

State of Maryland

Baltimore County To Wit

On this fourth day of December in the year of our Lord Eighteen hundred and forty four Before the subscriber one of the justices of the Peace of the State of Maryland in and for the said county – Personally appeared James Bailey [W9342], a resident of the said county now a pensioner of the United States, on account of Revolutionary Services who made Oath on the Holy Evangely of Almighty God, that he was personally acquainted with James Ryan, an Enlisted Soldier of Captain Hambeltons Company of the fifth Maryland, Regiment, under the command of Colonel [Benjamin] Ford before the said Ryan entered And during his Revolutionary services and afterwards this deponent declares that his reasons for recollecting the said James Ryan more particularly is from the fact of living neighbours with him and now his widow Ellenor Harper in Baltimore County aforesaid before the said Ryan and himself went in to the Revolutionary service during which time deponent and said James Ryan belonged to the said Regiment and served under the command of Colonel Ford up to the Spring of the year 1781 at which time this deponent left the army leaving the said James Ryan in service And this deponent further declares that the said James Ryan fought in the battle of Camden which occurred in the year 1780 when the said Ryan was made prisoner by the British some short time after which the said Ryan with others returned to his company and continued in active service up to the time aforesaid after which time this deponent had not seen the said Ryan untill some short time before the battle of York Town in the State of Virginia [siege of Yorktown, 28 Sep - 19 Oct 1781] where he found him still in service as aforesaid in which battle they were engaged, afterwards the said Ryan continued in service untill the disbandment of the continental army

To the best of this deponent recollection he must of served regularly from 1780 in the summer untill the end of the war And this deponent further declares that he knows his widow Ellenor Harper and the said James Ryan aforesaid were lawfully married sometime or about the year 1774 at the Manor Chapel in the said county for this deponent was with many others present and an Eye witness to the fact of the marriage ceremony being performed between the said James Ryan, and now his widow Ellenor Harper, who is applying for a pension for her first husbands James Ryans services aforesaid and who is at this time a living in the aforesaid County who after the death of her first husband, James Ryan, she was married to Joseph Harper And that he knows her to be the same Identical widow of James Ryan aforesaid

James hisXmark Bailey

Baltimore County April 17 1845

J. L. Edwards Esq/ Commissioner of Pensions

Sir, My first husband, James Ryan was a regular soldier of the Revolution 5th Regiment, Maryland line; I was married to him prior to his enlistment. after being several years in the service, he came home to me sick, on Furlough, and died at home with me in Baltimore County prior to the close of the war. You know that I have recently received a Pension of 80\$ per annum, as his Widow, commencing 4 April 1844 (the day of the death of my late Husband Joseph Harper who was a Pensioner).

I now most respectfully apply for arrears of Pension from 4 March 1831 to said 1 April 1844, on account of my first Husband James Ryan as above mentioned.

I am aware that a rigid construction of the Act of Congress passed last session on the subject of Widows Pensions, might militate against my claim. But as it is not on account of Joseph Harper who was receiving a Pension, but on account of James Ryan who never did receive any pension that my claim is founded; It appears to me that a liberal construction of said Act will not be a bar against my claim.

Respectfully soliciting your most favorable consideration of my case I am, your most ob't. servant

Elonor herXmark Harper

NOTE: On 6 June 1844 John Green, about 84, certified the marriages of Eleanor Harper to James Ryan and to Joseph Harper. On 22 August 1844 Nathan Fitzpatrick [S8469] certified that James and Eleanor Ryan were married before the war. On 27 Nov 1844 Thomas Johnston, 84, stated that James and Eleanor

Ryan had two sons born before the Revolutionary War. A document in the file states that a search was made for the marriage record at the Manor Chapel of St. James.