

Wayne County Pioneer # 46

John Critchfield (1758-1851)

A biography written in 1896 called "The Critchfield Race" A. D. 1725 to 1896, page 5 states that John Critchfield was born in the state of Delaware in the year of 1758. He and his brother William were soldiers in the Revolution war. John was only 19 years old when he entered the service in 1777. Their first active service was the 11 of September 1777 in the battle of Brandywine. Next engagement was in the battle of Germantown 3 October 1777. He spent the winter at Valley Forge suffering in the hardships. He also was engaged in the "Storming Stony Point" on the Hudson River that took place on the 16 of July 1779 serving under Commander General Wayne. John Critchfield transferred to the south and served under General Morgan and fought in the battle of the "Cowpens in South Carolina 17 January 1781. He remained in the war till the end and was wounded in the battle of the Cowpens from which he drew a pension during his life.

He settled in Hopewell Township, Washington, Pennsylvania after the war and married Rachel Shrimplin about 1785. To this union were born 13 children: Lemuel, Asa, Enoch, John, Jesse, Resolve, Elsa, David, Lorenzo D. Nancy, Elizabeth, Rachel, and Sarah.

The parents and all the children moved to Ohio in about the year of 1819. John Critchfield lived to his 93rd year and died at his daughter home in Nashville, Holmes County, Ohio. Rachel died in 1847.

Early land entry of section 21 in Ripley Township now Holmes County is dated 31 May 1815. He is listed in 1819 Wayne County Quadrennial Census and 1820 Census of Washington Township, Wayne County, Ohio, (Now Holmes County)

John Critchfield was entered in the Wayne County Pioneers in 1995

John Critchfield (1758-1851) married Rachel Shrimplin
Lorenzo Dow Critchfield (1804-1877) married Julia Humbarger
Rachel Critchfield (1827-1916) married Jason Cornell
Lucius (Tom) Cornell (1859-1917) married Amanda Catherine Arnold
Daryl H. Cornell (1895-1984) married Eiffel Hitchcock
Mary L Hitchcock Frost