

## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Phillip Ryan S7438

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Virginia:

At a Court of Monthly Session, held for Nelson County, at the Courthouse, on the 22nd day of October 1832. –

State of Virginia,

County of Nelson: SS

On this 22nd day of October 1832, personally appeared in open Court, before the Justices of Nelson County, now sitting, Phillip Ryan, a resident of the said County, and State of Virginia, aged seventy-six years in the month of December next, 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 1832 – That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers, and served as herein stated – That he was drafted into the service from the County of Amherst, to go to the Barracks in the County of Albemarle to guard some prisoners – that the day and year he cannot recollect, but remembers that he marched thither under the command of the following company officers viz.: William Harris was Captain and John Martin Lieutenant. – That the company to which he was attached was detailed for a three months tour, but that he did not remain but one month, owing to the fact that he was attacked with white swellings on many parts of his limbs, which disabled him from service at that time, and it was supposed that he was permanently disabled, and was discharged the service. That he returned to his house in the County of Amherst, and was cured of his disease of the limbs, and was again drafted to serve a tour at the same barracks in the County of our moral, that he cannot remember the officers names with whom he marched and served this tour. He only remembers that he was detained 2 months on this duty, when he was discharged. That sometime after this he was again drafted into the service as a private soldier, and marched from the County of Amherst, under the command of Captain Richard Ballenger to the City of Richmond, where they were stationed for a time, when they were marched to a place called Hood's Ford on James River, where they were discharged the service. That this latter tour was of six months duration, and that he obtained from his commanding officer written discharges for all his tours, but in the great lapse of time they have all been lost, and that he now has no documentary evidence to support his claim for said services, nor does he know a single living witness by whom he can prove them, although he has made diligent inquiry for some of the many who were with 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.

Interrogatories propounded by the Court with the answers of the applicant.

Question. Where and in what year were you born? Answer. I believe I was born in the year 1756, in the County of Amherst.

2nd Question. Have you any record of your age, and if so, where is it?

Answer. I have no record of my age. I have kept my age by the day that my father told me I was twenty-one years of age.

3rd Question. 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 the service I lived in Amherst County Virginia where I have continued to live since and where I now live, but Amherst County having been divided in 1807, 1808 or 1809, that part of it where I was born and have since lived is called Nelson County.

4th Question. How were you called into service?

Answer. I was drafted in every instance out of my division.

5th Question. State the names of some of the Regular Officers who were with the troops where you served, such Continental and Militia Regiments as you can recollect, and the general circumstances of your service.

Answer. I have already done this in my declaration as fully as I am able from the great lapse of time, and refer to the declaration.

6th Question. 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 think I received a discharge from every tour of duty which I served from the Captain of my Company, but they had been lost.

7th Question. 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 good behavior, and your service as a soldier of the Revolution.

Answer. I am known to Henry Campbell and William Campbell.

Sworn and subscribed the day and year aforesaid

S/ Phillip Ryan<sup>1</sup>

[Henry Campbell and William Campbell residents of Nelson County Virginia, gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$30 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for 9 months in the Virginia militia.]

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<sup>1</sup> The handwriting of the signature is identical to the body of the document. Therefore, I do not believe that it is the actual signature of the veteran.