

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters

Pension Application of John Ryland W18847 Elizabeth Ryland VA
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State of Virginia

Mecklenburg Superior Court April Term 1818

John Ryland came into Court made oath that he resides in the County of Mecklenburg & State of Virginia, that he is in reduced circumstances and stands in need of assistance from his Country for support, that he enlisted as a Soldier in the Revolutionary War in the Continental Army about twelve months before the battle of Monmouth [28 Jun 1778] to serve during the continuance of the War, that he was enlisted by Capt. Drury Ragsdale [BLWt1854-300]. that he served as a Corporal in the Company of Capt Anthony Singleton [BLWt2068-300], which Company belonged to Col. Charles Harrison's [VAS1411] Regiment of Artillery. that he the said Ryland returned home upon Furlough granted by Lieutenant Booker [Lewis Booker BLWt8-200] and while at home by authority of said Furlough the War closed that he gave his Furlough and other evidence to Edward L Tabb to receive his pay and obtain his bounty all of which papers are deposited in the proper offices or mislaid. that he never had any other regular discharge.

The following Certificate was delivered & Sworn to in Open Court by Edward L. Tabb Clerk of the County Court of Mecklenburg

I have known John Ryland of the County of Mecklenburg from some short time since the end of the Revolutionary War, until the present time and believe that I was his agent for the purpose of getting his pay and bounty in land as a Non Commissioned Officer in the Regiment of Artillery Commanded by Col Charles Harrison during that war, and if I did not settle his accounts with the Auditor and Register, I well know it was done for I drew the interest upon his pay for many years and sold his Certificate of pay for him and got him a patent for Four hundred acres of land in Kentucky, and which he the said Ryland sold to Thomas Bedford. I have always understood & particularly from Cap. Anthony Singleton who Command a Company in Col Harrison's Regiment, was that Mr. Ryland performed his duty remarkably well. I believe him to be an honest Industrious man whose [illegible word] & whose situation in life require the relief intended by the late Act of Congress – for he is very poor. Edward L Tabb
April 9th 1818

District of Virginia Set

On this 22^d day of August 1820, personally appeared in open Court being a Court of Record made a Court of Record by the act of Assembly and called the County Court of Justice and common Law for the County of Mecklenburg in the District aforesaid John Ryland aged sixty two years, resident in the County aforesaid, who being first duly sworn according to Law, doth on his oath declare that he served in the Revolutionary War as follows he enlisted as a private in Capt Drury Ragsdale's Company in the Regiment of Artillery commanded by Col. Charles Harrison and was afterwards transfer'd to the Company commanded by Capt Anthony Singleton in the same Regiment, in which last mentioned Company he was promoted to the rank of Corporal and was at the following Battles (vizt) Gates' defeat [defeat of Gen. Horatio Gates at the Battle of Camden SC, 16 Aug 1780] Guilford [Guilford Courthouse NC, 15 Mar 1781] Eutaw Springs [SC, 8 Sep 1781] and the Seige of ninety Six [Ninety Six SC, 22 May - 19 Jun 1781], and was in service upwards of five years and when discharged he was at Charleston his original declaration was on the 9th day of April 1818 and his pension Certificate under the law of the 18th March 1818 issued on the 29th day of April 1818 numbered 286 and I do solemnly swear that I was a resident citizen of the United States on the 18th March 1818 and that I have not since that time by gift, sale, or in any manner disposed of my property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself within the provisions 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 18th 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. The use of 100 acres of very poor land during the life of my wife it being held as dower land one old horse purchased upon credit and not yet paid for three shoats or hogs on Iron pot, one oven, one skillet, one set knives & forks, six pewter plates, one pewter dish, two axes & three hoes. my occupation is farming. my family consist of myself and wife who is now about 63 years of age and each of us afflicted with pains, whereby we are sometimes rendered unable to perform the necessary labour to obtain a support by our exertions & a girl slave about 12 or 13 years old which girl I hire by the year of the owner my wife & this girl are all my family residing with me. John Ryland

[From [bounty-land records in the Library of Virginia.](#)]

I certify that Jonh Ryland Inlisted in the first Reg't Art'y in 1777 & Served dureing the war, and was a corporal. L Booker Capt
Jan'y 31st 84 Artil'y
del[ivere]d Cap Booker



NOTES:

A John Ryland is listed as a Matross (artillery private) on the March 1780 payroll of Capt. James Pendleton's company in the 1st Virginia Artillery Regiment.

On 26 June 1840 Elizabeth Ryland, 84, applied for a pension stating that she was married to John Ryland in Mecklenburg County by Parson Craig of the "old Episcopal or 'High Church'" on 9 Jan 1784. Documents in the file indicate that her name before marriage was Elizabeth Russell and that she died 29 Aug 1840. On 24 July 1840 Jane J. Whittimore applied for bounty land as the only surviving child of John Ryland, claiming that he had never received it. She received 100 acres. In the file is a family record transcribed as follows:

John Ryland was born Octr 20th 1760

Departed this life Octr the 2nd 1822

John Ryland was married to Elizabeth Russell Ja'y 9th 1784.

Jinsy Iverson Ryland Daughter of the above two was born Nov'r the 5th 1786.

Wm H Ryland son of the above two was born may the 16th 1788.

Harrison M. Ryland son of the above two was born Feby the 27th 1790.

Nancy Handly Ryland Daughter of the above two was born Dec'r the 4th 1794.