1869 - first reunion of the 120th OVI was held at Wooster, Wayne Co OH.

In pursuance of a previous arrangement, the soldiers of the 120th Regiment O. V. I., held their first reunion in this city on the 21st inst., there being about one hundred present. At 11 o’clock, A. M., they assembled at Arcadome Hall, and after a general congratulation, the meeting was called to order by General Slocum, President of the day. After some preliminary business, on motion, a Committee, consisting of J. H. Downing, J. F. McKinley, G. P. Emrich, M. J. Stanley and Christopher Au, was appointed to designate the time and place for the next reunion of said Regiment, and to nominate officers for the same. The meeting then adjourned to meet at the same place at 1:30 o’clock P. M. At 1:30 o’clock, pursuant to adjournment, the soldiers re-assembled. The Committee appointed to fix the time and place of the next Reunion, made the following report:
Your committee, appointed to fix the time and place of holding the next Reunion of the 120th Regiment and to nominate officers for the same, respectfully report and recommend--

That the next Reunion of said Regiment be held at Ashland, Ohio, on the last Wednesday of August, A. D. 1870, at 11 o’clock, A. M.; and that Captain Fraunfelter act as President; Captain McIlvain, of Richland, Lieut. Rouch, of Wayne, and Col. French, of Holmes, act as Vice-Presidents; and that Captain Eberhart and Captain Rummell act as Secretaries of said Reunion.

On motion the report was then unanimously adopted. Lieut. Rouch was then called upon to address the meeting, and responded in an able and eloquent manner. He spoke of the severe trials and hardships through which the Regiment had passed; recounted its fallen heroes, and the glorious results of their victories. Captains Fraunfelter, McIlvain, Downing, Taylor, Emrich, and others were then called upon and responded in an appropriate manner. After the addresses, the Regiment, attended by the Wooster Martial Band, marched, under command of B. F. Miller, Officer of the day, and Jacob Lehman, Esq., Assistant, to the University of Wooster, and from its summit took a view of our beautiful City and the surrounding country. After viewing the University, and its surroundings, the Regiment again formed and marched to the American House, where the President had provided for them a bounteous repast, of which they partook with great gusto. The soldiers then dispersed, all well pleased with their Reunion.

Gen. Slocum, Pres.
Robert L. McKee, Secretary.

1870 - 2nd annual reunion
Wooster Republican, Thursday, 8 Sept 1870, page 3 [Available at Wayne Co Library, Wooster OH] 31 Aug 1870, Ashland Co OH.
Special 1870 - Grand Reunion Of The Soldiers Of The 23d, 42d, 102d and 120th Regts. O. V. I.
The States and Union [Ashland OH], 24 Aug 1870, page 3, available at Chronicling America: "...the above named Ladies be present at 10 o’clock, A. M. in order to make all necessary preparations for the dinner which will be served at 1 o’clock P. M. in the grove of Yearick and Jacobs."

Reunion on Wed, 31 Aug 1870 at Ashland, Ashland Co OH
"On motion, it was resolved that Capt’s Fraunfelter [Fraunfelter], Jones and Lieut. Rouch, be appointed to prepare for publication a complete history of the regiment. In addition to the narrative of the events of a regimental history, they are instructed to ascertain the place, residence and occupation of every member of the regiment, this history to be read at the next reunion."

The States and Union, 24 Aug 1870 page 3, available at Chronicling America, [Ashland
Programme. -- Headquarters of the 23d O. V. I. will be at the Hall -- above the Citizens Bank. Headquarters of the 42nd O. V. I. at the City Hall. Headquarters of the 102d, O. V. I. at Y. M. C. A. Hall. Headquarters of the 120th O. V. I. at the Court House.

The several Regiments will meet at their Headquarters for organization at 10 o’clock A. M. Procession will be formed on Main street, with the right resting in front of City Hall. The Regiments will take their places in line according to seniority, and march by platoons, under command of Marshals, through Center Street to Yearick and Jacob’s grove. Dinner will be served at 1 o’clock P. M.

After dinner the audience will repair to the speakers stand, when a reception address to the Soldiers of the 23d, 42d, 102d, and 120th O. V. I., will be delivered by T. C. Bushnell, on behalf of the citizens of Ashland County, after which, addresses will be made by Gov. Hayes, Gen. James A Garfield, and Chaplain [Christopher] Collier.

W. Slocum, Chairman
B. Myers, Sec’y.

Plain Dealer, 23 Aug 1870, page 8, available at GenealogyBank:
"....in Ashland, Aug. 31, 1870, hundreds of comrades of the various regiments were present and were served in a grove at two tables each 800 feet long. Capt. Tully Bushnell gave the address of welcome and Gen. Garfield the response. In addition to the veterans and their families there were multitudes of other visitors. Papers published at the time declare that 12,000 people were in Ashland that day."

1871 3rd Reunion, Friday, 13 Oct 1871, at Mansfield, Richland Co OH

Wooster Republican, 2 Nov 1871, pg 4, available at Wayne County Library, Wooster, Ohio

"The 3d Annual Re-Union of The 120th Regt. O. V. I.

Pursuant to previous notice about one hundred members of the 120th Regt., O. V. I. met at Miller’s Hall, Mansfield, O., on Friday Oct. 13th, 1871, to hold their 3d Annual Re-union. The meeting was organized by Capt. C. Au, of Ontario, regular President, and in the absence of Lt. M. C. Rouch, the regular Secretary, Lieutenant J. P. Van Nest, of Rowsburg, was appointed Secretary pro tem. The supper hour having arrived the Regiment headed by Zay’s Cornet Band of Mansfield, marched to the Barnard House, where a sumptuous and tempting repast was provided. The tables fairly groaned under the weight of good things and was enjoyed exceedingly by all who partook of it.

Supper over, the Regiment, headed by the Band returned to Hall. Owing to the unavoidable absence of Lt. M. C. Rouch, of Orrville, regular Orator, Capt. Ben Eason, of Wooster, was introduced who held the audience spell bound with his eloquence for more than half an hour. The effort was a happy one, classical in its character, with many touching references to the heroes martyred for the cause of liberty. Rarely has it been our privilege to listen to a more tasteful or able oration.
Scintillating and sparkling with life and beauty, rich in thought, a royal feast to the lover of the sublime, the tender and beautiful in literature. We regret that we did not get a copy of the Captain's speech for publication. Captain Eason was followed with short speeches by Col. John F. McKinley, Capt. H. H. Eberhart, Capt. W. W. Speer, Lieut. Robert Wallace, Mr. John McKinny and several others, who were loudly applauded.

Immediately after the speaking the meeting proceeded to effect a permanent organization for the next year, and transact other business.

On motion of Captain J. C. Downing of Wooster, the following officers were unanimously elected to serve at the next Annual Re-union.

President -- Lieut. Robert Wallace of Perrysville.
Vice President -- Capt. W. W. Spear of Wooster.
Secretary -- Mr. John McKinny of Wooster.

On motion of Captain B. Eason of Wooster, the following gentlemen were appointed a Committee of Arrangement to act at the next Annual Re-union.

Capt. H. H. Eberhart, of Perrysville, Ohio.
Capt. B. Eason, of Wooster, O.
Capt. B. F. Miller, of Wooster, O.
Sergt., B. F. Gault, of Wooster, O.
Quar. Master Sergt. Wm Rheinold of Wooster, O.

On motion of Lieut. J. Van Nest, of Rowsburg, O., Lieut. M. C. Rouch of Orrville, O., was appointed to deliver the annual address at 4th annual re-union.

On motion of Lieut. Robert Wallace of Perrysville, the Secretary was instructed to have time and place of 4th annual reunion published in the Mansfield, Wooster, Ashland, Millersburg, Loudonville, Shelby, Shreve, Orrville, and West Salem papers, four weeks prior to meeting of next annual re-union.

On motion of Capt. H. H. Eberhart, the Historians appointed at 2nd annual reunion to prepare a history of the Regiment are continued.

On motion of Capt. William McIlvain, Col. John F. McKinley was added as additional Historian.

On motion of Lieut. Robert Wallace, Surgeon John Gill, of Cleveland and Lieut. William Hughes, of New York were appointed to procure the Regimental colors for the 4th annual re-union. [Note: in 1870 Fed Census William Hughes was living in LaGrange county, IN.]

On motion of Lieut. Robert Wallace every member of the regiment was requested to have their wife or sweetheart to accompany them to next reunion.

On motion of Mr. John Huntzberger of Ashland, the thanks of the members of the 120th O. V. I. be tendered to the citizens of Mansfield for their generous hospitality shown us during our sojourn in their city.

On motion of Col. John F. McKinley the thanks of the members of the Regiment were tendered to Messrs. J. & J. Shantz, Clapp & Hickox for the use of Miller's Hall.
On motion of Lieut. J. H. Pollock the thanks of the members of the Regiment were tendered to the Editors of the different papers who published the call for the 3rd annual re-union.

On motion of Capt. Rummel, the Secretary was requested to have published the proceedings of this meeting in the Mansfield, Ashland, Wooster, Shelby, Loudonville, Shreve, Orrville, and West Salem papers.

On motion of Mr. John McKinny the meeting adjourned to meet in Wooster, Ohio, on the 2nd Thursday of November 1872.

Thus ended the annual re-union of the 120th Regiment O. V. I. All that were present seemed to enjoy the exercises throughout. Many were deterred from meeting with us on account of an accident occurring that day on the P. FR. W. & C. R. R. which detained the morning train from the East, but dispatches were received from different points from members of the Regt. regretting their inability to be with us. Too much praise cannot be bestowed on Messrs. J. Ditwiller & son the gentlemanly proprietors of the Burnard House, for the manner in which they catered to the wants of the hungry multitude. The thanks of the Regiment are tendered to Zay’s Cornet Band for the splendid music furnished on the occasion. Long may they wave, and while turning the sharp corners of life, may they never be flat. Wooster and Ashland papers please copy.

Capt. C. Au, President
Lieut. J. P. Van Nest, Sec'y

1872 - 4th annual reunion

Holmes County Republican, 14 Nov 1872, page 1, available at GenealogyBank: "Annual re-union of the 120th O. V. I. at Wooster on the 14th."

Wooster Republican, Thursday, 21 Nov 1872, page 3, available at Wayne County Library, Wooster, Ohio

"The 120th Reunion. The fourth annual reunion of the 120th O. V. I. took place last Thursday. Upon the arrival of the members of the regiment from abroad, a meeting was held in Arcadome Hall, at which matters of a business character were adjusted. A full report of the proceedings cannot be given as the Secretary has failed to respond. [Note: History of Wayne Co, by Ben Douglass, page 563 says: "The building of Arcadome Hall,* a product of the chainless mind of Joseph H. Baumgardner, formed a period in the history of Wooster. It was the first public hall of any consequence given to the city." History of Wayne Co, Ohio, Vol 1 by B. F. Bowen, 1910, says: It stood on East Liberty street near the present postoffice, and was destroyed by fire March 23, 1874."

A magnificent dinner was prepared by mine host of the United States hall, Mr. J. J. Bringger. [John J. Bringger, a hotel keeper in Wooster] The delicious aroma of roast turkey quickened the bronchial apparatus of each and every guest, and the rich viands disappeared with marvelous rapidity. Several of the soldiers were accompanied by their
wives, and the number present was probably one hundred. The usual rehearsals of campfire and battlefield experiences were gone through with, adding interest and merriment to the hour.

As there were not toasts given at the conclusion of the repast, we conclude that all were ‘too full for utterance.’

1873 - 5th annual reunion

Holmes County Republican, 17 July 1873, page 1, column 2, available at Chronicling America: "The Fifth Annual Reunion of the 120th regiment, O. V. I. will be held in Ashland, O., on Tuesday, August 12th, 1873. The officers of the regiment are earnestly requested to forward to the Secretary at Rowsburg, O., at as early a day as possible the names and postoffice address of every surviving member of their respective companies in order that a personal invitation can be extended to each member, to partake with us in the exercises of the day. The programme will be published in due time. Efforts are being made to make this reunion a grand success, and the management trust that every member will be individually interested, and assist in making it a reunion long to be remembered. Come one, come all, and bring along your wives, babies and sweethearts, and spend one day in recounting the incidents of army life. Ample preparations will be made to accommodate all who may attend. J. P. Van Nest, Sec'y."

Holmes County Republican, 21 Aug 1873, page 1, column 4: available at Chronicling America: The Reunion of the 120th O. V. I. A large number of the soldiers, about one hundred, together with many friends gathered in Ashland on Tuesday, to have a good time: to review the deeds of the war, and the quieter scenes of peace; to recall the memories of the bloody field and clasp hands in token of continued friendship. The regiment met in the Town Hall, at 2 o'clock, P. M., when the various speeches of the day were made. Mayor T. M. Beer, delivered the address of welcome; Capt. E. Fraunfelter, responded. The oration was delivered by Capt. Benj. Eason, of Wooster, and was an eloquent production, vividly portraying the marches and conflicts, the victories and mishap of the regiment. Other interesting exercises also took place, of which more at another time. In the evening the banquet took place, at the McNulty House, followed by the various toasts and responses. The reunion was upon the whole a pleasant and successful one, and in our next issue we will endeavor to give the full particulars. - Ashland Times.

1874 - The 6th reunion was held at Orrville, Wayne Co OH on 2 June 1874.

Holmes County Republican, 14 May 1874, page 3, column 1, available at Chronicling America:
"Attention! 120th Regt., O. V. I. -- Comrades: You are hereby notified that your furloughs expire on the 2nd day of Jun, 1874, and it is to be expected that no ordinary difficulty will be allowed to prevent your attendance at Roll Call, at the 6th annual reunion which will be held in Orrville, Ohio, Tuesday, June 2nd, 1874, at 10 o'clock A. M."

1875 - The seventh reunion was held 1 June 1875 at Wooster, Wayne Co OH. [Cincinnati Daily Gazette, 2 June 1875, page 5, available at GenealogyBank.] It is a good article, but I can't quote it here since it is from a pay site. I could not find it anywhere else. But I can say that the following song was sung that day:

You Tube: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LJp3X_TVlXM

From Wikipedia:
Yes we'll rally round the flag, boys, we'll rally once again,[5] Shouting the battle cry of freedom,
We will rally from the hillside, we'll gather from the plain, Shouting the battle cry of freedom!

(Chorus)
The Union forever! Hurrah, boys, hurrah!
Down with the traitors, up with the stars;
While we rally round the flag, boys, we rally once again,
Shouting the battle cry of freedom!

We are springing to the call of our brothers gone before,[a] Shouting the battle cry of freedom!
And we'll fill our vacant ranks with a million freemen more, Shouting the battle cry of freedom!

(Chorus)
We will welcome to our numbers the loyal, true and brave, Shouting the battle cry of freedom!
And although they may be poor, not a man shall be a slave,[b] Shouting the battle cry of freedom!

(Chorus)
So we're springing to the call from the East and from the West, Shouting the battle cry of Freedom;
And we'll hurl the rebel crew from the land we love best,
Shouting the battle cry of Freedom.

(Chorus)

1876 - 8th reunion
Reunion held 6 June 1876 at Ashland, Ashland Co OH.

1877 - 9th reunion June 5, held at Chippewa Lake
Cleveland Leader, 19 May 1877, page 7, available at GenealogyBank which I can not quote since it is a pay site.

Reunion held at Belleville, Richland Co OH on 12 Sep 1877. This was a reunion with the 32nd, 102nd, 65th, 48th, 163rd, 120th, and 16th OH regiments.

1878 - 10th reunion
Reunion held at Lakeville, Holmes Co OH, 5 June 1878. At Odell’s lake. Cincinnati Commercial, 6 June 1878. page 5, available at GenealogyBank" Pay site can not be quoted.

1879 - 11th reunion, Tuesday, 3 June 1879, at Wooster, Wayne Co OH.
[Note: "...a rifle squad bearing the colors of the 120th O.V.I." was a part of the procession out to the cemetery on Decoration Day, 30 May 1879 at Wooster. Cincinnati Daily Gazette, 31 May 1879, page 2]

Cincinnati Commercial Tribune, 4 June 1879, page 5, available at GenealogyBank: "Wooster, O., June 3.-- 100 members of the regiment were present.

Cincinnati Daily Gazette, 4 June 1879, page 2, available at GenealogyBank:
"Reunion of the 120th O. V. I. Wooster, O., June 3. Unable to quote from pay site.

Cincinnati Daily Gazette, 27 Sep 1879, page 3, available at GenealogyBank: 4th, 12th, 16th, 49th, 41st, 84th, 102d, 130th, 120th, 125th and 169th O. V. I. Otherwise, unable
to quote from pay site.

1880 - Ashland, 15 June 1880 [Originally set for 8 June]. No info.

Big reunion in Canton, Stark Co OH with many regiments. Wheeling [WV] Register, 2 Sep 1880, page 1, column 6: available at Chronicling America:
"Canton, O., September 1.--From forty to fifty thousand people are here and every new train is crowded. President Hayes, Gen. Sherman, Secretary Ramsey, Gen. Garfield, Gov. Foster, ex Gov. Bishop and hundreds of distinguished guests are in town."
"The procession started at noon. About ten thousand veterans were in line."
The organizations represented included the 120th OVI.
'The war eagle, 'Old Abe,' was carried by Sergeant Gilette in the procession and was greeted with cheers." [Note: This was a famous eagle which was a mascot for the 8th Wisconsin Volunteer Infantry. The eagle died in 1881. See this web site.]
The 120th Ohio had 22 men in the procession. [Repository, 1 Sep 1880, page 1, available at GenealogyBank, has a three page article about the event.]

1881 - 13th annual reunion of the 120th OVI at West Salem, Wayne Co OH, 7? June 1881. 75 members or the 120th were present. Fraunfelter and B. T. Jones of Akron were supposed, once again, to write a history of the regiment. Can not quote since this is from a pay site. Summit Co Beacon, 15 June 1881, page 1, available at GenealogyBank:

The Women’s Relief Corps was recognized in 1883. It was the auxiliary to the GAR, Grand Army of the Republic. Pictured is their badge.

1882 - 14th Reunion
1883 - 15th Reunion, Thursday, 5 June 1883, at Wooster, Wayne Co OH
Summit County Beacon, 23 May 1883, page 4, available at GenealogyBank which is a pay site so I can’t quote it here.

The Stark County Democrat, Canton, OH, 9 June 1883, page 4 at Chronicling America.
The Ex-prisoners of War Association held a reunion in Newark, Ohio 14 and 15 June 1883.

1884 - The National Tribune [Washington DC] 8 May 1884, page 8, available at GenealogyBank: "Reunion of the 120th O. V. I. The sixteenth annual Reunion of the 120th regiment, O. V. I., will be held in Windsor, Richland county, Ohio, on the N. Y. P. & O. R. R., between Ashland and Mansfield, on Tuesday, June 3, 1884, at 10 o' clock A. M. The committee are making the necessary arrangements to make this one of the most enjoyable Reunions the regiment ever held. Good speeches, music, songs, and a free dinner will be some of the features of the day."

1885 - June 2, 1885, Doylestown, OH.
The National Tribune, 11 June, 1885, page 5, available at Chronicling America.
"The 17th annual Reunion of the 120th Ohio was held at Doylestown on the 2d inst. [June], about 67 members being in attendance. The various toasts were responded to by Capt. C. Au, of Ontario, O.; Lieut. R. P. Wallace. Of Loudonville; Capt W. P. Van Dorn, of Canaan; John R. McKinney, of Wooster; James W. Johnson, of Fredericksburg, and other.

The National Tribune, 16 July 1885, page 6, column 3 available at Chronicling America.
".....a badge was adopted during the war by some members of the Thirteenth Corps, but never came in general use. The badge consists of a five-pointed star, surrounded by five smaller five-pointed stars, and makes a very handsome badge. Several of them were made and worn during the war. Lieut. W. H. Woodland, of the 16th Ohio, who resides in this city had one made out of a silver half-dollar, which he wore during the war. At the 17th annual Reunion of the 120th Ohio, held June 2, 1885, the matter was thoroughly discussed at the supper table, when a large number of the 16th and 120th Ohio were present, and Capt. E. Frauenfelter [sic], of the 120th Ohio, was appointed a committee of one to send the above-described badge to Gen. McClernand, corps commander, for his approval. I would be pleased to hear from any member of the Thirteenth Corps who saw the above-described badge. - J. P. Van Nest, Second Lieutenant, 120th Ohio, Thirteenth Corps, Wooster, O."
Van Nest had a similar article again in The National Tribune, 17 Dec 1885, page 3, Asking
again for the approval of Gen. McClernand, corps commander, for the badge and a picture of the badge was included:

1886 - 18th reunion
J. H. Munnell reported in the National Tribune [Washington DC], 15 Apr 1886, page 10, that the next reunion for the 120th was to be in Ontario, OH on 1 June 1886. No details were given.
James R. Pollock, of Mansfield, served as Asst. Marshall at the 18th Annual Reunion of the 120th O.V.I. held at Au's grove in Richland Co., OH in 1886. [Contributed by Kerry Kimberly]

1887 - The National Tribune, 26 May 1887, page 6: "The 19th annual Reunion of the 120th Ohio will be held at Lucas on Tuesday, 7 June, 1887, at 10 o'clock a.m. sharp. It is expected that this will be the largest and most enjoyable Reunion the regiment ever held." [Note: Lucas is in Richland county.] No other details were given.

1888 - The National Tribune, 2 Aug 1888, page 6, column 1: "The 20th annual Reunion of the 120th Ohio will be held on the first floor of the Sullivant School Building, north side of East State street, Columbus, Sept 12, at 2 o'clock p.m. It is expected and earnestly hoped that every surviving member of the regiment will respond promptly to roll call on that day. A headquarters will be established at 86 Fourth street, where all comrades upon their arrival in the city are requested to call and register. Please send me immediately the name and postoffice address for all comrades of the regiment of whom you may have any knowledge so that I can mail them an invitation. J. P. Van Nest, Secretary, Wooster, O."
[ribbon contributed by Dave Robinson]

1889 - 21st Reunion, Akron, Summit Co OH, Tues, 4 June 1889 continued talking about a regimental history. A short history was included in the article. The National Tribune., 4 July 1889, page 6, column 7: "The 21st annual Reunion of the 120th Ohio, which was held in Akron on Tuesday, June 4, was a grand success and a very enjoyable affair to all the old comrades and their friends who participated. Ninety of the old veterans answered to roll call, a large number being accompanied by their wives and children, making an assemblage of some 200 persons. A grand dinner was served them by the ladies of Buckley Post Relief Corps at Grand Army Hall. After the business meeting a regular old-fashioned Campfire was held. The next Reunion will be held in Wooster on the second Tuesday in June, 1890. The following are the officers elected for the next Reunion: President, Capt. J. B. Taylor; V. P., Lieut. M. C. Rouch; Sec. and Treas., Lieut. J. P. Van Nest; Historian, Rev. I. N. Kieffer; all of Wooster."
1890 - 22nd reunion at Wooster, Wayne Co OH, 10 June 1890, G. A. R. Hall
Canton Repository, 15 May 1890, page 8, available at GenealogyBank which I can't quote here because it is a pay site. It has train information included.

1891 - reunion at Smithville, Wayne Co OH, 9 June 1891.
[Canton Repository, pg 4, 7 May 1891, available at GenealogyBank.] Arrangements being made for June 9th reunion.
These two at GenealogyBank can't be quoted here.

1892 - 24th Reunion, Doylestown, Wayne Co OH. 14 June 1892.
The Evening Repository, 21 June 1892, page 3, available at GenealogyBank:

1893 - 25th Reunion, Mansfield, Richland Co OH
The National Tribune, 29 June 1893, page 6, column 5:
"The survivors of the 120th Ohio held their 25th annual or silver Reunion in Mansfield, June 13. At 10 o'clock a.m. the regiment, together with their wives and daughters, assembled at the Presbyterian Church. President Capt. J. P. Rummel called the meeting to order. Major T. G. Black delivered an eloquent address of welcome, which was responded to by the President. After a song by the quartet, Lieut. J. P. Van Nest, of Wooster, O., Secretary, called the roll, and 106 answered. Able addresses were made by Gen. W. Slocum, of Ashland, O.; Capt. J. B. Taylor, of Wooster; Capt. H. H. Eberhart, Lieut. M. C. Roach [Rouch] Lieut. R. P. Wallace, John R. McKinney, and others. A resolution was adopted in memory of the following, who were mustered out since the Reunion last year: Adj't Henry S. Sherman, Capt. William McIlvain, Co E; Simon Butt [Bott], Co. E; C. R. McClellan, Co E; William Fast, Co. G; Daniel Oyster, Co. I, and Henry Welly [Welty], Co. I. It was decided to hold the next Reunion at Hayesville, June 12.
The following officers were elected; President, F. K. Rush, Hayesville; V. P., Dr. B. Myers, Ashland; Sec., Lieut. J. P. Van Nest, Wooster; Treas., Lieut. M. C. Roach [Rouch], Wooster; Chief Marshal, Wm Wilson, Hayesville. The reunion was a very enjoyable affair to all those who participated in it." [Note: There was a William Fast who was in Co K 102nd OVI. Salathiel Fast, Co G 120th OVI did not die until 1923. So, who was this William Fast? Christopher McClellan died in 1888. Perhaps they had not been notified back then.]
In the 1 June 1893 issue of the same paper it was said that they would visit the old camp-ground.
1894 - 26th Reunion, Haysville, Ashland Co OH, 12 June 1894.
The National Tribune, 31 May 1894, page 6, column 5: "J. P. Van Nest, Secretary: The 26th annual Reunion of the 120th Ohio will be held in Haysville, Ashland County, on Tuesday, June 12, commencing at 10 a.m. The comrades and citizens of Haysville and vicinity are making extensive arrangements to give the boys in blue a royal welcome." [Ribbon contributed by Dave Robinson]

1895 - 27th Reunion at Marshallville, Wayne Co OH, 4 June 1895.
Repository [Canton, OH], 5 June 1895, page 6, available at GenealogyBank which can’t be quoted.
The National Tribune, 23 May 1895, page 6, column 2:
"Lieut. J. P. Van Ness, Secretary, Wooster, O.: Reunion 120th Ohio, at Marshallville, June 4. Arrangements are being made to make this one of the most enjoyable Reunions the regiment ever held. Everybody cordially invited. The latch-string will be outside, especially, to old soldiers of other regiments."

1896 - 28th Reunion, Creston
The National Tribune, 30 Apr 1896, page 8:
"Ohio, Lieut. J. P. Van Nest, Secretary: Reunion 120th Ohio at Creston June 2."
Repository [Canton, OH], 24 April 1896, page 2: Available at GenealogyBank. I can’t quote it but it did mention a miniature of the City Belle being at the reunion. [Ribbons contributed by Dave Robinson]


Cleveland Leader, 4 June 1896, page 8, available at GenealogyBank which I can’t quote here since it is a pay site.

Cleveland Leader, 12 Aug 1896, page 1: At Genealogy Bank, a pay site.
1897 - 29th Reunion, Fredricksburg, Wayne Co OH, 1897.

1898 - 7 June at Orrville, OH.

1899 - 31st Reunion, held 6 June 1899 at Perrysville, Ashland Co OH.

The National Tribune, 29 June 1899, page 2, Column 6: "The 31st annual Reunion of the 120th Ohio, held in Perrysville, June 6, was a complete success. Nearly 100 of the old veterans answered to roll-call. The guests of honor were Mrs. C. F. Spiegel, widow; Mrs. Martin Barbe, daughter, and Hamlin Speigel, son of M. M. Speigel, Colonel of the regiment. Nearly every member of the regiment was accompanied by his wife or daughter. The 32d annual Reunion will be held at Odell’s Lake, O., on the first Tuesday in June, 1900. The officers elected for the next Reunion are: Pres., David E. Faltz [Foltz]; V. P., Capt. B. T. Jones; Sec., Lieut. J. P. Van Nest, Wooster, O.; Treas., Lieut. Mahlon Rouch, and Chief Marshal, A. A. Keister [Keister]."
F. In 1900 Van Nest lived at 124 West Liberty St. in Wooster, OH. [Photo date not known.]
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1900 - Akron Daily Democrat, 1 May 1900, page 6, column 4, available at Chronicling America. "The 32d annual reunion of the 120th Regiment, O. V. I., will be held at Odell’s lake, Holmes county, Tuesday, June 5. Music will be furnished by the Shreve band and it is announced that Lieut. Bob Wallace will be in charge of the Commissary department. Akron soldiers will attend."

The National Tribune, 28 June 1900, page 6, column 6 available at Chronicling America. "Reunion of the 120th Ohio. The 32d Annual Reunion of the 120th Ohio, which was held at Odell’s Lake on Tuesday, June 5, was a grand success. The day was an ideal one, and just that kind on which a pleasure party would seek the shady grove and beautiful water of the lake. The attendance was estimated at 3,000. Eighty-nine members of the regiment answered to the roll-call. Seven deaths were reported during the year, and appropriate resolutions were adopted by a rising vote. Excellent addresses were made by Rev. E. W. J. Lindsmith, retired Chaplain of the U. S. Army; Lieut. Mahlon Rouch, of the 120th Ohio; Mrs. Capt. C. Au, the 'mother of the regiment,' and others. The Shreve Cornet Band and Regimental Glee Club furnished excellent music. Odell’s Lake was selected as the place of holding the 33d Annual Reunion on the first Tuesday in June, 1901. The following officers were elected: Pres., Capt. C. Au, Ontario; V. P., Serg’t John S. Caskey, Wooster; Sec., Lieut. J. P. Van Nest, Wooster; Treasurer, Lieut. Mahlon Rouch, Wooster; Chief Marshal, A. A. Keister, Shreve."

"Reunion of 120th O. V. I. Wooster, June 7. --The thirty-third annual reunion of the One Hundred and Twentieth O.V. I., held at Odell’s Lake, near this city, was very largely attended by the surviving veterans. Ashland was selected as the place for the reunion next year. The following officers were elected: President, Captain H. H. Eberhard, Ashland; vice president, Benjamin Myers, Ashland; secretary, J. P. Van Nest, Wooster. It was decided to hold a reunion in Cleveland during the national encampment."

[The National Tribune, 20 June 1901, page 6, column 4: available at Chronicling America]
Reunion of the 120th Ohio.
The 33d Annual Reunion of the 120th Ohio was held at Odell’s Lake, O., June 4. This regiment is noted for its enjoyable Reunions and this one was no exception to the rule. The day was an ideal one for the exercises, which were held in the beautiful grove
surrounding the lake. Divine blessing was invoked in a fervent manner by Mrs. C. Au, the mother of the regiment; Maj. R.W. Liggett, of the 16th Ohio was introduced, and delivered an address of welcome; Capt. C. Au, the President of the association, responded. The Secretary called the roll and 73 old veterans answered to their names. He then read nearly a dozen letters from absent comrades and others. It was decided to hold the 34th Annual Reunion at Ashland, Ohio, on the first Tuesday of June, 1902.

The following officers were elected for next year: Pres., Capt. H. H. Eberhart, Ashland, O.; V. P., Dr. B. Myers, Ashland OI; Sec., Lieut. J. P. Van Nest, Wooster, O.; Treas., Lieut. Mahlon Rouch, Wooster, O.; Treas., Lieut. Mahlon Rouch, Wooster, O.; Chief Marshall, R. F. Welch, Ashland O.

The Secretary reported seven deaths during the past year, and suitable resolutions were adopted.

The Secretary was instructed to make all the necessary arrangements for a suitable headquarters for the regiment at Cleveland, O., during the National G. A. R. Encampment in September, and procure a hall for a special Reunion.

The National Tribune, 22 Aug 1901, page 6, column 2, available at Chronicling America. "The 120th Ohio at Cleveland. J. P. Van Nest, Secretary, Wooster, O., has secured as headquarters for the 120th Ohio at Cleveland, O., during the week of the National Encampment a commodious room on the seventh floor in the Caxton Building, on Huron street near the junction of Prospect and Erie streets and near the line of march of the G. A. R. parade, and National G. A. R. and W. R. C. Headquarters. Arrangements will be made for free sleeping quarters near head quarters for those desiring such accommodations. A special Reunion of the regiment will be held at headquarters the afternoon of Sept. 12."

The National Tribune, 17 Oct 1901, page 6, column 4: available at Chronicling America. "Reunion of the 120th Ohio. A Special Reunion of the 120th Ohio was held in Cleveland, O., during the National Encampment of the G.A. R., and was attended by 92 former members of this famous command. Eleven States were represented. Capt. C. Au presided and Lieut. J. P. Van Nest acted as Secretary.

Charles Wallace, a drummer boy of the 120th, whose home is now in Denver, Colo., was present. This was his first meeting with the regiment since the war. A letter from the Vicksburg Park Commission was read. Lieut. Mahlon Rouch, Capt. J. B. Taylor, and S. M. Coe were appointed a committee to take such action as they think best to properly mark the position of the 120th Ohio at Vicksburg."

"Reunion of the Thirteenth Corps. Veterans of the Thirteenth Corps held their second Annual Reunion at Cleveland, Ohio, during the National Encampment. Several hundred members were present, Capt. C. Au presided, and Lieut. J. P. Van Nest, 120th Ohio, Wooster, O., acted as Secretary. Brief speeches were made by Lieut. Mahlon Rouch, S.
M. Coe, J. P. Van Nest, Capt. W. W. Spear, and others.

The following officers were elected; Pres., Capt. J. T. Foster, Janesville, Wis.; V. P.'s Col. James Keigwin, 49th Ind.; Surg. B. Stanton, 120th Ohio, Cincinnati; Col. Reuben May, 22d Ky.; Walter Jones, Signal Corps, Bakersfield, Cal.

The balance of the Vice Presidents, one from each organization in the Corps, and the General and Special committees will be announced later. J. P. Van Nest, 120th Ohio, Wooster, O., was elected Secretary.

1902 - 34th reunion, Ashland OH 3 June 1902 - no info

Below is information about the GAR Encampment at Washington DC

[Photo from the Library of Congress: "The crowds assembling for the dedicatory exercises for the opening of Camp Roosevelt. Secty. Hays delivered the oration. Photo contributed to the Library by Hanson E. Weaver, photographer.]


Dear Comrade: You are hereby notified that the Annual Reunion of the famous old Thirteenth Army Corps Association will be held in the Sherman Tent at Camp Roosevelt on the White Lot south of the White House in the city of Washington, D. C., during the National Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic, on Thursday, Oct 9, 1902.

The local committee at Washington are making all necessary arrangements to make this
the banner Reunion, and the most enjoyable the Corps ever held. Efforts are being made to have a large attendance.

Arrangements have been made with the Pennsylvania Railroad Company for special coaches which will be attached to the regular train, No. 20, which departs from Wooster at 9:35 p. m. Saturday, Oct. 4, and will arrive in Washington on Sabbath, Oct. 5, at 1:15 o'clock p. m., in ample time for the special patriotic religious services to be held in the larger tents at Camp Roosevelt in the afternoon.

This will be designated the Official Thirteenth Army Corps headquarters train, and the special coaches attached will be run through to Washington without change, and not be overcrowded. All comrades of the Thirteenth Army Corps and their friends along the Pennsylvania lines between Chicago and Pittsburg are kindly invited to take passage on this train. The fare for the round trip will be $10, with one stop-over privilege both going and coming; also in addition the usual stop-over privilege in Baltimore.

All comrades and others desiring to take passage on either of the above mentioned trains, should notify the undersigned in ample time, not later than Sept. 30, so that seats in the coaches and berths in the sleepers can be assigned.

Capt. Jacob T. Foster, of Chicago commander of the famous battery bearing his name, and President of the Thirteenth Army Corps Association this year, has been invited, and is expected to be a passenger on this headquarters train.

Comrades, it is a matter of pride to be able to say that we, as a Corps, took an active part in the Vicksburg Campaign, or that we were at Arkansas Post, Forts Gaines, Morgan, Blakely, or at Mobile, or at any of the numerous conflicts with the enemy in which our Corps was engaged; and we ought to keep fresh the history by making our Thirteenth Army Corps Association a permanent and vigorous organization.

The heroes of the Thirteenth Army Corps have suffered in reputation because of the lack of such an organization, while the survivors of other Corps have been making valuable additions to the history of their organizations, ours has been resting on the laurels so gallantly won and trusting to history to justify their claims.

My comrades, we did not make our reputation by allowing things to take their course, but made it by our good swords and faithful guns, backed up by the indomitable bravery and unflagging endurance of gallant Western men, with hearts as true as the steel they carried, and a patriotism as inextinguishable as the fires of Vesuvius. And now, my comrades, let us be as untiring and as faithful in transmitting the history of these achievements to posterity as we were in making it.

‘Fall in, fall in, old Comrades, and fight your battles o’er,
Until above the last low bier the wings of freedom soar.
Stand hand to hand, and heart to heart, in Fame’s Eternal care,
Until the Great Reunion unites us over there.’

J. P. Van Nest, Secretary, Thirteenth Army Corps Association, Wooster, Ohio.
1903 - [Stark County Democrat, 22 May 1903, page 2, column 2 available at Chronicling America]
"Grizzled Vets Will Meet At Orrville: Boys of 120th Regiment Will Be Given Freedom of the City. The 35th Annual Reunion of the 120th regiment, O. V. I. will be held at Orrville, O., on June 2. There are three members of this regiment in Canton, all of whom expect to attend the reunion. They are Isaac Judd, Dr. Robinson and John Sexton. John C. Keister, residing near Waynesburg, is a member also. All the surviving officers of the regiment are expected to be in attendance and as the invitations stated 'the mayor has promised to throw the key to the jail in the well,' a good time may be expected."

[The National Tribune, 21 May 1903, page 7, column 2] available at Chronicling America
"120th O. V. I. -- The 35th Annual Reunion of the regiment will be held at Orrville, Ohio, on Tuesday, June 2, commencing at 10 o’clock a. m. sharp. Good speakers will be in attendance; also a brass band to enliven the occasion with music. Lieut. Mahlon Rouch, who has just returned from a visit to Vicksburg, Miss., to select the site for the 120th monument on the battle line, and who visited several other battlefields, will be present and give a full description of his trip. J. P. Van Nest, Secretary, Wooster, Ohio."

1904 - 36th Reunion held 6/7 June 1904 at Shreve, Wayne Co OH.
"Attention, 120th O. V. I. -- You are hereby notified that the 36th Annual Reunion of the 120th O. V. I. will be held in the Armory at Shreve, Wayne County, Ohio, on the P. F. W. & C. R. R., on Tuesday, June 7, 1904, commencing at 1 o’clock p. m. sharp. Good speakers will be in attendance. Our beloved Division commander, Maj.-Gen. P. J. Osterhaus, of Manheim, Germany, is now in this country, and has promised to be present at this Reunion. Turn out, comrades, and give him a warm greeting and royal reception. The comrades of Shreve have arranged an enjoyable programme for the occasion, and all who attend will receive a soldier’s welcome. J. P. Van Nest, Secretary, Wooster, Ohio."

[20 May 1904, Repository [Canton], page 8, available at GenealogyBank]
Survivors of the 120th O. V. I. - Dr. Samuel S. Robinson [Co C], Isaac Judd[Co F], John Sexton [Co H] and John C. Kiester [Co D] were listed as going to the reunion.

"Reunion of the 120th Ohio.
Editor National Tribune: The 36th Annual Reunion of the 120th Ohio, was held in
the Armory at Shade [?Shreve], Ohio, Tuesday, June 7. It was a grand success; 77 answered at roll-call. The day was beautiful and crowd immense. The large Armory where the exercises were held, was crowded to the doors all afternoon, and the occasion was enjoyed by all present. A grand dinner and supper were served to the comrades, their wives and daughters, by the ladies of James A Garfield Circle, L. G. A. R.

Major R. H. Critchfield [?Critchfield] delivered an excellent address of welcome, ably responded to by the President of the Day, David E. Foltz. Eloquent addresses were made by Rev. Joshua Crawford, of Nashville, Ohio, and Mrs. Capt. C. All [Au] the mother of the Regiment, of Ontario, Ohio, and others.

It was decided to hold the 37th Annual Reunion at Mansfield, the first Tuesday in June, 1905, near the old regimental camp-ground. The following officers were selected to serve at the next Reunion: President, L. A. Tressell, Mansfield; Vice President, Capt. J. P. Rummell, Mansfield; Secretary, Lieut. J. P. Van Nest, Wooster; Treasurer, Lieut. Wallace Rauch [Mahlon Rouch], Wooster; Chief Marshal, A. D. Eyerley, Mansfield. Nine comrades died during the year. Appropriate resolutions was [sic] adopted by a rising vote. It was deeply regretted that Maj.-Gen. P. J. Osterhaus could not be present, as he is very popular with the boys of the regiment. Take it all in all it was one of the most enjoyable Reunions the regiment ever held.--J. P. Van Nest, Secretary, Wooster, O."

Joseph P. Van Nest, Company F, who often reported on the reunions, died 23 Apr 1905.

1905 - 37th reunion held 5 June 1905 at Mansfield, Richland Co OH.

1906 - 38th reunion

In 1906 Captain James B. Taylor, Co H, donated his house on North Market Street to be the city’s hospital. He did this in memory of his first wife, Emilie.

1907-39th reunion

1908 - 40th reunion held 2 June 1908 at Orrville

1908 - This was a additional special reunion.
22 Aug 1908 at Mansfield OH
"Mansfield, O., Aug. 22 -- The annual reunion of the 120th O. V. I. here today was attended by about 200 members of the regiment. The unveiling of the monument to the regiment which has been erected in the Sherman-Heineman park was preceded by a large parade of civic and military organizations."

1909 Wooster, 1 June. 41st Reunion

The National Tribune, 17 June 1909, page 8, column 4: Available at Chronicling america.

"Monument to the 120th Ohio. Aug. 22, 1908, a fine monument erected by the people of Richland County, O., to the memory of the 120th Ohio was unveiled in the South Park at Mansfield. The exercises were conducted by Capt. J. B. Taylor, of Wooster, President of the 120th Ohio Association. Mayor Brown called the meeting to order. Capt. Taylor gave the history of the monument, and presented it to the city, when it was unveiled by Miss Mabel Eyerly. The monument was accepted by the Mayor of Mansfield, and there was an address 'Our Vicksburg Monument,' by Mahlon Rouch. The monument is a fine granite pedestal, surmounted by a bronze statue of a private soldier with his musket at parade rest. Capt. Taylor, Wooster, O., writes under a late date that the regiment held its Annual Reunion in Wooster, Tuesday, June 1, at which 86 answered at roll call, and reported the deaths of 15 comrades during the past year." [Another article says the park was Sherman-Heineman park.]

1910 - 42nd reunion

1911 - 43rd reunion held 6 June 1911 at West Salem OH

1912 - 44th reunion held 3 and 4 June 1912, 44th reunion, held at Mansfield, OH.

1913 - 45th reunion

1914 - 46th reunion

1915 - 47th reunion

1916 - 48th reunion

1917 - 49th reunion held 5 June 1917 at Wooster, OH.

Wooster Daily Republican, 1 June 1917, page 2, available at Wayne County Library, Wooster, Ohio

"Soldiers of the 120th Coming Next Week

The 49th annual reunion of the 120th regiment, O. V. I., will be held in the new Memorial building next Tuesday, June 5, beginning at 10:30. At the forenoon meeting a reception will be held, badges will be distributed and committees appointed. A recess
will then be taken until one o’clock, when the following order of exercises will be carried out:

Music, invocation, music, calling of roll, reports of committees and action thereon, new business, letters from absent comrades, addresses by S. M. Coe, Mifflin, and D. E. Foltz, Shreve. Music, short addresses by other comrades, adjournment.

Provisions will be made for dinner at memorial building by the Daughters of Veterans at reasonable rates.

Lieut. Mahlon Rouch is secretary and treasurer of the organization."

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Grand Reunion for 120th Men

The 49th Annual Reunion of the 120th O. V. I. Held at Wooster, O., Tuesday, June 5th, 1917.

Not withstanding the copious showers of the morning and forenoon, the meeting of the old comrades of this famous regiment was the happiest and best held in years. The attendance was not quite so large as in the past, but was surely gratifying. The comrades faced the same storms and showers as if in service in the march or on battle field. The business meeting was called to order at 10:30 a.m. by Lieut. Mahlon Rouch, secretary. The president, James W. Christy was one of the comrades discharged from all earthly service during the past year. Capt. James B. Taylor was chosen president of the meeting, and upon assuming his duties, he gave an inspiring address. The business of the program was the appointing of the usual committees, which were as follows:

Committee on time and place, J. H. Mower, Israel Hileman and David Hurst.
Auditing committee, F. K. Rush, Samuel Whonsettler and William Taggart.
Committee on Resolutions, Capt. J. P. Rummel, J. W. Bricker and Jefferson Etling.

The annual dues were then paid and the badges were distributed. Recess then taken. Dr. Byron Stanton, who was called away by telegram of the very serious illness of a sister, was called upon and gave us a brief address, which was much appreciated.

At 12 o’clock the comrades and families and friends were seated at tables in the dining room of the Memorial Building. The meal was furnished by the Daughters of Veterans and those who know our daughters need not be told that it was complete and adequate.

The China ware used was that presented to the association by the family of comrade M. S. Reed. The entire gift consisted of about 600 pieces, with the letters G. A. R. stamped on each piece, and the silver ware was also new. The service by the young ladies was complete, and the whole meal was that of one large, happy family.

The regiment reassembled at 1:30 o’clock.
Opened by singing America. Miss Nina Weiker at the piano. Prayer was offered by Comrade Rouch. Miss Brown, daughter of T. P. Brown, of Co. D. O. N. G. [Ohio National Guard], and grand daughter of Lieut. John B. Brown of the 120th gave a beautiful and beautifully executed piano solo.

The next came the calling of the roll. This was unique and wonderfully interesting. Each comrade present answered to his name by giving his age. The oldest registering 85 and the lowest 70. The attendance was 38. The average of attendants was 76-5-13.

The report of the committee on time and place suggested several places of meeting next year, and Mansfield was adopted, and upon the report Capt. J. P. Rummell was chosen president, Daniel Harter, Vice president and J. W. Millington, Marshal.

The committee on finance on examination of treasurer Rouch’s report, found the report correct with proper vouchers for expenditures. The report of committee on resolutions offered the following:

Whereas it has pleased Almighty God to take from our number during the past year, our comrades Sergt. James W. Christy, Co D: Capt. B. T. Jones, Co G; William Miller, Co H; John Bair, Co H; William Shanklin, Co D; George W. Detrick, Co G; Sergt. Jacob Lehman, Co A; Amos Hurst, Co A, and Cornelius Bender, Co D. Therefore

Resolved that we, as comrades in annual reunion assembled, extend to the bereaved relatives and friends our heartfelt sympathy in their sad bereavement, and commend them to Him who is the healer of all sorrows.

Resolved, that these resolutions be placed on the records of our association, and a copy thereof be sent to the family of each deceased comrade.

The foregoing resolutions were adopted by the comrades rising and standing with bowed heads.

The secretary then read extracts from letters of a number of absent comrades. Comrade David F. Foltz, of Shreve, then gave an interesting and inspiring address, the inspiration of which was followed in short addresses by comrades Heilman, Rrouch, Taylor, Rummell, Buchwalter, Rev. L. E. Rush, son of comrade F. K. Rush, and Mrs. Painter, wife of comrade Daniel Painter.

The following resolution was then offered and unanimously adopted:

Resolved that the thanks of the Regiment be extended to the Memorial Association for the free use of their building, the Daughters of Veterans for the bounteous dinner which they served at a very reasonable price, and we hail them as our loyal daughters, to all the other patriotic orders, who were helpful to us in many kind ways, to the press of the city for their free and kindly notices and to everyone who encouraged and helped and cheered us in our reunion.

The following comrades answered to roll call:

Field and Staff - Surgeon Byron Stanton.
Huntsberger, Henry Snude [Snure], W. R. Taggart -- 7
Co. B - Capt. J. P. Rummell, Daniel Harter, John H. Mowers, George H. Wilson -- 4
Co. C - Sergt. David Hurst, F. K. Rush - 2
Co. D - Capt. W. W. Spear, John W. Walters [Watters], A. A. Keister, James Brown,
David Barnhart, William Everett, E. G. Keister, Francis Kidd, M. L. Stophlet - 9
Co. E - G. W. Hight, Wilson Hutchison, Daniel Painter, S. L. Whonsettler - 4
Co. F - John W. Millington, Uriah Nolin, Alfred Sturges - 3
Co. G - Jefferson Etling - 1
Co. H - Capt. J. B. Taylor, J. U. Bricker, George E. Fetzer, Andrew Griner, Simon Miller,
John Sexton, Jeremiah Willaman - 7

1918 - 50th reunion held 5 June 1918 at Mansfield, OH.
Wooster Daily Republican, May 8, 1918 page 5, available at Wayne County Library,
Wooster, Ohio
Semi-centennial Reunion
"The following cards were issued Wednesday by the Secretary, Mahlon Rouch, of
Wooster:
The 50th Annual Reunion of the 120th Regiment, O. V. I., will be held at Mansfield, Ohio, Tuesday, June 4th, 1918. Let us with thankful hearts that our lives have been spared so long, get together once more and enjoy another day of comradeship and fellowship. Ten years ago we erected, at Mansfield, a regimental monument which we will be privileged to visit. Think on these things and do not fail to be present at roll call.
In this time of struggle for the ascendancy of the cause of worldwide Liberty we will renew our patriotism, and inspire the brave boys upon whom the duty of maintaining our righteous cause now rests."

1919 - 51st reunion held 3 June 1919 at Wooster, OH, at Memorial hall.
[Wooster Daily Republican, 3 June 1919, page 1, available at Wayne County Library,
Wooster, Ohio]
"Comrades in Reunion Here 'You will find this the liveliest bunch of old boys you ever met,' said Capt. J. B. Taylor to a newspaper man this afternoon at Memorial Hall as the veterans of the 120th Regiment O. V. I. were gathering for the fifty-first annual reunion of the organization, which more than a half century ago left Wooster and Wayne county for war that was to decide the fate of the nation.
The veterans thoroughly enjoyed the day. 'We are fighting em over today.' said one of the veterans as a score of them gathered about the desk of Secretary Mahlon Rouch to register.
Badges were distributed during the morning session. A recess was taken for dinner.
This afternoon the veterans listened to talks by the comrades and heard reports of committees.
During the afternoon Mansfield was chosen as the place of the next reunion. The date was not announced, but it will be at this season of the year. Considerable interest was shown by the comrades during the reading by Secretary Rouch of letters from comrades of the regiment who could not attend. Over fifty members of the regiment were present [Wooster Daily News, 4 June 1919, page 3, available at GenealogyBank] "Glorious Time by 120th Vets. Annual Reunion Brings Out Interesting Talks and Incidents.

It was a real reunion of young-men that was held at Memorial hall all day Tuesday, when the veterans of the Civil war met and talked over the days of nearly 60 years ago.

One man in answering to his name at roll call forgot that he was a year older, and gave the same age that he did a year ago. Another who said his age was 87 appeared so young that even some of his relatives thought he must have meant 78.

Following the dinner hour, 'America,' led by D. E. Foltz, of Shreve, was sung, and Captain Mahon Rouch offered prayer. The mortuary committee reported the deaths in the following resolution:

Taps for Them Whereas, it has pleased Almighty God to take from our number during the past year our comrades:
John W. Walters [Watters], Co. D; J. Harvey Woods, Co. I; Alfred Wilson, Co. I; A. A. Keister, Co. D; John Mell [Null], Co. H; Wm. Medsker, Co. K; George Weygandt, Co. B, and Jos. Speigel (Sutler); A. B. Sensheimer (Sutler).

Therefore be it Resolved, That we as comrades in annual session assembled, extend to bereaved relatives and friends our heartfelt sympathy in their bereavement.

George Jackson, David Hurst, Christopher Cowell.

The report of the committee on new officers was adopted. J. H. Mowers, of Mansfield, was elected president; Mahlon C. Rouch, Wooster, was re-elected permanent secretary and treasurer, and Daniel Harter, Mansfield, marshal. Mansfield, and the first Tuesday in June, 1920, were named as the time and place for the next reunion.

The reading of letters from absent comrades brought out interesting comments, and short talks by different comrades were much enjoyed. Among the speakers were S. M. Coe, Hayesville; J. H. Mowers, Mansfield; Mr. and Mrs. William Rittenhouse, Polk; D. E. Foltz, Shreve, and Captain J. B. Taylor, who presided, and Captain Rouch, Wooster.

Regimental Roster. Following is the roster of the comrades who were present, together with their ages, companies and addresses:
Company C--Sergt. David Hurst, 81, Mansfield; Freeman K. Rush, 72, Hayesville; Marion Sigler, 81, Hayesville.
Company D--Capt. Wesley W. Spear, 84, Wooster; David Barnhart, 80, Creston; John T. Clark, 75, Apple Creek; William Everett, 72, Orrville; Elijah G. Keister, 86, Wooster; John C. Keister, 75, Minerva; Francis Kidd, 81, Creston.

Company E--Corp. Franklin Holmes, 75, West Salem; Enos Brown, 85, Kenton; George W. Hight, 75, West Salem; Wilson Hutchison, 78, Wooster; Gideon Musser, 85, Congress; Henry R. Mowrey, 75, Reedsburg; William Rittenhouse, 75, Polk; Samuel L. Whonsetler, 81, Creston.

Company F--Michael France, 79, Ashland; John W. Millington, 76, Mansfield; Uriah Nolin 74, Creston; Alfred Sturges, 82, Ashland.

Company G--Jefferson Etling, 75, Canal Fulton; Howard Gales [Gates], 73, Doylestown; George Jackson, 75, Doylestown; Franklin Kissinger, 78, Easton; Joseph Marshall, 76, Doylestown.

Company H--Capt. James B. Taylor, 78, Wooster; Corp. Joseph W. Bricker, 76, Smithville; Corp. George E. Fetzer, 80, Wooster; Joseph W. Bricker, 74, Wooster; Jacob Farmer, 80, Wooster; Andrew Griner, 75, Polk; Jacob Krauter, 76, Bucyrus; Simon Miller, 77, Smithville; John Sexton, 73, Canton; Jeremiah Miller, 82, Massillon; Samuel Hoover, 75, Rittman.

The average age of all who attended was 78 years. Company???? averaged the highest, 80 years [number missing ???] months.

Daniel Harter, of Company [B], Mansfield, brought with him an [inter]esting souvenir, consisting of [a hunt]ing knife that he carved out of a piece of wood while he waited [for the] train at Mansfield. It was [***] imitation, and he presented [it] to Captain Rouch." [Note: Part of this paragraph was cut away in the newspaper, so I had to guess at some of the words which I put in brackets.]

1920 52nd - Was to be at Mansfield first Tuesday in June.

1921 53rd 7 June, 1921 at Hayesville, Ashland Co OH. 25 comrades attended. Gideon Musser was the oldest there at age 87. Freeman K. Rush was the youngest at age 74. President of the gathering that year was Freeman Rush of Hayesville.

1922 - 54th

1923 - 55th

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1924 - 56th reunion held 3 June 1924 at Hayesville, Ashland Co, OH.

1925 - 57th reunion was to be held at Smithville, Wayne Co, OH
1926 - 58th
1927 - 59th reunion was held at Wooster. 11 veterans present
Repository [Canton OH], 9 June 1927, page 19, is available at GenealogyBank. I can’t copy it here because the year 1922 is the cutoff point for copyright.
Concerning GAR encampments:
Plain Dealer [Cleveland OH], 23 Sept 1927, page 16, available at GenealogyBank
Plain Dealer [Cleveland OH], 16 Sept 1927, page 16, available at GenealogyBank

1928 - 60th
1929 - 61st Reunion held at Wooster, Wayne Co OH, Memorial Hall, 4 June 1929. 30 veterans were there.
Repository [Canton OH], 5 June 1929, page 10, available at GenealogyBank.

1930 - 62nd
1931 - 63rd
1932 - 64th
Dr. Augustus Case, 1st Lieut, Company I, died in Akron, Indiana, on 13 July 1932 at age 99.

1933 - 65th
1934 - 66th
1935 - 67th
1936 - 68th Captain John Baer, Company H, died 1 Feb 1936.
1937 - 69th
Peter Sparr, Private Company A, died 20 Mar 1937.
Joseph W. Bricker, Company H, died 16 Oct 1937. [Incapacitated after the first campaign against Vicksburg, Joseph took care of the sick and wounded. He became a doctor after the war but his health was too bad to do that work and he became a teacher in Smithville, a correspondent for the Wooster newspapers, and mayor of Smithville.]

1938 - 70th reunion was held in Wooster OH, 7? June 1938. The only surviving members of the 120th were William Rittenhouse, age 95, of Ashland and William Jemison, age 94, of Moorhead, KY. Rittenhouse and Jemison were in attendance along with 50 other people who represented 19 families of the 120th. Jemison had four generations of his family at the reunion.
[Published in Plain Dealer, 8 June 1938, page 14, available at GenealogyBank]

1939 - 71st Reunion held at Wooster.
Published in Repository, 3 June 1939, page 2, available at GenealogyBank.

End Chapter 27.

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