

Revolutionary War Soldiers Buried in French Cemetery

George Shannon

Henry Grier



Information is available for each Patriot listed above. You may view it by scrolling down through the pages that follow. The Patriots appear in alphabetical order of last name then the first name.

While these specific pages cannot be used as actual proof of Revolutionary War service, it can be very helpful as a guide. The reference section for each Patriot contains all of the sources used to validate the information presented on this webpage and would be invaluable on a membership application for the Sons or Daughters of the American Revolution.

This cemetery is located in Warren Township, Belmont County off of State Route 147 north of Barnesville at the intersection with Township Road 184. It is located directly behind the Rock of Ages Monument Works.



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HENRY GRIER (Buried in Belmont County, Ohio)

BORN: ca 1750-55 Ireland (a) (b)

SON OF: unknown

DIED: August 1813 in Ohio

AGE: 58 – 63 (f)

BURIED: Old French Cemetery, Belmont County, Ohio (c) MARKER: Military

MARRIED: Yes

SERVICE IN REVOLUTION: (b) (e)

General: Pennsylvania Artillery

Specific: Enlisted at Carlisle, Pennsylvania April 2, 1779. He served in the Artillery as a Lieutenant under Captain Isaac Coren, and Lieutenant Godfrey. Issued land Bounty Land Warrant No.842, 1791for200 acres. He remained in the army until his death.

RESIDED: unknown

WIFE: Charity Ann Mansfield (a) (no other information available)

CHILDREN: (b) (d)

- 1) John married Sophia (maiden name unknown)
- 2) Thomas married Mary Ferrill
- 3) William married Jane Vance
- 4) Henry married Margaret Perego (Perrigo)
- 5) Catherine married Barnabus Clark
- 6) Elizabeth married John Brand
- 7) Anne married (unknown first name) Hyde
- 8) Margaret married John Grier

MORE OF HIS HISTORY: Took the Oath of Allegiance in York County, Pennsylvania in 1777. (b) Charter member of Cincinnatus from Pennsylvania. (b) His will, which was signed February 2, 1813, lists his beneficiaries as all of the above children except John, a daughter-in-law Sophia, two grand children, sons of John and wife Ann. (d)

REFERENCES:

(a) DAR, *Patriot Index Centennial Edition*, Part 2, page1233.

(b) Mabel Smith & Hilda Johnson, *The Official Roster of Soldiers of The American Revolution Buried In The State of Ohio*, Roster #3, page148.

(c) DAR, *Abstracts of Graves of Revolutionary Patriots*, Vol.2

(d) Will Book A. page76. - Belmont County, Ohio.

(e) *Pennsylvania Archives*, Fifth Series, Vol. ill, p.187, 1078. 82

(f) Calculated using birth and death dates.

GEORGE SHANNON (Lived, died and buried in Belmont County, Ohio)

BORN: 1759 in Ireland (a)

SON OF: unknown

DIED: January 18, 1803 in Belmont County, Ohio (a)

AGE: 44

BURIED: French Cemetery, Row 17, Grave 2, Warren Township, Belmont County, Ohio. (e)

MARKER: Original and military

MARRIED: 1783 in Bedford County, Pennsylvania (c)

SERVICE IN REVOLUTJON:

General: Pennsylvania Militia (b)

Specific: 1) Private. Captain James Young's Company 8th Battalion Cumberland County Pennsylvania Militia
Commanded by Colonel Abraham Smith. (b)

2) Private. Captain George Sharp's Company 3rd Battalion Washington County, Pennsylvania Militia (g)

3) Private. Captain Charles Bilderback's Company - Crawford's Expedition. (h)

RESIDED: (e) George Shannon was brought by his father from Ireland in about 1760. He was orphaned and reared by an Episcopal Clergyman of Wilmington, Delaware. Soon after his marriage he settled near Claysville, Washington County, Pennsylvania. In 1796 he moved to Ohio County, Virginia. In 1800 he moved to what is now Warren Township, Belmont County, Ohio.

WIFE: Jane Milligan (a) (c) (no other information available)

CHILDREN: (c)

1) George married Ruth Snowden Price

2) Thomas married Cassandra Anderson

3) John married Rachel Smith

4) Nancy married Morgan Gilliland

5) James married Susanna Shelby

6) David

7) Lavinia married Humphrey Andersen (died young)

8) Arthur

9) Wilson married (1) Elizabeth Ellis (2) Sarah Osborn

MORE OF HIS HISTORY: (f) (g) (b) George Shannon was 10 years old when, in 1760, his father, an Irish merchant, and his wife and son started for America. The wife and mother became sick and died during the voyage and were buried at sea. The father and son landed at their destination in Wilmington, Delaware. The elder Shannon made the acquaintance of an Episcopalian minister and in a very short time business demanded his return to Ireland. So leaving George with the clergyman he set sail for the Fatherland. After weeks of anxious waiting it was learned that the ship had been lost at sea with all on board. Young George remained with the minister, who accepted him as his own where he was schooled and grew to manhood. He was, however, possessed with the spirit of the times, had a constant longing for the great timbered west and soon pushed out into the wilds of Pennsylvania, stopping in Cumberland County. While there the Revolutionary War came on and he enlisted believing that colonies should have their independence. His company, that was commanded by Captain James Young, and he was in the siege of Yorktown.

In September 1781 we find George Shannon in the Washington County, Pennsylvania Militia in George Sharp's Company. On May 18, 1782 this company was ordered to rendezvous. Next we find George Shannon in Captain Charles Bilderback's Company in Colonel Crawford's ill-fated expedition.

The war having ended, he married Miss Jane Milligan a farmer's daughter of Bedford County. They, both being seasoned to the hardships of frontier life, pushed on further into the wilds and settled near Claysville, Pennsylvania. Here they lived 13 years and the family was increased by George Jr, Thomas, John Nancy James and David.

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GEORGE SHANNON continued

HIS HISTORY continued:

In 1796 George Shannon moved his family to within four miles of Wheeling in Ohio County's Virginia. Here two more children were born, Lavina and Arthur.

Still craving the wild of the forest he and his family crossed the Ohio River into Belmont County and remained a year on a farm just north of Barnesville on what is now Rt. 800. In the spring of 1801 he leased the Thomas Moore farm near Olivet, which had just been "entered" from the government. It was at this farm, on February 24, 1802 that Wilson Shannon was born, the first baby born in Warren Township and later to be Ohio's first native-born Governor.

One day, in late January 1803, when the baby Wilson Shannon was almost a year old, his father started out for a day's hunt. In the late afternoon a terrible snowstorm began to rage - a real blizzard. In trying to reach home he became bewildered and lost. Repeated attempts to light a fire with his flint, steel and powder proved of no avail. Tired out, disappointed and cold from a day's tramp through the forest he sat down against a large sugar tree and soon dropped to sleep, where the next day his lifeless body was found almost buried in the snow.

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- (a) DAR *Patriot Index Centennial Edition*, Part 3, page 2624.
- (b) Mrs. Orville Dailey, *The Official Roster of Soldiers of The American Revolution Buried In The State of Ohio*, Roster #1, page 328.
- (c) Mrs. Orville Dailey, *The Official Roster of Soldiers of The American Revolution Buried In The State of Ohio*, Roster #2, page 427.
- (d) DAR, *Lineage Books*, Vol. 51, page 37.
- (e) W.P.A. Location of Soldier's graves -Belmont County, Ohio.
- (f) De Barnesville Enterprise, November 5, 1981
- (g) *Pennsylvania Archives* Sixth Series Volume II, pages 93, 106
- (h) *Pennsylvania Archives* Third Series Volume XXIII, page 708.