

## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Ryley (Riley) R8826 Jalila

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[f p. 8]

State of Kentucky Mercer County viz.: The deposition of Jalila Ryley taken for the purpose of obtaining a pension from the United States as the widow of John Ryley deceased a revolutionary Soldier & being first sworn she declares that she believes that she is now in the 86<sup>th</sup> year of her age that she was married to Mr. John Ryley in Fauquier County Virginia before the revolutionary war in January 1770 [last digit unclear] and had 2 or 3 children before the war commenced, and that she lived with said Ryley from the time of their marriage until his death in August 1820 and has remained a widow ever since his death & is now his widow. She recollects that sometime after the war commenced that her said Husband entered the Army and he employed one of my brothers to assist me at home, and he was gone for a considerable time but how long she cannot now recollect but it was upwards of two years but she knew that he faithfully discharged his duty & was regularly discharged that I am now very feeble & weak and have great need of a Pension from the Government, and I am now a resident of the County of Mercer & State of Kentucky & have been in this State upwards of thirty years and am unable to attend court in Harrodsburg at the courthouse.

S/ Jalila Ryley, X her mark

[f p. 8: the widow submitted what appears to be part of a discharge given to "John Ryley" of Fauquier County dated September 24, 1777 and signed by W. Edmonds Col. as follows:

John Ryley a Soldier  
of Fauquier County  
being sick has liberty  
to go with of them  
is now on their side

W. Edmonds Col.  
24<sup>th</sup> Sep<sup>r</sup> 1777

[f p. 9]

The deposition of Robt Humble [Robert Humble]<sup>1</sup> taken for the same purpose deposeth & saith

<sup>1</sup> Robert Humbel (Humble) FPA S13481

that he is now about eighty-two years of age & is a pensioner of the United States that in the year 1776 he enlisted in the 10th Pennsylvania Regiment for three years or during the war, That in the year 1777 while at Valley Forge he became acquainted with John Ryley who belonged to the Virginia line in the Regiment commanded by Colonel William Edmonds, That said Ryley was in the revolutionary war and was a faithful soldier, I was in the Army about six years and I knew the said Ryley well, as we both belonged to General Wayne's Brigade, and he was in the Army upwards of two years – I have often heard said Ryley tell about his wife & children at home during my acquaintance with him & I understood that his wife Mrs. Jalila Ryley now lives in my neighborhood & that she is very old & feeble and I have no doubt but she is the same that I have heard him speak of while in the Army – that I am unable to attend at the courthouse as I cannot ride.

S/ Robt Humble, X his mark

[f p. 18: Mary Brown, 66, gave testimony that she is the eldest child of John and Jalila Ryley; that her parents were married before the revolutionary war in Fauquier County VA; that her father died in 1820 [most of this affidavit is too faint to discern]; she signed it with her mark.]

[f p. 18: although very faint, it appears me that all the above documents were acknowledged in June (could be January) 1838 by William Sharp, JP]

[f p. 5: Affidavit dated March 23, 1852, executed in Doyle County Kentucky by Delitha Robinson in which she states she is the child of John and Jalilah Riley, deceased; that her father was a soldier in the revolution for 2 years; that her parents were married before the revolutionary war; that her mother died leaving Peggy Maddox and the declarant her only living children.. She signed her affidavit with her mark. On the front of this affidavit is a scrap of paper on which is written: "Thomas Robison was Born May the [illegible] Dalitha Riley was Born January 14<sup>th</sup> 1786."]

[f p. 2: Power of attorney dated July 30th, 1855 executed in Washington County Kentucky by Margaret Maddox, 78, saying that she is the child of Jalilah Riley, the widow of John Riley, deceased, a revolutionary war veteran; that she is the 4th child of her parents and was born January 29, 1778; that her sister Mary Braun was her parents oldest child and she was 8 years older than Margaret; that her mother died in February 20, 1849 leaving Delitha [?] Ralenson [?] and Margaret Maddox her only surviving children. She signed the power of attorney with her mark.]