

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Lazarus Ryan VAS106

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[From [rejected pension records in the Library of Virginia](#)]

To His Excellency David Campbell, Governor of Virginia
Honorable Sir,

We, the heirs of Lazarus Ryan, a Sergeant in the war of the Revolution, beg leave to state to your Excellency, that their said father Lazarus Ryan served as a Sergeant in the Illinois Regiment during the war; as fully appears by Reference to the Report of Commissioner Smith, see Doc. No. 82 in the Journal of the House of Delegates during the session of 1833, 34. They humbly submit their claim to the consideration of your Excellency, being well assured that you will duly consider their case, and allow the claim for their father's services, who endured many and great [indecipherable word] during those "times that tried men's souls." As their late father failed to prosecute the claim for Bounty Land to which he was justly entitled and as the late laws of Virginia clearly provide for the right of his descendents, we pray your Excellency to extend to them the benefits which are clearly [indecipherable word] from the services of their father, and as in duty bound &c &c

S/ John Ryan
S/ Lazarus Ryan
S/ George Ryan

[From [Digital Library of Virginia](#)] Ohio County Legislative papers

To the Honorable the General Assembly of Virginia:

The petition of the undersigned respectfully represents that he served the state of Virginia for nearly four years under Capt. Sullivan in the 13th Regiment commanded by Colonels Gibson [John Gibson], Howard & Clark during the Revolutionary war: that he was honorably discharged, that he is now old, infirm & poor, and really and greatly in need of the assistance of his country: wherefore he humbly prays your honorable body to grant to him some relief in the form of a pension or otherwise and as in duty bound will ever pray

S/ Lazarus Ryan, X his mark

December 11th, 1827

[Reverse]

Petition of Lazarus Ryan

Praying Pension
December 17th 1827
Referred to Claims
1828 January 4th
Rejected
5. Reported

[Extract from a letter dated in 1827 from J L Edwards, the Commissioner of pensions:

Lazarus Ryan's claim was rejected several years since. The objection which was then made to granting a pension still exists. The law under which he claims provides for those only who served on the Continental establishment, and the Regiment in which he served, was a State Regiment – and never belonged to the Continental establishment. The declaration will remain in our files,¹ according to the regulations of this Department.

At a court held for Ohio County on the 8th day of November 1826
State of Virginia Ohio County Sct.

On this 8th day of November 1826 personally appeared in open court being a court of record for the said County of Ohio Lazarus Ryan aged about seventy-six or seventy-seven years, resident in the County of Ohio aforesaid, who being first duly sworn on his oath declare that he served in the revolutionary war as follows, that he enlisted about the year 1776 or 1777, into the company commanded by Capt. Cope Sullivan in the 13th Regiment of the Virginia line, commanded by Colonels Gibson, Hand and Clark, that he served for nearly 4 years in the said Regiment and was honorably discharged by Col. George R Clark [George Rogers Clark] about the year 1780, and that the certificate of his discharge has by time & accident been lost.

And I the said Lazarus Ryan do solemnly swear that I was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18th day of March 1818 and that I have not since that time by gift, sale or in any manner whatever disposed of my property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself within the provision of an act of Congress entitled “an act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the revolutionary war” passed on the 18th day of March 1818, and that I have not nor has any person in trust for me any property, or securities, contracts or debts due to me nor have I any income other than what is contained in the schedule hereto annexed and by me subscribed which said Schedule is in the words & figures following to wit, the Schedule of Lazarus Ryan a Soldier of the Revolution age 76 or 77 years made & subscribed the 8th day of November 1826

1 mare about 7 years old worth	\$25.00
1 Spring Colt	15.00
2 Milch Cows	15.00
5 Shoats & 4 pigs	20.00
7 head of Sheep	10.00
2 beds bedsteads & bedding, old	15.00
6 Kitchen Chairs old & in bad order	3.00
1 table	1.00
1 Iron Kittle	2.00

¹ Contrary to Edwards' statement, there is no record in the federal pension papers relating to Lazarus Ryan

1 Small Cooking pot	1.00
1 Skillet	1.00
1 Stew pot	1.00
1 Set of old knives & forkes	0.50
1 dozen dunghill fowls	<u>1.50</u>
	\$113.00

S/ Lazarus Ryan, X his mark

Also personally appeared in Open Court, Colonel Moses Shepherd, known to be a credible person, who being duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath declare that he has known the said Lazarus Ryan for 48 or 49 years, that he knows he served in the revolutionary war for some time, he thinks 3 or 4 years, and that he was reputed to be a good & faithful soldier, Also it was proved to the satisfaction of the court by the affidavit of Philip Hupp² aged 74, duly taken before Michael Cresap one of the Justices of the peace for the County of Ohio aforesaid, which said Philip has known the said Lazarus Ryan from his infancy, that he knows the said Lazarus Ryan served in the 13th Regiment of the Virginia line commanded by Colonels Gibson, Hand & Clark respectively nearly 4 years, and that he was honorably discharged from said Service about the year before the capture of Lord Cornwallis [Yorktown, October 19, 1781], that he the said Philip Served with said Lazarus during that period, and was discharged at the same time by Col. George R Clark. I William Chaplin Clerk of Ohio County court do hereby certify that the foregoing oath of Lazarus Ryan and the schedule hereto annexed & also the oath of Col. Moses Shepherd & the record directed by the court to be made as to the affidavit of Philip Hupp are duly copied from the records of the said court, and I do further certify that the said court is of opinion that the total amount in value of the property contained in the said Schedule is \$113.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand & affixed the seal of my office this 16th day of December 1827 & 52nd year of the Commonwealth

S/ Wm Chaplin, Clerk

² [Philip \(Phillip\) Hupp \(Hup\) W4239](#)