

[Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters](#)

Pension application of Richard Ryan S4175

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State of Indiana Lawrence County: Lawrence County Circuit Court September Term 1833

On this the 21st day of September 1833 personally appeared in open court, before the Honorable John F. Ross president Judge of the 2nd Judicial Circuit in and for said State, and the Honorable Joseph Athon, and the Honorable Pleasant Paggitt, Associate Judges in and for the County aforesaid Richard Ryan resident of said County aged seventy-seven years of age on the 3rd day of this instant, who being first duly sworn according to law makes oath -- doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefits of the provisions made by the act of Congress of the 7th of June 1832.

That he enlisted in the service of the United States in the war of the Revolution in the year 1777 at Middleton's in South Carolina, but (he cannot state in what month, or on what day he did enlist but from the best of his recollection he believes it to have been in the spring of said year) in the company commanded by Captain Joseph Duncan for the term of 2 years -- and continued in the service the full period of 2 years until discharged; Colonel John Stewart was the first Colonel and Elijah Clark [sic, Elijah Clarke] was the 2nd Colonel of said Regiment -- General Elbert was the General. Captain Duncan was afterwards killed in a private affray or quarrel, and was succeeded as Captain of our company by Lieutenant Middleton. I was acquainted with Captains Dukes, Burke, and Bauldwin [sic] of the same Regiment. During the 2 years I was then in the service I was in several skirmishes with the Indians and twice or 3 times in the Indian Nation after the Indians, -- was in the Florida Expedition, and stopped by that sickness of the Troops at the St. Mary's River, we came back to Augusta in Georgia and were discharged, as our time of 2 years had expired. I did not receive any written discharge for I was sick, and Colonel Clark our officer told her [sic, him?] to go home and I should be discharged -- We had marched to the State of Georgia, then to the Indian Nation, St. Mary's and back to Augusta where the declarant was discharged as herein stated --

This declarant further states that he was born in Orange County in the State of North Carolina on the 3rd day of September 1756 as he has always been told, and believes, and from a record in his father's family Bible, which he often saw, a copy of which he recorded in his own Bible and which is now at his son Richard's in this County as his father's old family Bible was kept by his brother Peter. At the time when he enlisted he resided in Columbia County in the State of Georgia, he went over to Columbia, and found Captain Duncan whom he knew, at Middleton's and by Captain Duncan's persuasions he willingly and voluntarily enlisted under him for the Term of 2 years: After the 2 years had expired, he served whenever called on, several times say 12 or 20 times, for one week, 2 weeks, 6 weeks or more, was 6 weeks gone at the siege of Savannah -- General McIntosh & Lafayette were our commanders there -- Pulaski with his

Light horse and 9,000 French & 11,000 Americans as was said --

He herewith transmits 2 affidavits which he went and I obtained in the year 1827 when he had an idea of applying for a pension, but then gave it up -- the affidavit of William Brady<sup>1</sup> is dated Boone County Kentucky November 22nd 1827, Brady served in the same Regiment under Captain David Baldwin and has drawn a pension at least for 6 or 7 years past -- this deponent has known him from early childhood -- and also Alex Moore's affidavit dated at Wayne County Indiana 22nd day of November 1827 whose affidavit is also taken: and transmitted who was a near neighbor to him in Georgia during the war and knew when he came home and went back -- etc. -- This declarant further states that he lived since the Revolutionary War in the State of Georgia till 1808, he then moved to the State of Ohio where he resided till about 5 years ago, when he removed to Tippecanoe County in this State, where he lived till June 1832 at which time he removed to the place of his present residence in Lawrence County.

That he has no record evidence of his services nor can he prove his services by any living testimony of which he has any knowledge other than the affidavits herein referred to his own declaration and the certificate of Levi Mitchell, a clergyman, and of Richard Ryan Junior his son, and of \_\_\_persons to whom he is known in his neighborhood which he prays may be made a part of this his declaration.

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 or Territory as a pensioner.

S/ Richard Ryan

[Levi Mitchell, a clergyman, Richard Ryan, Junior and James Ritchey gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

#### Interrogatories

Question 1<sup>st</sup> Where and in what year were you born?

Answer: I was born in Orange County North Carolina in the 3rd year of September 1756

2<sup>nd</sup> Have you any record of your age and if so where is it?

Answer: I have a record of my age in a Bible at my son Richard Ryan's in this County, which I took from my father's family Bible.

3<sup>rd</sup> Where were you living when called into service: where have you lived since the Revolutionary War and where do you now live?

Answer: When called into service I lived in Columbia County in the State of Georgia, since the revolutionary war I have lived in the State of Georgia till the year 1808. I then moved to Preble County in the State of Ohio where I live until the year 1828, at which period I moved to Tippecanoe County in this State, where I lived until June 1832 at which time moved to this County where I now live.

4<sup>th</sup> How were you called into service; were you drafted; did you volunteer or were you a substitute, and if in substitute, for whom?

Answer: I was called into service by enlistment for 2 years and served as an enlisted soldier for 2 years -- after which I always kept myself in readiness and frequently went out on small tours -- as a volunteer some times would be gone one week, 2 weeks, 6 weeks and so on

5<sup>th</sup> State the names of some of the regular officers who were with the troops when you served, such Continental and militia regiments as you can recollect and the general circumstances of your service.

Answer: I knew Captains Joseph Duncan, David Baldwin, John Burke, Henry Dukes, and

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<sup>1</sup> FPA S34671

Colonels John Stewart and Colonel Elijah Clarke of the regulars and who were stationed with the troops, with whom I served. I also remember to have seen at the Siege of Savannah General Lafayette, General McIntosh and Pulaski and often saw Pulaski Parade his troop of horse. I do not remember the names of any militia or Continental regiments, and the General circumstances of my services was in the regular forces.

6<sup>th</sup> Did you ever receive a discharge from the service, and if so, by whom was it given and what has become of it?

Answer -- I never handed a written discharge and the reason was because I was sick when I left the Army, and General Clarke told me, that my time was out that I might go home and that I should be discharged.

7<sup>th</sup> State the names of persons to whom you are known in your present neighborhood and who can testify as to your character for veracity and their belief in your services as a soldier in the revolution.

Answer -- having lived not long in my present neighborhood, my acquaintance is not very extensive but I am acquainted with the Reverend Levi Mitchell and my son Richard Ryan Junior and James Ritchey to whom I am known and who can testify as to my character for truth and veracity and their belief of my services as a soldier of the Revolution.

[fn p. 9: on January 10, 1837 the veteran filed in Williamson County Tennessee for the transfer of his pension application to that jurisdiction. He offered the following as his reason for moving: "The following are his reasons for removing from Indiana to Tennessee, viz.: affiant has long since lost his wife, and has no family: he has therefore been living with his son -- that his son determined to remove to the State of Tennessee, affiant was necessarily compelled to come along with his son."]

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Commonwealth of Kentucky Boone County Sct.

Personally came before me a Justice of the peace in and for the County aforesaid William Brady aged 67 years and made oath that Richard Ryan now of the State of Ohio Preble County, who is now present, enlisted in Joseph Duncan's Company of Infantry in South Carolina in the year 1777, and continued 2 years under the command of Colonels Stuard [sic], and McIntosh and under General Elbert in the Florida expedition with the said Brady, and was together at the Siege of Savannah and Boyd's defeat at Kettle Creek [sic, Kettle Creek], and after his discharge continued Generally in the defense of his Country both, in Georgia and South Carolina whenever there was a call for service of that kind until near the Close of the war. This deponent says he is well acquainted with said Ryan and knows that the individual now present is the same that he enlisted and served as above stated.

Given under my hand this 22nd day of November 1827

S/ Moses Scott, JPBC

State of Indiana Wayne County

Personally appeared before me a Justice of the peace for the County aforesaid Alexander Moore aged 67 years and made affirmation that Richard Ryan now of the State of Ohio Preble County who is now present enlisted in Joseph Duncan's Company of infantry in South Carolina in the year 1777 or thereabouts and continued 2 years under the command of Colonels Stewart and McIntosh and under General Elbert in the Florida expedition and that he was at the Siege of

Savannah and after his discharge continued generally in the defense of his Country both in Georgia and South Carolina whenever there was a call for service of that time until near the close of the war -- this deponent says he is well acquainted with said Ryan and knows the individual now present is the same that enlisted and served as above stated.

Certified to and subscribed before me this 27th day of November 1827

S/ Alex Moore

S/ Wm Brown, JP