

Company A, 120th OVI

VAN OSTERN, William V. 19 Aug 1862 William Vance VANOSTERN
1st Lieutenant Van Ostern was age 40 when he entered service. He was promoted to 2d Lieutenant from Sergeant on 15 Mar 1863; to 1st Lieut. 8 Sept 1863; appointed Regt. Quartermaster 6 Feb 1864; transferred from Regt. Quartermaster 12 Oct 1864; mustered out 27 Nov 1864 by reason of consolidation. See also [Field and Staff](#)

The National Tribune, 30 Jan 1908, page 7:

"Mustered Out

Van Ostern.--At Mount Eaton, O., Nov. 21, W. V. Van Ostern. Comrade Van Ostern was born in 1820 near Wooster, O., and enlisted in Co. A, 120th Ohio, and became First Lieutenant and Quartermaster of his regiment. When the regiment was consolidated he entered the 186th Ohio, and served to the close of the war. He had previously served in the 3d Ohio in the Mexican War."

Father: Peter VAN OSTERN

Mother: Cynthia ????

Birth: Feb 1822

Marriage: Mary E. CROLL, 10 Aug 1858, Wayne Co OH

Death: 22 Nov 1907, Wayne Co OH

Cemetery: Wooster Cemetery

See stone photo on [Find a Grave](#).

Pension Index: William V Van Ostern, A 120th and B & K 186th OH Inf. and Mexican War. Invalid filed 20 Dec 1879, Application 326882, Certificate 1063738. Widow, Mary E. VAN OSTERN, filed in 1907 Dec 2, Application 880736, Certificate 639543, filed in OH.

1850 Census, Wayne Twp, Wayne Co OH, Dwelling 29, Family 29: Peter VANOSTERN, age 57 PA, farmer: Cynthia, age 50 PA; William V, age 28 PA; Isaac, age 18 OH; Emily, age 4 OH.

Wayne County Probate Court record: William V. VANOSTERN married Mary E. CROLL on 10 Aug 1858 at Wayne Co OH.

1860 Census, Milton Twp, Wayne County OH, page 213: William OSTRAN, age 40 PA, carpenter; Mary Ann, age 30 OH; Susan, age 8 OH; Charles, age 6 OH; George, age 5 OH; Willis, age 1 OH.

1870 Census, Willow Fork Twp, Moniteau Co, MO, pg 492: W. V. VanOstern, age 46 OH, ret. dry goods merchant; Mary E., age 33 OH; Caroline BLACK, age 20 MO, house keeper.

1880 Census, East Liberty St, Wooster, Wayne County OH, page 389: William V VAN OSTERN, age 56 OH, parents born PA, gold miner; Mary, age 44 OH, parents born PA. They are the brother-in-law and sister-in-law of the head of household, John W NIMMONS, and wife Rebecca and are living with their family.

Did not find in 1890 Veterans Pension.

1900 Census, Crested Buttes Village, 23 pct, Gunnison Co CO, pg 124: W. V. VANOSTEN, age 76 OH, born Feb [18]24, married 42 yrs, post master, parents born PA; Mary E., wife, born Apr [18]36, age 64 [state not given], married 42 yrs, no number for children, mother born OH.

1910 Census, Paint Twp, Wayne Co OH, pg 244-245: Robert A. LUCAS, age 72 OH, first marriage, married 40 yrs, father born England, mother born Pa, tin smith with own shop; Sarah J., wife, age 71 OH, first marriage, married 40 yrs, parents born PA; Mary E. VANOSTERN, sister in law, age 73 OH, widow, parents born PA; Lizzie PAHRNEY, servant, age 31 OH, single, parents born Switzerland.

Grave Registration Card: W V Vanostern of Company A, 120th OVI died 22 Nov 1907 in Wayne county. Ohio Obituary Index: died 22 Nov 1907. Burial Wooster Cem.

Wife's death record: File 57821, Mary Van OSTERN died 10 Oct 1915 at Mt. Eaton, Paint Twp, Wayne Co OH. Widow. Born 27 Apr 1836 at Wooster, OH. Father John CROLL born Pittsburgh PA. Mother Hannah JONES born Pittsburg PA. Informant Mrs. R. A. LUCAS of Mt. Eaton OH.