

John P. Naus, Private, Co. H, 118 OH Infantry, U.S.

- 1841 October 6: Jonathan Peter Naus was born in Richland County, OH to Jacob and Nancy Pickering Naus. Jacob was a shoemaker.
- 1847 Jacob Naus removed his wife and children from Richland to Hardin County, Ohio. John was educated in Hardin county.
- 1850 August 24: The U.S. Federal Census enumerated in Jackson, Hardin County, OH showed nine-year-old John living with his parents and siblings. His father was a farmer.
- 1860 July 16: The U.S. Federal Census enumerated in Jackson, Hardin, OH showed eighteen-year-old John living with his parents and siblings. His father was listed as a farmer.
- 1862 August 21: Naus enlisted in the U.S. Army. He mustered into Co. H, 118th OH Infantry.

“Soon after the breaking out of the Civil war he volunteered, August 21, 1862, as a private in Company H, One Hundred and Eighteenth Ohio Volunteer Infantry, Colonel Samuel Mott commanding. This regiment was assigned to the Second Brigade, Second Division, Twenty-third Corps, Army of the Ohio. Mr. Naus participated with his regiment in many important engagements, among them: Paris (Kentucky), Kingston, Mossey Creek, Rocky Face Ridge, Resaca, Dallas, Kenesaw Mountain, siege of Atlanta, Waynesboro, Columbia, Spring Hill, Franklin, Fort Anderson, Town Creek, Wilmington, Kingston (NC), Goldsboro (NC) besides many minor engagements. On May 14, 1864 Mr Naus was wounded in the left thigh at the battle of Resaca, Georgia, and was prostrated by a shot at the battle of Nashville, Tennessee. He was detached on various duties at different times, and had many hazardous and narrow escapes. He was recognized as a brave man, who would not shirk in his duty, no matter where it might lead him. On June 6, 1865, he was honorably discharged on account of disability.”¹

December: A newspaper description of the camp of the 45th OH.

¹ Kohler, Minnie Ichler. A Twentieth Century History of Hardin County, Ohio: a Narrative Account of Its Historical Progress, Its People And Principal Interests.. Chicago: Lewis Pub. Co., 1910. Pg. 535-36

HEAD-QUARTERS 2D DIVISION, ARMY OF KY., }
LEXINGTON, KY., Nov. 26th, 1862. }

I next inspected the camp of the 45th Ohio Volunteer Infantry. I found the camp neat and tidy. No straw in the tents, and the kitchen arrangement in this regiment was excellent. The kettles and pans were well cared for, being clean and neat. Tents well ditched, and everything had the appearance of Regular Soldiers. The guard attentive and vigilant, the prisoners properly guarded, and not allowed to sleep in the tent, but made to remain by the guard fire instead, thereby making it a punishment to get into the hands of the guard.

I then visited the Hospital of this Regiment.— It was clean and neat, and in keeping with the whole regiment. I also found a Sutler to this regiment, but no contraband goods.

(Signed,) W. B. McLAUGHLIN,
Col. 1st Mass. Vols. Act. Inspector Gen.

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1864 November 30: Naus' regiment fought at the Battle of Franklin with Kimball's Division, Whitaker's Brigade. His regiment was not heavily engaged.

1865 June 6: Naus was mustered out of the U.S. Army at a military hospital in Troy, New York for disability from his wound.

*"At the close of the war Mr. Naus returned and took up farming again, and became a successful farmer. He is a public-spirited citizen and stands well with his neighbors and fellows. He belongs to Stanley Post, No. 283, Grand Army of the Republic, and both he and his wife are earnest members of the Baptist church at Forest."*³

1866 February 15: Naus married Mary A. Ketch in Hancock County, OH.

*"Mr Naus and his wife became the parents of children as follows: Alva T., William, Sarah A., Mary E., Cora M., Flora E., Martha B., Arnetta Z., Lillian D. and John A."*⁴

1868 June 15: Naus applied for and was granted a pension for his military service during the Civil War.

² Urbana Citizen and Gazette, Urbana, OH, Thursday, 11 Dec 1862, pg. 2 (accessed newspapers.com)

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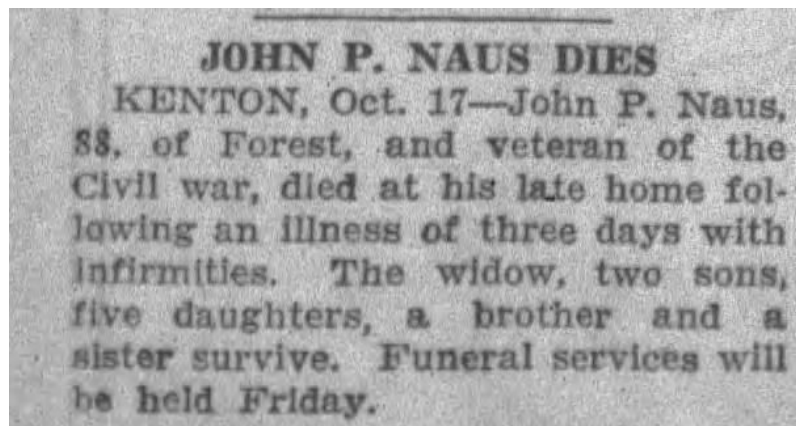
- 1870 June 16: The U.S. Federal Census enumerated in Jackson, Hardin County, OH showed John, a farmer, and Mary living with three children four and under!
- 1880 June 23: The U.S. Federal Census enumerated in Jackson, Hardin County, OH showed John, a farmer, and Mary living with seven children. John was listed as suffering from asthma.
- 1890 June: The Veterans Schedule of the U.S. Federal Census enumerated John P. Naus, as a veteran of Co. H, 118 Ohio Infantry. His service dates listed as 20 Aug 1862-6 Jun 1865.
- 1900 June 16: The U.S. Federal Census enumerated in Jackson, Hardin County, OH showed, John P, a farmer, and Mary living with two adult daughters: Flora and Lilly. Only seven of the couple's ten children were living.



John and Mary Naus

⁵ findagrave.com

- 1910 May 4: The U.S. Federal Census enumerated in Jackson, Hardin County, OH showed a retired John and Mary living with their daughter, Lillie and her husband.
- 1920 January 30: The U.S. Federal Census enumerated in Jackson, Hardin County, OH showed a retired John and Mary living with their daughter Lillie, who was now divorced.
- 1929 October 16: John Naus died. He was buried in Patterson Cemetery in Hardin County, OH.



JOHN P. NAUS DIES
KENTON, Oct. 17--John P. Naus, 88, of Forest, and veteran of the Civil war, died at his late home following an illness of three days with infirmities. The widow, two sons, five daughters, a brother and a sister survive. Funeral services will be held Friday.

⁶ The Lima Morning Star and Republican-Gazette, Lima, OH, Friday, 18 Oct 1929, pg. 10 (accessed newspapers.com)