

## Company E, 120<sup>th</sup> Ohio Volunteer Infantry

### **William Rittenhouse was the last of the 120th OVI soldiers to die.**

On 7 June 1938 there was a reunion at Wooster for the sons and daughters of the regiment at Wooster OH.

At that reunion there were only two surviving veterans. They were William Rittenhouse of Ashland and William Jemison of Moorhead, KY. William Jemison died 25 Feb 1939. William Rittenhouse died 6 May 1939. [Plain Dealer - Cleveland OH, Wednesday, 8 June 1938, page 14 reported the reunion.]



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RITTENHOUSE, William 23 Sept 1862  
Private Rittenhouse was age 18 when he entered service. He was transferred to Co. H, 114th OVI on 27 Nov 1864. Transferred to Co F, 48th OVI, 24 July 1865. Mustered out 14 Oct 1865.

Father: Mathias RITTENHOUSE

Mother: Katherine GUTWALTZ

Birth: 7 Dec 1843, Wayne Co. OH

Marriage: Similda A. SHISLER, 24 Aug 1871, Ashland Co OH [Similda: 1851 - 1925]

Death: 6 May 1939, Ashland Co OH

Cemetery: Trinity Cemetery, Ashland OH

Pension Index: William RITTENHOUSE, F 48th, H 114th, and E 120th OH Inf. Invalid filed 1890 Dec 9, Application 965798, Certificate 855842, filed in OH.

1850 Census, Plain Twp, Wayne Co OH, Dwelling 258, Family 271: Matthias RITTENHOUSE, age 45 PA, farmer; Catharine, age 45 PA; James, age 20 PA, farmer; Henry, age 16 OH, farmer; Mary, age 13 OH; Abraham, age 11 OH; Matthias, age 9 OH; William, age 7 OH; Reuben, age 6 months OH.

1860 Census, Plain Twp, Wayne County OH, page 273: Mathias RITTENHOUSE, age 55 PA, farmer; Catharine, age 54 PA; Abraham, age 21 OH; Mathias, age 18 OH; William, age 16 OH; Reuben, age 10 OH, Barbary ALLEMAN, age 50 OH, widow.

1870 Census, Chester Twp, Wayne Co OH, Dwelling 137, Family 136: Mathis WRITENHOUSE, age 55 PA, farmer; Catherine, age 64 PA; Wm, age 26 OH, works on farm; Reuben, age 20 OH, harness maker.

Ohio, County Marriages: William RITTENHOUSE married Similda A. SHISLER, 24 Aug 1871, Ashland Co OH.

1880 Census Perry, Ashland, OH, page 203: Wm RITTENHOUSE, age 36 OH, farmer, parents born PA; Similda, wife, age 28 OH, parents born PA; Benj. F MARTIN, other, age 11 OH, works on farm, father born VA, mother born OH; Alice, other, age 9 TN, servant, father born VA, mother born OH.

1900 Census, Perry Twp, Ashland County, OH, page 185: William RITTENHOUSE, age 56 OH, born Dec 1843, married 29 yrs, farmer, parents born PA; Samilda A, wife, age 49 OH, born Mar 1851, married 29 yrs, 0 children, parents born PA.

1910 Census, Perry Twp, Ashland County OH, page 253: William RITTENHOUSE, age 66 OH, first marriage, married 38 yrs, general farming, parents born PA; Similda A, wife, age 59 OH, first marriage, married 38 yrs, 0 children, father born NY, mother born PA. Also living there are Ray W SWAISGOOD, nephew, single, age 17 IL, farm laborer, father born OH, mother born IL; Mary G SWAISGOOD, neice, age 13 CO, father born OH, mother born IL. [Column 30 indicates UA for military service for William.]

1920 Census, Rowsburg, Perry Twp, Ashland County OH, page 227: William RITTENHOUSE, age 76 OH, retired farmer, parents born PA; Similda A, wife, age 68 OH, parents born PA; Ray W SWAISGOOD, hired man, age 27 NB, farm operator on general farm, father born OH, mother born IL.

[Find A Grave](#): William RITTENHOUSE born 7 Dec 1843, died 6 May 1939, buried Trinity Cem, Ashland County OH.

Ohio Online Death Certificate Index: William RITTENHOUSE died 6 May 1939 in Ashland County OH.

Death record in Ohio: File #28828, William RITTENHOUSE died 6 May 1939 at his residence 529 Vine St, Ashland, Ashland Co OH. Served in the Civil War. Widower of Samilda RITTENHOUSE. Retired farmer. Born 7 Dec 1843 in Wayne Co. OH. Father Mathias RITTENHOUSE, born Lancaster Co PA. Mother Katherine GUTWALTZ, born Lancaster Co PA. Burial Trinity Cemetery Informant, Ray SWAISGOOD.