

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of George Ryan S36879

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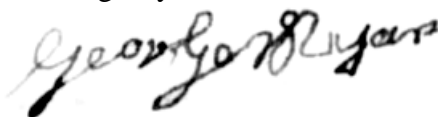
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State of Indiana Dearborn County: Sct.

Be it remembered that on the Fourth day of November 1819 then before me John Livingston one of the associate Judges of the Dearborn Circuit Court in the third Circuit of the State aforesaid – personally came John Ryan aged sixty-four years now resident in the County of Dearborn and State aforesaid and being by me first duly sworn in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress made for the relief of distressed soldiers and sailors of the revolution – on his solemn oath deposes and says that he enlisted sometime in the year 1776 – with a Captain Clarke [probably Jonathan Clarke] in a Regiment of Infantry commanded by Colonel Peter Muhlenberg being the 8th Virginia Regiment on the Continental establishment in the revolutionary war – in which service he continued near two years – he again enlisted in a company commanded by Captain Abraham Kirkpatrick in the Regiment and line above mentioned – and served three years under this last enlistment under the command of different colonels – he was finally discharged by Colonel Buford at Charlotte on the borders of South Carolina, which discharge he has lost – he was in the several battles of White Plains [October 28, 1776], Brandywine [September 11, 1777], Germantown [October 4, 1777], Monmouth [June 28, 1778] – and was finally taken prisoner at the Siege of Charlestown [Charleston, May 12th, 1780] in South Carolina – at which time Colonel John Neville commanded the Regiment or Battalion to which this deponent belonged – he served about 5 years engaged in the most active duties fighting against the common enemy he is now reduced by age and infirmities – so that he hath absolute need of the assistance of his country for support – and has at this time no other evidence of his said service.

S/ George Ryan



sworn and declared and subscribed before me the 4th day of November 1819

S/ John Livingston, A. J. D. C. C.

The State of Indiana, Switzerland County

Personally appeared before me Abner Clarkson, one of the associate judges of the Switzerland Circuit Court, George Ryan who after being duly sworn deposes and saith that further testimony of his having served five years in the Virginia line of the Continental establishment (to wit about two years in the 8th Virginia Regiment = afterwards in the 4th Virginia Regiment) will be found on the files in the office of the War Department, he the said George Ryan having furnished said testimony for the purpose of obtaining land – his patent was

recorded in the General Land office in Vol. 8, page 14 of patents of land granted to the Virginia line on Continental establishment – and was dated August 30, 1816, in his land warrant was numbered 6071, and that he has no further evidence to produce within his power, and further saith not.

S/ George Ryan, X his mark

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 30th day of October A.D. 1820

S/ Abner Clarkson

District of Indiana

The State of Indiana Jefferson County, SS

Be it remembered that on the 31st day of October A.D. 1820 personally appeared in Open Court in the Jefferson Circuit Court being a court of record having jurisdiction in and over all crimes and misdemeanors of whatsoever name or description the same may or shall be agreeably to an act of the Legislature of said State of Indiana passed and approved December 24 1816, entitled an act organizing Circuit Courts &c George Ryan aged sixty-four years residing in the County of Ripley district aforesaid, who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath declare that he served in the revolutionary war on the Continental establishment about five years, to wit, that he enlisted in the year 1776 with Captain Jonathan Clark of the 8th Virginia Regiment commanded by Colonel Peter Muhlenberg, and served about two years, again he enlisted under John Steed for three years or during the war & was then attached to the [Company] Commanded by Captain Abraham Kirkpatrick of the same Regiment after Captain Abraham Kirkpatrick was promoted to a major he served under Captain James Curry and served out his time and that he was finally discharged by Colonel Bluford [Abraham Buford] at Charlotte on the borders of South Carolina which discharge he has lost, he the said George Ryan further solemnly swears that he was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18th day of March 1818 and that he has not since that time by gift, sale or in any manner whatever disposed of his property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring himself 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 he has not nor has any person in trust for me any property, or securities, contracts or debts due to him nor has he any income other than what is contained in the following schedule to wit. One mare which ran away last February and has not since been heard of, one horse about four years old of the value of \$40, one cow, one calf & 2 steers all of the value of \$32, 13 head of young hogs of the value of \$10, one 5 gallon iron kettle, two 10 gallon Iron kettles, one Dutch oven, & one pot, one sad Iron all of the value of \$12, one set of knives & forks 6 pewter plates, 5 iron spoons, 1 Walnut table, 6 split bottom chairs, 1 Walnut chest all of the value of \$20, one plow 2 hoes & 2 axes of the value of \$14.

That he is a farmer by occupation & has five persons in his family to with his wife aged 52 years who is a cripple caused by a cancer, one son aged 18, the other son aged about 14 years, one daughter aged 16 years also one daughter a widow with one child, he further solemnly swears that he is totally unable to support himself or make a living without private or public Charity & further saith not.

S/ George Ryan, X his mark

[Facts shown in file: Veteran died March 10, 1831; place not shown; there is no other family data in this file in addition to that stated by the veteran in his application. In 1825, the veteran applied

for a new pension certificate stating that he then resided in Switzerland County Indiana.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$8 per month commencing November 4, 1819, for service as a private for 5 years in the Virginia Continental line.]

[From [bounty land records in the Library of Virginia](#)]

Winchester barracks 20th of March 1783 certify that George Ryan enlisted in the [illegible] Virginia Regiment in the spring of 1776 reenlisted for 3 years in December 1777 and was discharged 7th of December 1780 he was paid up to the 1st of December 1779 at Trenton New Jersey and I do not know that he ever received any afterwards.

S/ A Kirkpatrick

A Copy [indecipherable]

S/ J. Pendleton, ?

[In the file relating to Elephalet Sallard, the following appears]

Elephalet Sallard	private
Peter Haley	do
Vincent Owen	do
John Connor	do
George Ryan	do

Rec'd of Thos. Meriwether Certificates for the above ment'd [mentioned] Persons Land Warrants
December 9th 1783 B^m Bird

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