

Pension Application for William Serrine or Serrine or Serrien

R.9385 William died June 31, 1842. Wife Mary died May 28, 1839. They were married in 1783.

The State of Ohio

Ashtabula County SS.

On this 11th day of April 1834, personally appeared before me Luther Spelman one of the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas for said county William Serrine a resident of Wayne township in the County of Ashtabula and State aforesaid aged seventy three years and eight months who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed June 7th 1832—

That according to the records my parents gave me I was born in Westchester County State of New York July 25th A.D. 1760 and was drafted into the Army on the 4th day of July 1776 under Captain McCabe of the Militia of Phillipstown Dutchess County and stationed on Gallowshill below West Point, staid three months in the service at this time—

In the month of March 1777 he was again drafted under Captain Morgan of the militia, Col. Samuel Drake commanded the regiment and Gen. Stark was commander went to White Plains was also at the repairing a fort called Redout, was detained in the service at this time three months. In the forepart of August 1778, he was out again and had several skirmishes with the CowBoys at the Highlands under Capt. George Lane and Lieut. Cole of the militia here my fatigue was great it being a constant scout through the Fishkill mountains and through West Chester County in search of Cowboys and Horse thieves was out at this time two months and fifteen days. In July 1779 he was again drafted under Capt. William Case Captain of a Barge at West Point was sent frequently from place to place along the river and assisted to repair Fort Putnam was out at this time two months and eleven days.—

In 1780 he was drafted under Capt. George Lane was out at this time three months building barracks, making roads and scouting in various places about West Point, Fishkill, Peekskill &c &c.

In 1781 in February was drafted under Capt. Jonas Allen and Col. Drake, Armstrong was Lieutenant, was on fatigue building a road from the main land to Bun's Island where the magazine was kept, was on West Point at the time Cornwallis was taken was out this year nine months. He further states that he was always drafted and served as a private in the militia, that he never received a written discharge nor was it customary—That after the Revolutionary War he removed to 1806 into Ontario County New York, and in 1829 he removed from Ontario County New York to Ashtabula County Ohio, where he now resides.

He further states that he has no documentary evidences or living witnesses of his said services within his knowledge—He further states that Curtis P. Sheldon and Captain Phiny Case live in his present neighbourhood and are willing to testify to his character for veracity and their belief of his services as a soldier of the revolution—

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any state. He furthermore declares that he is unable to attend court on account of bodily infirmity. (Signed with his mark) William P. Serrine

Sworn and subscribed before me by making his mark the day and year above written. Luther Spelman, Judge of the Court of Common Pleas.

Letter dated August 31, 1933.

Reference is made to your letter in which you request the Revolutionary War record of William Serrine, or Serriene, pension claim, R.9385.

The record furnished herein is found in the papers on file in that pension claim, R.9385, based upon the service of William Serrine in the Revolutionary War.

William Surrine was born July 25, 1760, in Westchester County, New York; the names of his parents are not stated. He lived for forty-six years in Phillipstown, Dutchess County, New York, moved in 1806 to Ontario County in that state, and in 1829 moved from there to Ashtabula County, Ohio.

On April 11, 1834, while a resident of Wayne Township, Ashtabula County, Ohio, he applied for pension, and stated that he enlisted July 4, 1776 and served three months in Captain McCabe's New York company, that he enlisted in March, 1777, and served three months in Captain Morgan's company, Colonel Samuel Drake's New York regiment, that he enlisted early in August, 1778, served two months and fifteen days in Captain George Lane's New York company and was in several skirmishes, that he enlisted in July, 1779, and served two months and eleven days in Captain Case's company, that in 1780, he served three months in Captain George Lane's company, and that he enlisted in February, 1781, and served nine months under Captain Jonas Allen and Colonel Drake, and that all said services were rendered as a private, much of the time in the vicinity of West Point.

His claim for pension was not allowed as he failed to furnish proof of service as required by the pension law under which he applied.

William Surrine, the soldier, died June 30, 1842, in Gustavus Township, Trumbull County, Ohio.

The soldier married in the year 1783, Mary, whose maiden name is not stated; they resided in Phillipstown, Dutchess County, New York. Mary Surrine, the soldier's wife, died May 28, 1839.

In 1852, the names of the following children of William Surrine and his wife, Mary, are shown: Stephen Surrine, Mary Surrine, Eunice S. Temple, Thomas Surrine, James Surrine, and Isaac Surrine who was then a resident of Green Township, Trumbull County, Ohio.

In 1852, one Fanny Jane Surrine was in Trumbull County, Ohio, no relationship to the family stated.