

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of William Ryan R9123

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Declaration of William Ryan in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress of the 7th of June 1832.

State of Alabama,

County of Morgan: SS: County Court January Term 1834

On this the 28th day of January 1824 personally appeared in open Court (it being a court of record for the said County having power to fine and imprison and proceeding according to the course of the common law & at a regular term of said Court) William Ryan of the County and State aforesaid and residing therein aged Seventy nine years next April who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the act of Congress passed June 7th 1832.

That he was born on the 14th of March 1755 in the County of Amherst State of Virginia where he resided and continued until the month of April (he thinks on the 15th day) when a requisition of men was called for from the County of Amherst to guard the prisoners of War then in Albemarle County. He then went in that day under Captain John Barnett and in his Company to a place called the Barracks in Albemarle and continued in that service for six months and was dismissed on the 15th of October of that year and went immediately to the County of Greenbrier in the same State where he lived until the year 1781 when on the 1st day of August of that year he turned out as a volunteer under Captain John Galiway [John Galloway?] who commanded a company and immediately marched through the Counties of Botetourt, Rockbridge, Augusta, Albemarle to the City of Richmond and on to a place called Burrells [?] Mills where the company joined the main Army under Generals Washington & Lafayette and went to the siege of Little York at which place he was during the whole time of the Siege and at the surrender of Lord Cornwallis [October 19, 1781] and was discharged on the 12th day of November after having served during this tour three months and twelve days. That he belonged to the Regiment commanded by Colonel Lewis, the Lieutenant in the last service was Goodson. That he was in several engagements of minor import and at the celebrated victory at Yorktown. He knew many field and company officers but the lapse of time and his advanced age and bodily infirmities have almost obliterated their names from his memory. He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or an annuity except the present and he declares that his name is not on the pension Roll of any Agency of any state or territory whatever. And, in compliance with the regulations of the War Department he here answers the 7 interrogatories as prescribed to wit to the 1st he answers that he has stated in the foregoing declaration. 2nd he has no record of his age but the facts stated in the following declaration has been from information received from his parents and traditionary evidence. 3rd he has stated where he lived when called into service he has lived in the State of Virginia, North Carolina, Tennessee and lastly in Alabama where he now resides in

the County of Morgan – 4th. That his first tour was for a part of the time as a substitute for Mr. Stephen Johnson and for the balance of that term he was drafted, for his last term of service he was a volunteer. 5th. He can recollect among the officers in the Army General Green, General Washington, General Lee, General Lunenburg¹ and others the General circumstances of his service he has stated. 6th. In his first tour he received no discharge but in the last he received a written discharge from General Lunenburg which he has lost or destroyed from the lapse of time. 7th. To testify to his character for integrity and their belief as to his services he can refer to the Reverend Thomas Jones, James B Graham, Clerk of the Circuit Court, M. M. McKinzie, Clerk of the County Court & John T. Rather [?] member of the legislature from the County and a host of others. He also states that in each of the tours of service above set forth he was in a regular and lawful embodied Corps called into service by competent authority, that during his 1st tour he was in a garrison and the last either in the field marching or at the siege of York.

Sworn and subscribed in open Court the day and year 1st aforesaid

S/ M. M. MacKenzie, Clk

S/ William Ryan, X his mark Thomas

[Jones, a clergyman, and James B Graham gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

¹ This is probably a mistaken attempt to refer to General Peter Muhlenberg.