

Black Soldiers and Sailors
Buried in Athens County, Ohio

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Introduction

Ohio, along with other states, made a concerted effort to locate the gravesites of veterans from all wars prior to 1943. The Athens County records—2801 in all—also contain a few recorded after that date.

Each record is found on a pre-printed card arranged alphabetically by the veteran's name. The information on the grave registration cards was taken from burial or cemetery records. They have been preserved under good conditions in the county recorder's office. The following are those that can be identified as Black soldiers from the Civil War, World War I, World War II up to about 1953, and peacetime service. The supplementary information was provided by the compiler.

The names of veterans abstracted from the card file and listed in this document were identified as Black soldiers and sailors by reference to the units in which they served. This information was confirmed by reference to the following sources:

- Compiled Military Service Records of Volunteer Union Soldiers Who Served with the United States Colored Troops, 2nd through 7th Colored Infantry including 3d Tennessee Volunteers (African Descent), 6th Louisiana Infantry (African Descent), and 7th Louisiana Infantry (African Descent), Civil War, accessed at *Ancestry.com*, www.ancestry.com.
- Ohio county probate courts, County Death Records, 1840-2001, accessed at *FamilySearch*, www.familysearch.org.
- *fold3.com*, "fold3.com," database and images, *fold3.com*
- Card Records of Headstones Provided for Deceased Union Civil War Veterans, ca. 1879-ca. 1903; Records of the Office of the Quartermaster General, Record Group 92; National Archives, Washington, D.C.
- "U.S., Civil War Pension Index: General Index to Pension Files, 1861-1934." Database and images. *ancestry.com*. www.ancestry.com : 2000.

Abbreviations:

AEF = American Expeditionary Force
Amb = ambulance
Co = Company
Cpl = Corporal
disbl = disabled
disch = discharge
Div = Division
enl = enlistment
Inf = Infantry
Lieut = Lieutenant
mus = mustered
Pfc = Private first class

Pion = pioneer
Pvt = Private
Regt = Regiment
svc = service
trsfr = transferred
USCC = United States Colored Cavalry
USCHA = United States Colored Heavy Artillery
USCI = United States Colored Infantry
USN = United States Navy
wnd = wounded
WWI = World War I
WWII = World War II

Soldiers and Sailors Arranged by Name and Conflict

Civil War

BRUNSTON, Samuel J. (c.1824-1901) Civil War
Pvt Co H, 27th Regt USCI
Greenlawn Cemetery, Nelsonville, Ohio

BUSBY, Samuel (c.1840-?) Civil War
Pvt 27th USCI

COOPER, Calvin (1836-1917) Civil War
Pvt Co C 3rd Regt USCHA
Alexander Union Cemetery, Hebbardsville, Ohio

COURSEY, Thomas E. (c.1845-c.1866) Civil War
Stewart Cemetery, Stewart, Ohio

CROMWELL, Drury (1845-1892) Civil War
Pvt Co H 5th USCHA
West State Street Cemetery, Athens, Ohio

DAVISON, Eliza Brown (d. 1912) Civil War
Cook
West State Street Cemetery, Athens, Ohio

DIXON, Harrison (c.1835-1902) Civil War
Pvt Co G 5th USCI
West State Street Cemetery, Athens, Ohio

FREEMAN, David C. (1837-1912) Civil War
Pvt Co C 16th Regt USCI
Alexander-Union Cemetery, Hebbardsville, Ohio

GIBSON, William (1836-1911) Civil War
Pvt Co G, 5th Regt USCI
Bethel Wesleyan Church Cemetery, Plantsville, Ohio

GOINS, Horace (c.1836-1898) Civil War
Sgt Co K, 55th Massachusetts Inf
Broadwell Cemetery, Broadwell, Ohio

GOINS, Nimrod (c.1836-1916) Civil War
Pvt Co G, 5th USCI
West State Street Cemetery, Athens, Ohio

HARPER, William J. (1841-1925) Civil War
Pvt Co B, 5th Regt USCHA
Dew Cemetery, near Buchtel, Ohio

HEDGEPATH, Richard (1820-1896) Civil War
Pvt Co K, 27th Reg't USCI
Haga Cemetery, Rome Township, Athens County, Ohio

HOLLEY, Calvis (c.1834-1889) Civil War
Pvt Co B, 5th USCI
Fort Street Cemetery, Nelsonville, Ohio

JULIUS, Silas (c.1821-1892) Civil War
Pvt Co F, 16th Regt USCI

Nye Cemetery, Chauncey, Ohio (unmarked grave)

LACY, Lemuel (1835-1894) Civil War
 Pvt Co B 9th Regt USCHA and Co D 15th USCI
 Greenlawn Cemetery, Nelsonville, Ohio

LUCAS, Granville (1842-1901) Civil War
 Fireman, 2nd Class, USN
 Haga Cemetery, Rome Township, Athens County, Ohio

LUCAS, John Calvin (1844-1920) Civil War
 Pvt Co C and Co D, 18th Ohio Infantry
 Haga Cemetery, Rome Township, Athens County, Ohio

LUCAS, William (c.1843-1918) Civil War
 Pvt Co H, 27th USCI
 West State Street Cemetery, Athens, Ohio

MASH, James E. (c.1843-?) Civil War
 Pvt Co G, 5th USCI
 Tabler Cemetery, Tablertown, Ohio

NORMAN, Amos J. (1846-1911) Civil War
 Pvt Co G 5th USCI
 Haga Cemetery, Rome Township, Athens County, Ohio

NORMAN, Henry (1841-1890) Civil War
 Pvt Co G 5th USCI
 Fort Street Cemetery, Nelsonville, Ohio

NORMAN, Michael C. (1836-1919) Civil War
 Pvt
 Morgan Cemetery, Wheatland Twp, Mecosta County, Michigan

READUS, Timothy (c.1844-1922) Civil War
 Pvt Co A 111th USCI
 West Union Street Cemetery, Athens, Ohio

RICE, James (1833-1891) Civil War
 Sgt Co K 3rd USCC
 Fort Street Cemetery, Nelsonville, Ohio

SIMMS, Jarie (c.1821-1909) Civil War
 Pvt Co B 16th Regt USCI
 Simms Cemetery, Rome Township, Athens County, Ohio

TABLER, James E. (1843-1874) Civil War
 Pvt Co I 27th USCI
 Tabler Cemetery, Tablertown, Ohio

TABLER, Jesse (c.1836-1900) Civil War
 Pvt Co C 5th USCI
 Tabler Cemetery, Tablertown, Ohio

TABLER, John Jr. (c.1842-1921) Civil War
 Pvt Co I 27th USCI and Co I 23rd USCI
 Tabler Cemetery, Tablertown, Ohio

TABLER, Michael (c.1837-1896) Civil War
 Pvt Co C and Co G 18th Ohio Infantry
 Pine Hill Cemetery, Rome Township, Athens County, Ohio

TABLER, Thomas Jefferson (1848-1922)
 Pvt Co I 27th USCI
 Camp Delaware, OH
 Tabler Cemetery, Tablertown, Ohio

WALKER, Willis (1842-1905) Civil War
 Pvt Co B 5th USCI
 enl by Milton Holland June 22, 1863 at Athens, Ohio
 Greenlawn Cemetery, Nelsonville, Ohio

WHITFIELD, James L. (1836-1896) Civil War
 Cpl Co B 27th Regt USCI
 Tabler Cemetery, Tablertown, Ohio

WILEY, Jackson (1829-1897) Civil War
 Pvt Co B 16th Regt USCI
 Blake Cemetery, Alexander Township, Athens County, Ohio

WILKES, Payton (1833-1904) Civil War
 Pvt Co I 15th USCI & Co H 9th USCHA
 Hollister Cemetery, Hollister, Ohio

WOODSON, John (c.1834-?)
 Pvt 5th USCI

WOODSON, William (1832-1929) Civil War
 Pvt Co B 5th Regt USCI
 enl August 26, 1864
 disch 1865
 Rendville Cemetery, Rendville, Ohio

WORMLEY, Green (1835-1905) Civil War
 Pvt Co C 16th USCI
 Greenlawn Cemetery, Nelsonville, Ohio

World War I

BLAND, Harry (1891-1934) WWI
 Pvt Co C, 418th Service Battalion
 Glouster Cemetery, Glouster, Ohio

BROWN, Mack (1893-1920) WWI
 Pvt Co D, 418th Service Battalion
 Glouster Cemetery, Glouster, Ohio

COURSEY, Lawrence (1901-1942) Peacetime between WWI and WWII
 Medical Attendant, 3rd Class, U. S. Navy
 West State Street Cemetery, Athens, Ohio

DALTON, Ezra (1890-1958) WWI
 Pvt 158th Pion Inf Regt & Co A 802nd Pion Inf Regt
 Stewart Cemetery, Stewart, Ohio

GIBSON, Thomas E. (1894-1931) WWI
 Pvt Co A 802nd Pioneer Inf Regt
 Mt. Hermon Cemetery, Sharpsburg, Ohio

HAYES, Alexander J. (1891-1929) WWI
 Pfc 28th Construction Company, Air Service

West Union Street Cemetery, Athens, Ohio
HAYES, McKinley (1895-1929) WWI
Pvt Co E, 812th Pion Inf
West Union Street Cemetery, Athens, Ohio
HOLBERT, George. WWI
JEWETT, William (1896-1939) WWI
Pvt Co A, 6th Pion Inf
West Union Street Cemetery, Athens, Ohio
JOHNSON, Romeo A., M.D. (1884-1931) WWI
1st Lieut Amb Co #366, 317th Sanitary Train, 92nd Div
West Union Street Cemetery, Athens, Ohio
LEWIS, Earnest (1892-1955) WWI
Pvt Co E 372nd Inf Regt & Co D 372nd Inf Regt
Greenlawn Cemetery, Nelsonville, Ohio
NERO, Henry W. (1892-1929) WWI
Pfc, Co D 813th Pion Inf
West Union Street Cemetery, Athens, Ohio
NORTHCUTT, Albert (1896-1942) WWI
Pvt Co A, 505th Engineers
Greenlawn Cemetery, Nelsonville, Ohio
SMITH, Roy A. (1896-1932) WWI
Pvt 158th and 161st Depot Brigades
Hollister Cemetery, Hollister, Ohio
THOMAS, Harry (1888-1942) WWI
Cpl Co C 317th Engineers
Greenlawn Cemetery, Nelsonville, Ohio
TOPSAIL, James A. (1894-1936) WWI
Pvt 158th Depot Brigade & 6th Pion Inf
Greenlawn Cemetery, Nelsonville, Ohio
TUTOR, Clophie R. (1895-1923) WWI
Pvt 158th Depot Brigade & Co I 813th Pion Inf
Hollister Cemetery, Hollister, Ohio
VALENTINE, C. H.
[documents needed]

World War II

BELL, Charles (1919-2010) WWII
d. Mesa, Arizona, cremated
BELL, George (1922-2016) WWII
Evergreen Cemetery, Columbus, Ohio
BUTCHER, John Rex (1921-?)
Sgt
enl 1943
from Coolville, Ohio
BUTCHER, Robert Lewis (b. 1928-1994) WWII
enl December 6, 1945

disch December 29, 1946
 Haga Cemetery, Rome Township, Athens County, Ohio
 HOLBERT, Gale Gilbert (1922-1979) WWII
 Pvt
 enl 1942
 Sand Rock Cemetery, Stewart, Athens County, Ohio
 HOLBERT, Reginald (b. 1920-?) WWII
 KENNEDY, Hayward (1920-1953) WWII
 Pvt 1749th Engineer Regt
 Mt. Hermon Cemetery, Sharpsburg, Ohio
 MANN, Robert C. (1919-?) WWII
 Mus 2/c US Navy
 enl 1944
 from Nelsonville, Ohio
 MAYLE, William E. (1914-1944)
 Pfc
 enl 1943
 from Cutler, Ohio
 POLLEY, Thomas (1919-?) WWII
 Sgt
 enl 1941
 TABLER, Earnest "Bus" Edward (1920-1980) WWII
 Tec 5
 Tabler Cemetery, Tablertown, Ohio
 TOPSAIL, Franklin William. WWII
 TAYLOR, Johnny. WWII
 VINEY, Andrew Jackson Jr (1924-?) WWII
 Pvt
 enl 1943
 from Glouster, Ohio
 VINEY, Robert E. (1935-?) WWII
 Pvt
 enl 1946
 from Glouster, Ohio
 WALKER, Leslie Ray (1920-1994) WWII
 Mount Hermon, Athens County, Ohio
 WALKER, Sidney Delmar (1923-1990) WWII
 enl February 23, 1943
 disch October 24, 1945
 Chesterhill Cemetery, Morgan County, Ohio
 WILLIAMS, James Edward (1921-1974) WWII
 West State Street Cemetery, Athens, Ohio
 WILLIAMS, Milton Scott (1919-1971) WWII
 Dorie Miller Cemetery, Waco, Texas
 WILLIAMS, Robert B. (1917-1948) WWII
 rank and unit not known

West Union Street Cemetery, Athens, Ohio
WILLIAMS, William W. (1925-2008) WWII
WOODS, Henry. WWII
WOODS, Ralph Edward. WWII
WOODSON, Hope Austin (1906-1978) WWII
Pfc
enl March 24, 1944
disch September 17, 1945
Greenlawn Cemetery, Nelsonville, OH
WOODSON, Chapman (1909-1980) WWII
Tec 5
enl June 22, 1942
disch December 14, 1945
Greenlawn Cemetery, Nelsonville, Ohio

Korea and Vietnam

HOLBERT, Carl Edwin (1933-1952) Korea
Cpl
enl April 24, 1952
disch April 23, 1954
Riverside National Cemetery, Riverside, California
HOLBERT, James
LETHRIDGE, Huldah Delores Shoats (1929-1996) Korea
enl August 17, 1950
disch September 24, 1953
from Nelsonville, Ohio
LETHRIDGE, John E. (1930-1998) Korea
Cpl
Greenlawn Cemetery, Nelsonville, Ohio
LONG, John Anderson Jr. (1934-1997) Korea and Vietnam
Sgt Us Marine Corps
enl January 30, 1957
disch July 31, 1973
POLLEY, Richard Alan (1948-1968), Vietnam
Pvt Us Marine Corps
Greenlawn Cemetery, Nelsonville, Ohio
Polley Ball Field and Park in Nelsonville
POLLEY, William E (1916-2005), Korea
Msgt Us Air Force
School Lot Cemetery, Carpenter, Meigs County, Ohio
SAUNDERS, Ronald (1934-?), Korea
SINGER, Kenneth. Korea or WWII
SINGER, Roy. Korea or WWII
STRICKLAND, Blaine. Vietnam
buried in Columbus
STRICKLAND, Terry (Living) Vietnam

STRICKLAND, Frank (Living) Vietnam
WARNER, John. Korea and Vietnam
WOODSON, Jack Austin (b. 1937-living) Korea
 Air Force
 enl 1956
 disc 1960

THOMAS, Elijah. Currently serving

Soldiers and Sailors Arranged by Unit and Conflict

Servicemen marked with an asterisk * served in more than one unit or on more than one naval vessel.

CIVIL WAR

CAVALRY

3rd United States Colored Cavalry

Company K

Sgt. James Rice

HEAVY ARTILLERY

3rd Regiment United States Colored Heavy Artillery

Company C

Pvt. Calvin Cooper

5th Regiment United States Colored Heavy Artillery

Company B

Pvt. William J. Harper

Company H

Pvt. Drury Cromwell

9th Regiment United States Colored Heavy Artillery

Company B

Pvt. Lemuel Lacy*

Company H

Pvt. Payton Wilkes

INFANTRY

5th Regiment United States Colored Infantry

Company B

Pvt. Calvis Holley

Pvt. Willis Walker (*enlisted by Milton Holland*)

Company C

Pvt. Thomas Coursey

Pvt. Jesse Tabler

Company G

Pvt. Harrison Dixon

Pvt. William Gibson

Pvt. Nimrod Goins

Pvt. James Mash

Pvt. Amos J. Norman

Pvt. Henry Norman

15th Regiment United States Colored Infantry

Company D

Pvt. Lemuel Lacy*
 16th Regiment United States Colored Infantry
 Company B
 Pvt. Jerry Simms
 Pvt. Jackson Wiley
 Company C
 Pvt. David Freeman
 Pvt. Green Wormley
 Company F
 Pvt. Silas Julius
 18th Ohio Infantry
 Company C
 Pvt. John Calvin Lucas*
 Company D
 Pvt. John Calvin Lucas*
 23rd Regiment United States Colored Infantry
 Company I
 Pvt. John Tabler, Jr.*
 27th Regiment United States Colored Infantry
 Company B
 Cpl. James Whitfield
 Company C
 Pvt. William Lucas*
 Company D
 Pvt. William Lucas*
 Company H
 Pvt. Samuel Brunston
 Company I
 Pvt. James E. Tabler
 Pvt. John Tabler, Jr.*
 Company K
 Pvt. Richard Hedgepath
 55th Massachusetts Infantry
 Company K
 Sgt. Horace Goins
 111th United States Colored Infantry
 Company A
 Pvt. Timothy Readus

NAVY

Many Vessels on the Mississippi River and the Gulf Coast
 Fireman, 2nd Class Granville Lucas*

WORLD WAR I

AIR SERVICE

28th Construction Company
Pfc. Alexander J. Hayes

ARMY

6th Pioneer Infantry Regiment
Company ?
Pvt. James A. Topsail*
Company A
Pvt. William Jewett
Company I
Pvt. Clophia Tutor*
158th Depot Brigade
Pvt. Roy A. Smith*
Pvt. James A. Topsail*
Pvt. Clophia Tutor*
Pvt. Ezra Dalton*
161th Depot Brigade
Pvt. Roy A. Smith*
317th Engineer Regiment
Company C
Cpl. Harry Thomas
317th Sanitary Train
Ambulance Company #366
1st Lieut. Romeo Johnson
372nd Infantry Regiment
Company D
Pvt. Earnest Lewis*
Company E
Pvt. Earnest Lewis*
418th Service Battalion
Company C
Pvt. Harry Bland
Company D
Pvt. Mack Brown
505th Engineer Regiment
Company A
Pvt. Albert Northcutt
802nd Pioneer Infantry Regiment
Company A
Pvt. Ezra Dalton*

812th Pioneer Infantry Regiment
Company E
Pvt. McKinley Hayes
813th Pioneer Infantry Regiment
Company D
Pfc. Henry Nero

PEACETIME SERVICE

NAVY

Lawrence Coursey*

WORLD WAR II

ARMY

1749th Engineer Regiment
Pvt. Hayward Kennedy

Unit and rank not known
Robert B. Williams