

Company K, 120th Ohio Volunteer Infantry

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MORFOOT, Jacob* 29 Sept 1862 [Murdered]

Private Morfoot was age 34 when he entered service. He was captured 3 May 1864 near Snaggy Point, on the Red River, Louisiana; released [date not given], at Camp Ford, Tyler, Texas. [Note: Jacob Moorfoot did not sign the parole sheet at Camp Ford when the soldiers were released. Was he there on 22 May 1865 or had he escaped?] He is also not in the roster for the 114th OVI, but other records do put him in Co G, 114th OVI] Murdered 8 Dec 1866.

Jacob is listed in the Roll of Honor, but no burial information is given.

US, Civil War Draft Registrations Records, 1863-1865: June 1863

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There is a listing at the National Archives in the War Department, Office of the Judge Advocate General, Court Martial Case Files, compiled 12/1800 – 10/1894:

Morfitt, Jacob – Private, Ohio - 120th Infantry, Company H, 08/1863-**08/1863**: Arc ID: 1820134/Local ID: LL-767. [Note the incorrect company]

Court martial case Aug 1863 at Camp Chase, OH, against Jacob Morfoot...found not guilty and sent back to the regiment. He had disappeared after leaving Camp Parole, MD about 25Jun63 and was arrested by a provost marshal about 6Aug63. He was delivered to the authorities at Camp Chase on about the 8th day of August. The papers say, "This man left the cars at a station in Ohio." This means that he had gotten on a train probably in Maryland and gone to Ohio. He had been gone about 43 days before being picked up. So was he in Knox county OH during those 42 days? [US, Civil War Draft Registrations Records, 1863-1865: June 1863 #6 Jackson Twp, Knox County, Ohio, Jacob Morfoot, age 36, potter, unmarried, born OH.]

To be at Camp Parole in Maryland, he had to have been captured by the Confederates somewhere and then paroled. In that time frame he would have been captured at least before the 120th was fighting at Vicksburg in May 1863 or during that fight.

Father:

Mother:

Birth: <1828>OH

Marriage: Ellen McDONAL on 27 Jul 1856 at Seneca Co OH; apparently divorced

Death: 8 Dec 1866 at Denton TX

Cemetery:

Not on Registers of Deaths of Volunteers, 1861-1865:

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

Not on US National Cemetery Interment Control Forms, 1828-1962

1850 Census, Monroe Twp, Coshocton Co OH, Dwelling46, family 46: Jacob MORFOOT, age 25 OH, a potter. Living with the Abel and Margaret LESTER family.

Family Search, Ohio, County Marriages, 1789-1994: Jacob MARFETT/MERFOOT married Ellen McDONAL on 27 Jul 1856 at Seneca Co OH, by J. A. Jones, JP.

1860 Census Newton Twp, Muskingum Co OH: Jacob MOORFOOT age 32 born OH, a potter. Living alone.

Did Ellen divorce Jacob MORFOOT? She must have or she would not have been allowed to get the pension on the record of Jacob J. BOWMAN as her husband whom she married in 1863.

Pension Card: Jacob MORFOOT, Co K 120th OH Inf. Deserted. Died 8 Dec 1866 at Denton TX. Note that says No claim. See Jacob J. BOWMAN, 18 Aug 1862-19 May 1865, Corporal, H 21st OH Inf and I 123rd OH Inf. invalid claim 122347, widows claim 1140764 [1140764 is the widow's application number for Jacob J. BOWMAN's pension dated 12 May 1912; her certificate number is 876319.]

Below is about Ellen with her second husband.

Another husband for Ellen? The pension card for Jacob J. Bowman, H 21st and I 123rd OH Inf. has the widow listed as Ellen Mc BOWMAN. She did apply for pension 12 May 1889? in OH.

Family Search, Ohio, County Marriages, 1789-1994: J. J. BOWMAN/BOUMAN married Ellen McDOWELL/McDONELL on 11 May 1863, by Jesse H Leidy, JP, in Seneca Co OH.

Ellen with second husband:

1870 Census, Liberty Twp, Putnam Co OH, Dwelling 34, Family 35: Jacob J. BOWMAN, age 30 PA, carpenter; Ellen, age 32 NY; Hiram E., age 5 OH; Charles J, age 3 OH; Mary E, age one OH; John W, age 4 months OH, born Feb 1870.

Ellen with second husband:

1880 Census, Leipsic, Putnam Co OH, Family 103: Jacob J. BOWMAN, age 41 OH, carpenter & J., father born Germany, mother born PA; Ellen, wife, age 42 NY, parents born Ireland; Hiram, son, age 18 OH, father born OH, mother born NY, clerk in hard w. s.; Chas, age 14 OH, father born OH, mother born NY; Mary, daughter, age 12 OH, father born OH, mother born NY; John, son, age 10 OH, father born OH, mother born NY; Thomas, son, age 7 OH, father born OH, mother born NY; Franklin, brother, age 39 PA, divorced, carpenter & J, parents born Germany.

1890 Veterans Schedule: Fostoria, Seneca Co, OH: Line 3, House 526, Family 534: Jacob J. BAUMAN, Pvt, Corpl, Co I 123rd OH Inf. Post Office: Fostoria, Seneca Co OH.

1900 Census, 328 West North St, Fostoria Ward 1, Seneca Co OH, Dwelling 254, Family 260: Jacob J BOWMAN, age 59 PA, born Jan 1840, married 38 yrs, father born Germany, mother born PA, carpenter; Ellen, wife, age 63 NY, born Jan 1837, married 38 yrs, 5 children/5 still living, parents born Ireland.

Jacob was in the Old Soldiers and Sailors Home, Perkins Twp Erie Co OH in 1910.

1910 Census, 113½ West North St, Fostoria, Ward 3, Seneca Co OH, Dwelling 138, Family 150: Ellen BOWMAN, age 73 NY, second marriage, married 47 yrs, 4 children/4 still living, parents born Ireland, has own income; Katie KERR, boarder, age 36 OH, widow, one child/0 still living, parents born Ireland, trimmer in underwear factory.

Jacob Bowman was at the National Home for Volunteer Soldiers at Dayton OH 23 June 1913 o 11 July 1914 and was discharged at his own request. He was discharged from Co H 21st OH Inf at Columbus OH on 12 Aug 1861. He was discharged from Co I 123rd OH Inf on 19 May 1865 at Fredrick, MD. He was born in PA. Age 73 when at the Home. Height 6', fair complexion, gray eyes, gray hair, could read and write. Occupation: Carpenter. Residence subsequent to discharge, Fostoria, OH. Married. Wife: Mrs. Eleanor Bowman, 100 10th Ave., Columbus, OH.

Jacob and Ellen Bowman are buried at [Fountain Cemetery, Fostoria, Hancock Co OH.](#) Ellen died 22 Aug 1919. Jacob died 10 Oct 1918.