

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of William Ryall R9118

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State of Tennessee County of Davidson

On this the 5th day of January 1839 personally appeared before me William Ryal [sic] a resident of the County of Davidson and State of Tennessee aged seventy-two years 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 he entered the service of the United States under the following officers, and served as herein stated. He entered the service in Kingston [sic, Kinston] North Carolina as a private and substituted for Daniel Ryal under Captain Weeks of Colonel Caswell's Regiment, marched from Kingston through South Carolina to Augusta in Georgia, marched from Augusta to Brier Creek, where a small conflict took place between the British and Colonel Perkins Regiment, from thence after crossing the Savannah River, and marching in different directions was discharged by Colonel Williams after having served nearly six months. This occurred in the year 1782. About twelve months or upwards, after being discharged, he entered the service at New Bern, North Carolina as a private under Captain James Williamson, and whilst under him was looking out for, and in pursuit of the Tories, who infested the country from 25 to 30 miles West of New Bern time of service on this expedition three months.

The declarant further states that he has no documentary evidence; and that he knows of no person, whose testimony he can procure, who can testify, to his service, and 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. The following all the answers to the interrogatories propounded to him.

Answer 1st That he was born in the state of Maryland in the year 1767 --

Answer 2nd That he has no record of his age --

Answer 3rd That when he entered the service he was a citizen of Craven County North Carolina, has lived in said State since the Revolution and now lives in Davidson County Tennessee --

Answer 4th He was a substitute for his brother Daniel Ryal the first period of his service -- and a substitute for his brother James Ryal the last period of service

Answer 5th General Ash [sic, John Ashe] and Bryan, and Major Blount were with the troops in which he served --

Answer 6th For the first tour of service nearly 6 months he received a discharge from Colonel Williams, which is lost, but for the last tour or period of three months he received no discharge the company being dispersed in different directions.

Answer 7th The names of persons to whom I would refer to testify to my character for veracity, and their belief of my having been a soldier of the Revolution are John Hannah, B F Hannah,

Benjamin Woodward, George Pegram, Roger Pegram, Henry Kellum and Leonard Burnett. The declarant further affirms that the whole period of his service was in the militia Corps, and that he was but 16 years of age when he entered the service: Alas that in consequence of his advanced age, bodily infirmities and consequent loss of memory, he is not able to state precisely all the events that occurred whilst he was in service, but the time he served is not less than what is stated the declaration.

Sworn to and subscribed before me the day and year aforesaid

S/ William Ryall

S/ Lewis Dunn, JP

[Henry Hutton, a clergyman, and Allen Thompson gave the standard supporting affidavit.]