

### **Pension Application for John Ryal**

R.9117 (Widow: Elsie) Married March 2, 1792. John died October 20, 1836.

State of New York

Yates County SS

On the 25<sup>th</sup> day of September in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty two personally appeared in open court before the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas in and for the County of Yates now setting John Ryal of the Town of Benton County of Yates and State of New York aged seventy one years 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 7<sup>th</sup> June 1832.

That he was born in Philips precinct Dutchess County, State of New York on the 24<sup>th</sup> day of April 1781 as he believes from having seen a writing of his fathers.

This deponent resided at Philips Precinct aforesaid during the revolutionary war and would respectfully state that for a number of yeares [years] during said war under the directions of a Committee of Safety at Philips precinct he volunteered on numerous occasion[s] to check Tories and apprehend robbers and deserters among his numerous excursions he was engaged on the alarm occasioned by the murder of Robert Oakly – a collector of [?] who was killed by the Tories, was present at the finding of the corps and dead horse; and took part in the fruitless endeavors to take the perpetrators we found one John Winn who had harboured the murderers and took him to Poughkeepsie where this deponent understood, he was tried and hanged. This deponent went also as guard under the direction of the aforesaid committee at the time says house was robbed at Fishkill pursued the robbers and we killed one Jenkins (on the British lines over the Croton river) supposed to be Captain of the gang as he had Jays cloaths on brought the cloathes [clothes] and several other articles belonging so Pension Application for Thomas Russell (Revolutionary War in NY) Jay among them a silver tankard, back with us and deposited them with Col. Luddington. This deponents is unable to say how long he was engaged in these expeditions taken altogether but the space of time was very considerable.

And this deponent further says that a year or two before the close [of] the revolutionary war he volunteered in the Militia at Philips precinct aforesaid in a company under the command of Captain George Lain or Lane of that place and served one year as a fifer or musition [musician] in said company Major Andrew Hill of Fishkill frequently took command we were employed the most of the time among the mountains of the Highlands on the east side of the north River as a gard [guard] against Tories and robbers and in apprehending deserters this deponent never had a written discharge, Knows of no person living by whome [whom] he can prove his actual services.

This deponent is now all most totally blind now down by age and infirmities and in necessitous circumstances this deponent resided at Philips precinct for a number of years after the revolutionary war then removed into Columbia County near Hudson and there remained about 18 or 20 years then removed to Dutchess County again and

remained a number of years there and then moved to Benton in the County of Yates New York where he has resided six or seven years and where he now resides.

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. (Signed with his mark) John Ryal

Sworn and Subscribed the day and year aforesaid. Thomas J. Nevins—Deputy Clerk.