

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Harris Ryan S38347

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State of Kentucky Rhea County: County Court February Session 1834

On the 4th day of February 1834 personally appeared in open Court before the Worshipful Justices of the Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions for the said County being a Court of Record now sitting Harris Ryan a resident of Rhea County and State of Tennessee aged seventy 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 1834 [sic, June 7th, 1832].

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named Officers and served as herein after stated – That he entered the Service of the United States being drafted he thinks in the foul [fall] of the year 1779 in Amherst County in the State of Virginia for six months and a Company of foot his Officers were Captain John Morrison Colonel John Pope and Lieutenant Samuel Yours [?]¹ rendezvoused at Amherst Courthouse marched from there to the lower end of Abaville [?]² County Virginia then a volunteer Company was proposed to be made up for the purpose of Joining General Lawson's Army Declarant volunteered in said company and marched with said company joined said Army his officers in the volunteer Company was Captain Morrison and Lieutenant Thomas Ewers. Joined the main Army of General Lawson at Petersburg Virginia was in a skirmish against the British near Petersburg remained at Petersburg until the term for which he was drafted had expired when he was regularly dismissed by his Captain but got no written discharge after having served six months. He states that he was acquainted with Captain Jones and Colonel Samuel Cable [Samuel Cabell?] Major Benjamin Toliver [perhaps Benjamin Taliaferro] of the regular line. He has never seen a record of his age but from the best information he has on the subject he was born on the 4th day of November 1764 in Amherst County Virginia where he resided until after the revolutionary war – moved to Wilkes County Georgia then to Campbell County Tennessee then moved to Rhea County Tennessee where he now resides and has resided for the last nine months. He has no documentary evidence nor knows of any person by whom he can prove his services except Edward Demasters whose certificate is annexed. He is acquainted in his present neighborhood with Charles Ryan ___ who can testify as to his character for veracity and their belief of his

¹ Yours

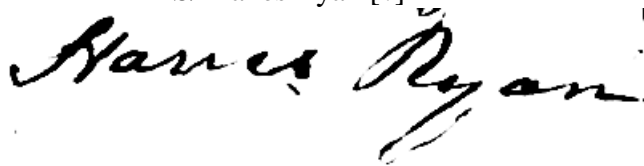
² Abaville

services as a soldier of the revolution. He also states there is no clergyman with whom he is acquainted in his neighborhood that is acquainted well enough with him to certify for him.

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.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

S/ Hanes Ryan [?]



[Charles Ryan gave the standard supporting affidavit.



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Virginia in Amherst County to wit

This day personally appeared before me a Justice of the peace for the County aforesaid Edward Demasters³ aged 71 years, who made oath that he is a soldier of the War of the Revolution, and that during the said War, a certain John Morrison raised a volunteer company for 3 months service, that this company was raised in the County of Amherst, commanded by the said Morrison as Captain & Lieutenant Thomas Ewers, that he the affiant was one of the said company, and he recollects that a certain Harriss Ryan was also a private soldier in said company that he has no recollection, how long the said Ryan served, because he the affiant enlisted into the Regular Army before the time for which he engaged in the volunteer company had expired, that he recollects that the first named company marched to Petersburg Virginia, and he recollects to have heard that the said Ryan became sick and was [indecipherable word]⁴ home to the County of Amherst in a wagon – given under my hand this 2nd day of November 1833.

S/ David S. Garland [JP]

State of Kentucky McCracken County: Sct.

On the 11th day of August 1843 before me the Subscriber a Justice of the peace for the said County of McCracken personally appeared Harris Ryan who on his oath declares that he is the same person who formerly belonged to the company commanded by Captain John Morrison in the Regiment commanded by Colonel Samuel Cable in the service of the United States – That his name was placed on the pension Roll of the State of Tennessee from whence he has lately removed: that he now resides in the State of Kentucky & County of McCracken aforesaid where he intends to remain, and wishes his pension to be made payable in future. The following are his reasons for removing from Tennessee to Kentucky as aforesaid – his wife was dead, his youngest daughter Unity married George Brunnett [George Brummet?], and he lived with them & had no other home – Said Brunnett removed as aforesaid and settled in said County of McCracken & he has a part of his family and as the only chance for a home removed with him –

³ Edward De Masters FPA W2651

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