

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



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HUFFMAN, George F. 15 Oct 1862 HOFFMAN  
Private Huffman was age 23 when he entered service. He was discharged on 29 Feb 1863 at Memphis, Tennessee, on a Surgeon's certificate of disability. [Also Co D, 9th Regt OH Cavalry, enrolled 26 Nov 1863, discharged 31 May 1865 at Cleveland OH. [Listed as George S. HOFFMAN]

Father: George HUFFMAN

Mother: Ann ??Beneseer??

Birth: 9 Oct/Nov 1837/1838, Trenton, New Jersey

Marriage: Lydia J. RYDER, 7 Aug 1859, Millbrook, Clinton Twp, Wayne Co OH,

Death: 1 Apr 1906, Goshen, Elkhart Twp, Elkhart Co IN

Cemetery: Grace Lawn, Elkhart IN.

Elkhart [IN] Weekly Review, Wednesday 4 April 1906, page 2:

"George F. Hoffman, a former resident of Elkhart, died at his home, No. 513 North Fifth street, Goshen, at 1 A. M. Sunday, and the funeral is being held this afternoon, the services in Goshen and the interment in Grace Lawn, Elkhart. Mr. Hoffman had never been well since leaving the army, from which he was given a disability discharge at Memphis during the rebellion. He had enlisted as a private in Co. K of the 120<sup>th</sup> Ohio and **had been promoted to first lieutenant.** After the war he resided in Nebraska three years, then moved to Elkhart, and several years ago moved to Goshen. His birth took place near Trenton, N. J., on October 9, 1837, and when three years of age he was brought to Columbiana county, Ohio, and he was residing in Wayne county, Ohio, when in 1859 he was married to Lydia Ryder, who survives him, with the following daughters: Mrs. Milton Nash of Elkhart, Mrs. John McClaran of Goshen and Mrs. Rosa Thompson of Ashtabula. Mrs. Martha Axe is a sister."

Pension Card: George F. HOFFMAN, Co K 120th OH Inf., Co D 9th OH Cav. Invalid applied 11 Oct 1887, Application 625563, Certificate 500392. George died 1906. Additional Services: D. y Ohio Cav. Widow applied Application 846492, Certificate 618489.

1850 Census, Centre, Columbiana Co OH, Dwelling 53, Family 53: Geo HOFFMAN, age 54 NJ, wheelwright; Ann, age 49 NJ; Thodore, age 19 NJ, laborer; ?Themantha, age 17 NJ; Harriet, age 15 NJ; Lemane? or Lemaul [male], age 14 NJ; Geo., age 13 NJ.

Lydia J. RYDER married George HOFFMAN at Millbrook, Wayne Co OH, 7 Aug 1859. [Pension record]

1860 Census, Plain Twp, Wayne Co OH, Dwelling 373, Family 373: Geo. HUFFMAN, age 23 NJ, laborer; Lydia age 19 OH.

George F. HOFFMAN's residences since he was discharged on 9 Feb 1863: Fort Wayne, IN; Terrahaut, IN; Atcheson KS; Lincoln NE; Cheyanne Co NE; back to Lincoln, Lancaster NE at the time of this document. He was a carpenter. He had contracted the chronic diarrhea at Memphis TN on or about December 1862 for which he was discharged.

1870 Census, Eddyville, Wapello, IA, Dwelling 22, Family 21: G. S. HUFFMAN, age 32 NJ, works on RR; Lydia J, age 28 OH; Minnie, age 9 OH; Lucy J, age 7 OH; Rosa Lee, age 4 IN.

1880 Census [no luck finding this one]

1900 Census, 407 4th St, Elkhart city, Concord Twp, IN, Dwelling 60, Family 64: George HOFFMAN, age 62 NJ, born Nov 1837, married 40 [crossed out and replaced with 10] yrs, parents born NJ; Lyddie J, wife, age 58 OH, born Nov 1841, married 10 yrs, 4 children/3 still living, parents born PA.

1910 Census, 513 North 5th St, Goshen Ward 2, Elkhart Co IN, Dwelling 76, Family 83: Lydia J. HOFFMAN, age 68 OH, widow, 4 children/3 still living, parents born PA; Clyde E. LEWIS, age 25 NE, grandson, single, tinner in hardware company, father born MI, mother born IN. [Clyde was Rose's son]

Grandson, Death record Ohio, Clyde Earl LEWIS died 20 Nov 1853 at Cleveland, Cuyahoga Co OH, age 67, born 21 Jul 1886 at Ferth, Nebraska. Father James P. LEWIS. Sheetmetal worker. Divorced. Mother Rose HOFFMAN. Residence 7513 Euclid Ave. Burial at Calvary. [His WWI draft registration is available at Family Search.]

Pension information from Debbie Ferdetta:

[pdf dated 29 Oct 1906] Soldier died 1 Apr 1906 of chronic diarrhea. Claimant was Lydia J. HOFFMAN, 513 N 5th St, Goshen, Elkhart Co IN.

[pdf Interior Dept dated 4 Oct 1897] Wife: Lydia J. RYDER married George HOFFMAN at Millbrook, Wayne Co OH, 7 Aug 1859. George was not previously married.

Children listed:

Minnie HOFFMAN [nee COTTER] Born 10 June 1860.

Lullu HOFFMAN, born 28 July 1862

Rosa HOFFMAN, born 23 Sept 1866

Arthur Grant HOFFMAN, born 7 Oct 1868

[pdf certified death record] George F. HUFFMAN, died 1 Apr 1906, Goshen, Elkhart Twp, Elkhart Co IN.

Married, Lydia J. HUFFMAN. Born 9 Nov. Age 68y, 4m, 23dys. Laborer. Born NJ. Father George HUFFMAN, born NJ. Mother Ann ??Benese??. born NJ. Burial Elkhart. Informant Lydia J. HUFFMAN of Goshen IN.

[pdf marriage license]

[pdf notes dated 20 Oct 1906] heart disease

[pdf oath: discharge from Co D, 9th Regt OH Cavalry] George S. HOFFMAN Enrolled 26 Nov 1863 for 3 years. Discharged 31 May 1865 at Cleveland OH by reason of order A G May 3 1865. George was born Trenton NJ. Is 28 yrs old, five ft. eight inches tall, light complexion, blue eyes, light hair. A farmer when enrolled.

[pdf pension certificate]

[pdf] widow died 3 Nov 1913.

[0567 and 0597] Dated 8 Nov 1906: Dr J. Albert Snapp testified that the soldier died from chronic diarrhea. Worst case he had ever seen.

[0570] Dated 5 Apr 1906: Brother Emanuel RYDER, of Washington Twp, Defiance Co OH, Post office Bryan OH, testified for Lydia that neither she nor George were previously married and that they were together until George died and were never divorced.

[0572] Dated 7 Apr 1906: Half brother James B THOMPSON, age 57, of Plymouth, Ashtabula Co OH, po Ashtabula, testified on behalf of Lydia. Testimony basically same as 0570.

[0576 and 0578] George F. HOFFMAN is the same as George M. HOFFMAN on the marriage certificate.

[0600] Dated 22 Jan 1906] John and Lulu McClAREN of Goshen IN testified that "Said helpless condition of soldier is result of pensioned cause, chronic diarrhea and resulting disease...."

[0621] Letter from George F. HOFFMAN to Lincoln Nebraska, Commissioner of Pensions: States he was never in Co D, 4th OH Inf. Says he was only ever in Co K, 120th OH Vol.

[0623] Dated 8 Oct 1887: George F. HOFFMAN's residences since he was discharged on 9 Feb 1863: Fort Wayne, IN; Terrahaut, IN; Atcheson KS; Lincoln NE; Cheyanne Co NE; back to Lincoln, Lancaster NE at the time of this document. He was a carpenter. He had contracted the chronic diarrhea at Memphis TN on or about December 1862 for which he was discharged.

[0628] George S. HOFFMAN, Co D 9th Regt Ohio Cavalry, age 38, height 5 ft 8 in, light complexion, grey eyes, brown hair. Born New Jersey. Enrolled 26 Nov 1863, discharged 21 May 1865. The name George F. Hoffman has not been found. Private rank.

[0630] Official War Dept. letter: George not on rolls of Co D, 4th OH Vols.[3 month service].

[0666] Former military surgeon, William A. NEAL: 28 Aug 1896, Elkhart IN. Disabled. Good description in this one.

[0672] Was a carpenter by trade, but had to give up this and all other occupations.

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