

Company K, 120th Ohio Volunteer Infantry

HARRIS, David W.* 28 Sept 1862 David Warren HARRIS
Private Harris was age 16 when he entered service. He died 17 Aug 1863 at Port Hudson, Louisiana. The Roll of Honor lists his burial at Port Hudson, Louisiana.

Father: Warren HARRIS

Mother: Mary ????

Birth: <1846>OH

Marriage: never married

Death: 17 Aug 1863 at Port Hudson, LA

Cemetery: Port Hudson National Cemetery, East Baton Rouge Parish, LA [Not listed on the internet in that cemetery. [Probably buried there as an unknown.]

Registers of Deaths of Volunteers, 1861-1865: Warren HARRIS, Private, Co K 120th OH Inf, died 17 Aug 1863 at Regimental Hospital. Cause: febris remittens.

Not on Burial Registers, Military Posts and National Cemeteries, 1862-1960

Not on U.S. National Cemetery Interment Control Forms, 1928-1962

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1850 Census, Richland Twp, Holmes Co OH, Dwelling 225, Family 228: Warren HARRIS, age 52 VA, farmer; Mary, age 37 PA; Charles W., age 18 OH, farmer; Joel H, age 16 OH, farmer; David, age 2 OH; Delia, age 20 OH.

1860 Census, Richland Twp, Holmes Co OH, Dwelling 8, Family 8: Warren HARRIS, age 61 VA, farmer; Mary, age 47 PA; Enos Parcel, age 21 OH, farm laborer; David W., age 12 OH, farm laborer; Rebecca J, age 10 OH; Russel B, age 6 OH.

Email from Mary Milne Jamba, 3G Granddaughter of Rebecca HARRIS who was half sister of the soldier David HARRIS. I have added some notes in brackets:

Mary [in the 1860 census] was the mother to David, but not Rebecca [This is not the Rebecca we see in the 1860 census, but a half sister to the soldier David who was the daughter of David's father and the father's first wife.] . I have searched and searched for a marriage record for Warren Harris and Mary, but cannot find one. Warren's first wife, Prudence Butler died in June 1842, and by 1850 he was married to Mary and had David.

Rebecca Harris [the half sister] married five times, at least four of those men were Civil War veterans. Thomas H. Stubbarts (12th Michigan Infantry Company F), Parker S. Truax (1 Michigan Engineers and Mechanics Company H), Reason F. Lewis (40th Ohio Infantry), and William W. Crawford (6th Missouri Cavalry Company E).

Rebecca's son, James Butler Taylor served in the 16th Ohio Infantry Company B. Thomas Taylor was Rebecca's first husband, and I don't know what became of him. Thomas Stubbarts abandoned her (she thought he died, but he hadn't, it's a fascinating pension file), Parker Truax and Reason Lewis divorced, and finally widowed by William Crawford.

Mary and Warren had a son, Russell Bigelow Harris born abt 1855. In the 1880 census he is listed as having brain fever. He died in November 1882. Presumably losing both her son, Russell, and her husband Warren prompted Mary to apply for this widow's pension. I'm not sure what to make of the adopted son, Ulysses. He is referred to as Ulysses Grant Gorrell in [Warren Harris' will](#), Ulysses Kilpatric in the 1870 census (living with the Warren Harris family and his mother Rebecca Kilpatric). His birth was recorded in Richland Township, Holmes County, Ohio 8 November 1868, with no father listed. I don't know if this Rebecca was related to the family in some way or not.

1870 Census, Richland Twp, Holmes Co OH, Dwelling 195, Family 195: Warren HARRIS, age 72 VA, farmer; Mary, age 57 PA; Russel B, age 16 OH, at home; Rebecca KILLPATERIC, age 20 OH, domestic servant; Ulysses G. KILLPATERIC, age one OH. [Note: There was another Warren HARRIS in Holmes county. He was born in Ohio. His wife was Rebecca Jane FITZPATRICK, born OH. They had a son named Ulysses Simpson HARRIS, born 8 Nov 1867, Holmes Co OH. He died 29 Dec 1932 at Columbus, Franklin co OH. He was a widower.]

Son, Family Search: 7 Dec 1876 in Knox Co OH, Russell B. HARRIS married Jane BUTTS, by J R Payne.
[Jennie BUTTS]

1880 Census, Napoleon, Richland Twp, Holmes Co OH, Dwelling 188, Family 188: Warin HARRIS, age 82 VA, Reys Hotel, father born MD, mother born PA; Mary, age 67 PA, wife, father born Germany, mother born MD; Brycelaw??? [Was this Russel?], son, age 25 OH, keeps hotel, listed under disease is BR??? Liver; Jane, age 21, daughter in law, age 21 OH, keeps hotel; Perley, age 1 OH; Ullisus G., adopted son, age 9 OH, parents born OH.

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Pension information from Debbie Ferdetta:

[pdf file] Dated 27 Apr 1883. Byron Stanton, Surgeon, 120th Ohio Vol Inf. "attended said soldier in the dept of the Gulf for an attack of fever due to malaria, that the sickness was contracted while in the line of duty as a soldier..." Soldier, referred to as Warren HARRIS, died 17 Aug 1863.

[pdf file] Report filed 8 Oct 1883 about the soldier: "On roll of Co from enrollment to Feb 28/63 present. Special Muster dated Apr 10/63. Left at Millikins Bend La sick Apr 2/63. Mar and Apr/63 present and so borne to June 30/63. July and Aug/63 Died at Port Hudson Aug 17/63.....of disease." David W. Harris enrolled at Killbuck, OH, 28 Sep 1862.

[pdf file] Dated 7 May 1884, Mary HARRIS applied for pension for the death of her son David W. Harris.

Resident of Black Creek, Holmes Co OH, age 72. "That she has resided in Richland Township Holmes County and State of Ohio continuously since the year 1860. That her post office address has been all the time since 1860 and still is Black Creek Holmes County and State of Ohio. That at the death of her said son David W. Harris in 1863 her family was comprised of the following persons and no others to wit: herself then aged 57 years. her husband Warren Harris then aged 65 years and a son Russel B Harris then aged 9 years. That there has been no person born??? to support her since the death of her said husband or since the death of her said son David W. Harris the soldier in the year A1863. That said soldier was never married. That since the year 1863 she has supported herself by weaving on a hand loom that she is now lame and bodily crippled and unable to support herself that she is aside from her laybor nothing of her own to support herself and is entirely dependent on her pension for support and that said son Russel B. Harris is dead and that she has not remarried since the death of her said husband Warren Harris."

[pdf file] Dated 6 July 1892. Mary Harriss, mother of David W. Harriss died 22 May 1886. This was signed by Mrs. W. W. SILLIX.

[pdf file and 0417] 1883 date. Typhoid fever and spinal disease given as reason for death of the soldier. Enlisted at Napoleon, Holmes Co OH.

[0417] Father of soldier died 16 Apr 1881 at Black Creek.

[0421] Stamped 8 May 1886 Mary, the soldier's mother, wrote a letter to the Commissioner of Pensions complaining about the holdup on getting a pension and saying that she thought her lawyer was just out for his fees. "...all he is after is the money as he has compeld me to borough and send to him eleven dollars already and now says he must have ten dollars more at onest or else he canot get my claim threew soon but if I would send him ten dollars he could get my claim threw in a short time....."

[0431] James B. Woods, Killbuck, Holmes Co OH, doctor for the Harris family. Dated 7 May 1884. David W. Harris was a strong healthy man up to the time of his enlistment. The father was a farmer and was not able to work at manual labor from 1860 on until his death in Apr 1881. That the father when he died at age 83 and that son Russel never assisted in the support of the mother.

[0433] Not dated. K. or R. M. Johnson, age 52, of Richland Twp, Holmes Co OH: "says that he was personally acquainted with David Warren Harris and that he was with him at the time of of sickness and death and saw him berried and that his disease was camp or typhoid fever and that the was a single man or not married, and that he died about the month of August 1863 and that near Vicksburg Missp and that he was berried in a box made by one Thomas Davenport who is now dead and that he was a private in Co K 120th reg O.V.I. commanded by Col Speigle and affiant further states that he was personally acquainted with the Harris family and that the said son was the mothers support."