1875.

[0681] Soldier, age 32, resident of Knox Twp, Holmes Co OH in July 1869. Came down with Typhoid Fever and chronic diarrhea at Port Hudson, MS in Sept 1863. Sent to hospital in New Orleans, LA and then transferred to hospital at Columbus OH. Resulted in epilepsy "fits" in October 1863. Lost the use of his left arm and hand.

[0689] These neighbors testified that the soldier was not ill with epilepsy before going away to war: Jesse A. HARRIS, Lavina RISER, William RISER, Joseph L. McROUGIE, Sarah HARRISS, Sarah RIGGS, William HUMPHREY, Isaac SMITH, and Martin KNOX

[0700] William B. LOLLER, M D, of Tuscarawas county OH, testified that the soldier was not ill before the war.

[0711] John Laylander, his 1st Sgt, Co K.....from exposure at the siege of Vicksburgh in the State of Mississippi on or about the 5th day of August 1863, he took sick of diarrhea and typhoid or camp fever and became worse and worse, and

at Port Huaron [Huron] in the state of Louisiana he became so? bad, that he was not expected to live at all by any of them, and they thought it would be better for him if he could die from the condition he was then in. And that he was sent to the General Hospital at New Orleans in the state of Louisiana for treatment.

[0719] Pension claim of William FOCKLER, as minor child of Robert FOCKLER, 313979

[0722] Letter, 13 Apr 1885, by William FOCKLER. States the both mother and father are dead and he doesn't understand why his claim is denied. Letter says he is living in Nashville, Holmes co OH.

[0724] The commission wanted better information from Robert's physicians.

[0729] 30 Apr 1870 letter, Robert is still alive and stating that he is having trouble getting proof from military surgeons of his illness during service.

[0733] Letter, 21 Apr 1873, says that they have sent testimony that Robert did not have fits [epilepsy] of any kind before his illnesses during service in the military.

[0734] Letter, 31 May 1881, from Pension Office says Robert should report for an examination to Dr. William M. Ross of Millersburgh OH within 3 months of the date of the letter.

Pension numbers 271481, and 313979 Margaret Fockler of Nashville, Holmes Co OH, widow of Robert Fockler of Co K 120<sup>th</sup> Ohio Vols. Died 19 Feb ???1875.

[0735] Robert FOCKLER died 17 Feb 1875. [0802] Lists death as 17 Feb 1875 [0817] Says that Levi TOPE took Robert's body to the cemetery on his own conveyence. Robert died 17 Feb 1875. Robert died of epilepsy fits [signed by G. W. Everett, Millersburgh OH, 28 June 1881.]

[0739] Letter, 2 July 1869, promises proof that Robert lost the entire use of his hand from diseases contracted in the service.

[0741] William, age 67, and Catherine KISER, age 59, testified in an affidavit, 26 Jan 1885, that Catherine was Robert's sister. That he had "fits" after coming home from the service and died while having a "fit." They lived in Nashville, Holmes Co OH.

[0747] In a letter to William, explaining why the testimony of William and Catherine KISER is no good, a sister named Sarah E. is mentioned.

[0748] Letter 12 Oct 1885: Sarah E. was born 4 Oct 1862 and the Commission wanted proof.

[0750] Letter 5 Nov 1886: William give death date of Sarah E. as 8 Sep 1863.

[0754] Margaret FOCKLER died 2 Feb 1882. This was the second death date given for Margaret.

[0765] Shows birthdates of children; William E., 20 Oct 1860; Sarah C., 4 Oct 1862. [0814] Sarah E. died Sep 1863. Levi TOPE went to Black Creek to get the coffin and took it to the residence and laid the dead body in the coffin, put it on a wagon and took it to the cemetery and saw it buried.

[0767] Margaret KISER and Robert FOCKLER married 10 Mar 1859 at Holmes Co OH, by W J Darby, JP.

[0770] Neither Margaret nor Robert had been previously married. She gave William's birth date as 22 Oct 1859. Same date on [0788]

[0791] 24 Apr 1873: testimony of Wm KISER, Lovinia KISER, Sarah HARRISS, Wm HUMPHREY, Sarah RIGGS, Isaac SMITH, Joseph McKENZIE, and Martin Knox, residents of Washington Twp, Holmes Co OH. that Robert did not have fits of any kind before he enlisted. Was healthy as a boy and when he went into the service.

[0793] Robert had typhoid fever and diarrhoea at Port Hudson, MS

[0797] Robert FOCKLER upon entering the service in 1862: 5'10" tall, dark complexion, brown eyes and dark hair. He was a farmer.

[0808] Marriage of Robert FOCKLER and Margaret KYSER. 8 Mar 1859 Knox County OH. At the house of John Kyser in Knox township. By E. J. Darby.

[0810] Margaret FOCKLER was buried on 4 Feb 1882. Daniel ?ROCKENFELTER, the undertaker, signed the affidavit.

[0812] Cathren KYSER testified that she was present at William's birth and she said that no doctor was present on 22 Oct 1859.

[0806] Robert was living at the house of William's grandmother at the time of his death. William's mother and grandmother were present at the time Robert died. They sent for the neighbor, but Robert was dead before the neighbor arrived. William's aunt and uncle, Catherine and William KYSER were the first ones to come in at the time of his death. Four or five hours after Robert died Mr. Levi TOPE and Jame McLARAN came in and laid my father out and shaved and dressed him and sent word to the trustees of the township to come and make some arrangement about a coffin and they sent to the Infirmary and got one as father was poor and mother had nothing to get a coffin with.