

Company K, 120th Ohio Volunteer Infantry



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PURDEY, Joseph C.* 15 Oct 1862

Private Purdey was age 44 when he entered service. He was discharged on 24 Mar 1863 at Milliken's Bend, Louisiana, on a Surgeon's certificate of disability.

The Roll of Honor says that Joseph Purdey died in Cairo, Illinois and was buried in Mound City, Illinois. A death date was not given.

Father: Reuben PURDY

Mother: Elizabeth COTTINGTON

Birth: 12 Mar 1818, Purdyville, Wayne Co PA

Marriage: Eliza D. JONES, 4 Nov 1838, Wayne Co PA

Death: 5 April 1863, Cairo, IL

Cemetery: Mound City National Cemetery, Mound City, Pulaski County, IL, [Purdy, J C, d. 04/05/1863, Plot: F 0 4515, bur. 04/05/1863]

At [Interment.net](#)

Burial at Mound City National Cemetery, Mound City, Pulaski County, Illinois:

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From Larry Purdy: He would have been my 3 or 4 times great uncle. His birth was Wayne Co. PA. He was actually born in a village called Purdyville, in Wayne Co PA. The village was submerged when a dam was built at the turn of the 20th century. I have paperwork somewhere with the dam name/location. The marked graves from the Purdyville cemetery were relocated to higher ground before the flooding. Reuben was very prominent in Wayne Co., PA. He was their first postmaster, as well as a commissioner. Reuben stayed in Wayne Co PA.

From Larry Purdy about the cemetery stone here in Ohio:

I finally made it to Wolf Creek Cemetery. I found the stone, however it was lying on the ground. It is one of the obelisk type stone that has the writing on two sides. The side that is facing up is for Eliza, wife of J.C. Purdy. I am pretty sure he is on the other side but it was too big for me to move it. I think they purposely laid the stone down before it fell. The base is in pretty bad shape.

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

Burial Registers, Military Posts and National Cemeteries, 1862-1960: Previously buried at Mound City, IL, running number 1718, J. C. PURDY, Private, Co K 120th OH Inf, died 5 Apr 1863. Mound City National Cem, section B 1320

US National Cemetery Interment Control Forms, 1828-1962: J. C. PURDY, Pvt, Co K 120th OH Inf, died 5 Apr 1863, Mound City National Cem, sec F grave 4515.

Pension Card: Joseph C. PURDY, Co K 120th OH Inf. Widow applied 12 Apr 1864. Pension Index: Widow Eliza A. PURDY. Application 49470; Certificate 95412.

Several members at Family Search say this: Joseph Cottington PURDY, father Reuben PURDY, born 12 Mar 1818 at Wayne Co PA. Married Eliza D. JONES on 4 Nov 1838 at Wayne Co PA.

Eliza Purdy (formerly Eliza J. Jones) married to Joseph C. Purdy, by Reuben Purdy Esq. on the 4th day of November, 1838. [Widow's pension papers] Wayne Co PA.

1850 Census, PA Can't find.

1860 Census, Killbuck Twp, Holmes County, OH, Dwelling 405, Family 405: J C PURDY, age 42 PA, farmer; Eliza, age 40 PA; Zadok H, [male], age 13 PA; Laura, age 7 PA; Edward, age 2 PA.

1870 Census Killbuck Twp, Holmes County OH, Dwelling 163, Family 163: Eliza J PURDY, age 50 PA; Lora A, age 17 PA; Edward A, age 13 PA; Martin, age 9 OH; William MORRE, age 25 Germany, farm laborer.

1880 Census, Killbuck, Holmes Co OH, Dwelling 234, Family 241: Eliza J. PURDY, age 60 PA, parents born CT; Martin, son, age 19 OH, farm laborer, parents born PA.

[Find a Grave](#): Eliza J PURDY died 13 Sep 1889 and is buried at Wolf Creek Cemetery, Holmes Co OH, 68 yrs, 8 m 3d, wife of J. C. PURDY.

Son's Death Record: Martin K. PURDY, died 28 July 1934 at Killbuck, Holmes Co OH. Born 16 Nov 1861 OH. Merchant. Married. Burial [Wolf Creek](#). Spouse Elizabeth MAHE [MOHR]. Father Joseph C. PURDY born OH. Mother's name not given.

Pension at fold3.com:

Eliza J. PURDY widow of Joseph C PURDY, Private, Co K 120th OH Volunteers. Resident of Holmes Co OH. Post Office address: Humphreysville, OH. Discharged at Milliken's Bend, LA, 24 Mar 1863. Discharged for chronic diarrhoea and "died while on the way home, April 3, 1863."

Joseph C. PURDY married Eliza J. JONES, 4 Nov 1838 in PA. [Letter verifying marriage: State of Pennsylvania, County of Wayne. On this 14th day of November. A. D. 1863 Personally appeared before me one of the associate Judges in and for said County, Amasa JONES, a resident of Salem Town Ship County of Wayne and State of Pennsylvania who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath declare that he is the father of Eliza J. Purdy and that he was present and saw her married to Joseph C. Purdy by Reuben Purdy, Esq (now deceased) on the 4th day of November 1838." Signed Amasa Jones.

"Also personally appeared Joel Jones, Delinda Jones, & Mahala Jones, residents of Salem Town Ship county of Wayne and State of Pennsylvania persons whom I state to be respectable and entitled to credit and who being by me duly sworn, say they were present and saw Eliza Purdy (formerly Eliza J. Jones) married to Joseph C. Purdy, by Reuben Purdy Esq. on the 4th day of November, 1838." [Signed by Joel Jones, Delinda Jones and Mahala E. Jones] The judge was Butler Hamlin.

Widow's declaration says that Joseph Purdy died between Memphis TN and Cincinnati, OH on 2 Apr 1863 of camp diarrhoea. Two different places of death.

Family record of births shows that Joseph C. PURDY was born in Palmyra township, Wayne Co PA on 12 Mar 1818. Eliza J. JONES was born in Salem township Wayne C PA on 30 Jan 1820. Zadok H., son of Joseph and Eliza was born in Palmyra township Wayne Co PA on 27 Mar 1849. Laura A. PURDY was born 11 May 1858 in Paupack township Wayne Co PA. Edward A. PURDY was born 11 May 1858 in Paupack township Wayne Co PA. Martin K PURDY was born 11 Apr 1861 at Killbuck township, Holmes Co OH.

Nurse present at birth of Laura Anne PURDY was Martha Z BARTLESON, a resident of Wayne Co PA. Martha MATTISON OSBORN, resident of Wayne Co PA, was present at the birth of Edward Amasa PURDY. Barbary GARVER was present at the birth of Martin Kelic PURDY on 17 Apr 1861. [Another paper also has 17 April for Martin.]

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