

## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Ryan S42233

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State of Pennsylvania Lycoming County SS

On this twenty second day of May in the year of our Lord 1818 before me the subscriber one of the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas in and for said County personally appears John Ryan aged sixty-six years resident in Lycoming County aforesaid who being by me first duly sworn according to law, doth on his Solemn Oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the provision made by the late 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." That he the said John Ryan enlisted in the year 1776 in the United States Army for three years, and continued therein until the year 1781 (and got my discharge from General Wayne at Trenton) when I enlisted I was put under Captain Matthew Smith in the first Pennsylvania Regiment commanded by Colonel Hand. I was at White Plains [October 28, 1776] in a Battle seen several killed & wounded in the fall of 1776. I got wounded in a skirmish at Miles Square New York and sent to the hospital, got well and in the spring of 1777, a Band of Rifle men was made I was put into it under Captain Carr in Colonel Morgan's [Daniel Morgan's] Regmt [sic, Regiment?]<sup>1</sup> in the course of five weeks we had better than 30 Skirmishes with the Enemy, then orders to march we met our enemy Commanded by Burgoyne where we attacked them at Baymoss Heights [Bemis Heights October 7, 1777], we had two battles with them and the [they] retreated to Saratoga, the [there] he Surrendered to General Gates [Horatio Gates], where he returned to General Washington's Army & had a Battle at Edgehill [Battle of Edge Hill for battle of White Marsh, December 5-8, 1777], there our Major Morris [Joseph Morris of New Jersey] of our Regiment got mortally wounded & died in three days, then nothing memorable until we came to the Battle of Monmouth [June 28, 1778] New Jersey General Washington gave the General Orders General Lee was there & Command [commanded] in the early part of the day we drove the enemy who retreated to Middleton Heights, nearly and under cover of their shipping, our rifle Regiment still kept skirmishing and annoying the enemy, while lying there until the [they] took to their shipping and embarked at Sandy Hook – the Regiment then got divided Two Companies was sent up to Schoharie, N. W. of Albany, Captain Par [James Parr] and Captain Long I was then under Captain Par, we had several scrimmages with the Indians we went and Burnt two Indian towns, Unandilla & Osquaga on the North branch of the Susquehanna [River], I was at the Battle of the Tiaga called Newtown New York where General Sullivan commanded no other memorables I recollect, but referes [refers] you to the enclosed Certificate of the Auditor General

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<sup>1</sup> *Regiment*

of the State of Pennsylvania – and that he and [is] poor and in reduced circumstances in life, and stands in need of assistance of his country for support, and that he has no other evidence now in his power at this time of his said Services.

Sworn and Subscribed this 22nd day of May 1818 before me  
S/ Wm Hepburn

S/ John Ryan



District of Pennsylvania

On this fifth day of September 1820 personally appeared in open Court of Common Pleas held in the Williams port for the County of Lycoming being a Court of Record proceeding according to the course of Common Law with a Jurisdiction Unlimited in point of amount and keeping a record of proceedings John Ryan aged between 64 & 68 years resident in Lycoming County in said District who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the provision made by the acts of Congress of the 18th of March 1818 and the 1st of May 1820. That he served in the Revolutionary War in the Company commanded by Captain Michael Simpson in the Regiment commanded first by Colonel Hand & last by Colonel Chambers in the line of the State of Pennsylvania and has obtained a pension under the act of the 18th March 1818, his Certificate being Numbered 7673 dated 15 March 1818 to commence 22nd May 1818.

And I do solemnly swear that I was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of March 1818 and that I have not since that time by gift, sale or in any manner whatever disposed of my property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself 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 18<sup>th</sup> day of March 1818, and that I have not nor has any person in trust for me any property, or securities, contracts or debts due to me nor have I any income other than what is contained in the schedule hereto annexed and by me subscribed.

Sworn and subscribed this 5th day of September A.D. 1820 in Open Court  
S/ Thos. Hays, Protty

S/ John Ryan

Schedule of Property

I have designed necessary clothing and bedding

1 beef tub 2 old Salt Barrels 1 Senal [?] Pot	\$1.40
1 Iron skillet, 1 tin Bucket, 1 do wooden	1.15
1 qt Decanter, 1 do Black bottle one old tin Coffepot	.70
1 old Bray wack [?] & 1 Chest	<u>5.50</u>
	\$8.75

I have a pension from the State of Pennsylvania of \$40 a year and the following debts are due to me and Recoverable

Viz. Vendue Motes amounting to	\$140.12 ½
1 Note of hand \$2.75 to 1 Debt of \$1.12	3.87 ½
1 Debt of	<u>5.25</u>
	\$149.24 ½

I am indebted in the following Sums

[Long list of debts totaling \$279.19 ½]

I have no trade or no occupation nor am I able to obtain a living by labor. I pay \$4 a year rent for a room for myself and my daughter a young woman unmarried who is the only one of my family that resides with me and takes care of me.

Sworn to & subscribed in open Court the 5th day of September A.D. 1820

S/ Thos. Hays, Proty

S/ John Ryan

[f p. 3: On January 25, 1827, the veteran applied for a transfer of his pension benefit to the New York agency saying that he has moved to New York because all his children now reside in that state and he wishes to live near them. The application was filed in Orleans County New York.]

[Facts in file: Veteran died June 30, 1836, place not shown.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$8 per month commencing May 22, 1818, for service as a private for 5 years in the Pennsylvania Continental line.]