

## Field and Staff, 120th Regiment, Ohio Volunteer Infantry, 9th Division, 13th Army Corps

Lt. Colonel John W. Beekman\* entered the service 23 July 1862 at age 41. He was promoted to Major from 1st Lieutenant and Adjutant 102d OVI 8 Sept 1862; to Lieut. Colonel 18 Feb 1863; died 8 Sept 1863 at Plymouth, Richland Co. OH. No burial information given in the Roll of Honor.

Father: William BEEKMAN Jr. [contributed by Barbara Oveson]

Mother: Mary WALTON [contributed by Barbara Oveson]

Birth: <1821> NY

Marriage: Elizabeth "Betsey" Ann BODLEY on 14 Nov 1844 at Richland Co OH

Death: 8 Sept 1863, Plymouth, Richland Co. OH

Cemetery: Greenlawn Cemetery, Plymouth, Richland Co OH; Wife Elizabeth is on the same stone.

Relationship: ???Relative of Abram D. BEEKMAN of Co I 120th OVI



This photo of John Beekman was contributed by Barbara Oveson. John was her great-great grandfather on her mother's side.

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*John W. BEEKMAN raised a company at Plymouth. Captain Beekman was a lawyer, and was a large, fine specimen of manhood. His company had a grand send-off upon its departure. On Sunday the company attended service at the Presbyterian church and listened to a sermon from the text: "Speak unto the children of Israel, that they go forward." The following morning the company left for Cleveland, marching across the country to Norwalk. About 3000 people assembled at Plymouth to bid the boys goodbye. A flag was presented to the company by the ladies of the town, a Miss Seymour making the presentation. Arriving at Cleveland the company went into camp, but as twice the number of men were offered than the state could accept, Captain Beekman's company did not get in under that call, and the company was disbanded and the boys sent home.*

*Captain Beekman entered the three years' service as major of the One Hundred and Twentieth regiment; was promoted to lieutenant colonel, and died September 8, 1863.*

Ohio Marriages: John W. BUCKMAN married Betsey Ann BODLEY on 14 Nov 1844 at Richland Co OH. [Note: according to other sources this is John W. BEEKMAN.]

1850 Census, Plymouth Twp, Richland Co OH, Dwelling 222, Family 229: John W. BEEKMAN, age 28 NY, merchant; Betsey A., age 32 NY; Mary F., age 5 OH; William F, age 3 OH; Issac C., age 9 months OH; Stephen STARR, age 25 OH, clerk; Day BEEKMAN, age 16 NY, clerk. [Abram Derry BEEKMAN, Company I, 120<sup>th</sup> OVI]

1860 Census, Plymouth, Plymouth Twp, Richland Co OH, Dwelling 2317, Family 2327: J. W. BEEKMAN, age 45 NY, no occupation listed; Elizabeth, age 42 OH; Wm, age 12 OH; [next page] Isaac, age 10 OH; Sarah, age 4 OH; Sophia BODLEY, age 66 NY.

A Centennial Biographical History of Richland County, Ohio, The Lewis Publishing co, 1901, page 57: "John W. Beekman was the captain of a Plymouth company. He also was a lawyer, a large man of fine physique

and appearance."

Pension Cards: John W. BEEKMAN, Lt. Colonel, 120th Ohio Inf, widow Elizabeth BEEKMAN, applied 21 Nov 1863, Application 39.222; Certificate 25.049. Minor guardian, John BEEKMAN, 21 Oct 1870, Application 191.203; Certificate 147.537

Burial: Greenlawn Cemetery, Plymouth, Richland Co OH

1870 Census, Plymouth village, Plymouth Twp, Richland Co OH, Dwelling 163, Family 159: Elizabeth BEEKMAN, age 51? NY; Frank, age 22 OH; Isaac, age 19 OH; Sarah, age 13 OH. [Note: no occupations given for the young men]

1880 Census, Plymouth, Richland Co OH: John BEEKMAN, age 61 PA; Sarah M, wife, age 57 OH; Sarah BECKMAN, age 23 OH, single, parents born NY relationship to head of household says "other."

???Ohio Marriages: Sarah M. BEEKMAN married Frank H. HARDING, 6 Sep 1882, at Richland Co OH. That Sarah M. HARDIING died 26 Dec 1927 and is buried at Plymouth, Richland Co OH, Greenlawn Cemetery. But, I can't see that certificate online to see her parents' names.

Widow's pension record at Fold3.com

Elizabeth A. BEEKMAN, widow of Lieut. Col. John W. BEEKMAN, 120th Ohio Vols. John died at home 7 Sep 1863 from disease.

Guardian: John BEEKMAN of Richland Co OH. Guardian of minor John W. BEEKMAN, Lieut. Col. 120 Ohio Inf, died Plymouth OH 8 Sep 1863 of disease.

Sarah M. BEEKMAN, minor of John W. BEEKMAN, L C 120 Ohio Vols. John BEEKMAN was her guardian. 5 Oct 1870.

John W. BEEKMAN married Betsey Ann BODLEY 14 Nov 1844 Richland Co OH, married by Enock Conger, minister of the Gospel, Presbyterian minister.

Elizabeth A. BEEKMAN, dated 17 Nov 1863, was age 46, resident of Plymouth, Richland Co OH.

Children under 16: Isaac, born 5 Dec 1849. Sarah M., born 20 Jan 1856.

Capt. Smith: "the Colonel was taken very sick about June/63 at Black River Bridge, Miss. About June 18th was examined, and procured a sick furlough to return home where he remained until his death."

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