

Pension Application for Robert Ryan

S.42236 & W.20042 (Widow: Elizabeth) Married October 4, 1784. Robert died June 5, 1839.

B.L.Wt.7693-100-pvt.

Issued Feb 14, 1791.

Schedule. District of New York SS.

On this thirteenth day of September 1820 personally appeared in open court of Cortland County Common Pleas it being a Court of Record; Robert Ryan aged fifty eight years resident in Virgil in said County of Cortland who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath declare that he served in the revolutionary war as follows: (viz) in the first New York Regiment commanded by Colo VanSchaick in Capt Peterson's Company of Infantry; and I did on the eleventh day of April [18?? cut off] apply to the department of War for a pension certificate & have rec'd, said Certificate which is numbered 12,697.

And I do solemnly swear that I was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18th day of March 1818, land that I have not since that time by gift sale or in any other manner disposed of my property or any party 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 & naval service of the United States in the revolutionary war"—passed on the 18th 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 hereunto annexed and by me Subscribed.

My occupation is a farmer but am unable to labor in consequence of sore legs which I got in the Revolutionary War in which I serv'd five years; my family consists of a wife whose name is Elizabeth whose age is fifty six and her health poor and a mother named Mary Sterns whose age is ninety six helpless & Two Sons; David is aged sixteen years and Jonathan aged Twelve years both in usual health.

One hundred & fifty acres of land forty five of which is partly improved \$550, 2 old mares \$30, 2 colts one 2 year old & one year old \$25, 4 cows small & of an inferior quality \$40, 1 two year old \$6, 1 Yearling \$40, 23 sheep \$17.25, 6 Hogs \$9, 11 Geese \$2.75, 12 hens \$.75, 2 old ploughs \$4, 1 drag \$2, 1 old sleigh \$4, 1 old wagon \$12, 1 old fanning mill \$5, 2 meal Barrels \$1.50, 3 pails \$.75, 2 old wheels \$2 [cut off] 1 Reel \$.50, 1 Iron Bar \$1, 7 Iron Kettles of different sizes & & brok[cut off] \$10, 1 Iron Pot \$1, 6 knives & forks old ones \$1, 6 old earthen plates \$.50[cut off], 7 Tin Basins \$.85, 6 cups & saucers \$.20, 2 old chests \$1 Earthen potts \$.30, 1 Looking Glass \$.30, 1 frying pan \$.50 1 sad Irons \$2, 1 Loom \$3., 30 bushels Rye \$9., 3 bushels of wheat \$7.50, 6 bushels peas \$3., 5 Tons hay \$25, 3 bushels of potatoes \$3.75, 1 chain \$1.25, 1 old [lamp?] \$2., 2 old axes \$1.50, 1 oxe Yoke \$1.25. (Signed) Robert Ryan

Sworn to and declared on this 12th day of September 1820 before Edward C. Reed, Oliver Wiswell, Judges of Cortland com. Pleas. Joshua Ballard, Clerk of Cortland County Common Pleas.

Letter in folder dated September 26, 1935, written in response to an inquiry.

The data which follow are obtained from the papers on file in Revolutionary War pension claim, W.20042, based upon the military service in that war of Robert Ryan.

The date and place of birth and the names of the parents of Robert Ryan are not shown.

Robert Ryan enlisted, place not shown, in the spring of 1778, served as a private in the 2nd Company, 3rd New York Regiment, and in Captain Johnson's Company, Colonel VanSchaick's 1st New York Regiment and was discharged about June 7, 1783, having served five years and two months.

He was allowed pension on his application executed April 11, 1818, while a resident of Virgil, Cortland County, New York, and aged about fifty-six years. The Act of 1820, about which you inquire, and under which many Revolutionary War soldiers were dropped from the roll, was an act which required the soldier to submit a schedule of his property and the number of his dependents. When it was found that the soldier possessed an amount of property in excess of that approved by this act, and enough from which to obtain a livelihood, his name was dropped from the roll which was the case with this pensioner. He subsequently made application, however, under another act of Congress, approved in 1828, and remained on the pension roll until his death which occurred on June 5 or 6, 1837, place not shown.

The records show that Warrant No. 7693, for one hundred acres of bounty land was issued February 14, 1791, on account of service in the Revolutionary War or Robert Ryan, private in the New York Line. The act under which this land was granted required that the soldier must have served to the end of the war. This office has no way to determine whether or not the Robert Ryan who received the bounty land were one and the same. Robert Ryan, the Revolutionary War pensioner, stated that his discharge "was carried off by a person with whom he intrusted it for the purpose of obtaining Patent of Lands in the State of New York." No record of land located in the state of New York would be on file in the United States records. For information in regard to the location of the land granted by the United States, cited above, you should address The Commissioner of the General Land Office, Interior Department, this city, and cite the number of the warrant, the acreage and date of issuance.

The soldier married October 4, 1784 or 1785, at Maple Town, near Hoosick Falls, New York, Elizabeth Mars. The date and place of her birth and names of her parents are not shown.

Soldier's widow, Elizabeth, was allowed pension on her application executed August 24, 1838, at which time she was aged seventy-three years and resided in Virgil, New York.

Names of children of Robert and Elizabeth Ryan are shown, as follows:

Catherine Rion, born June 12, 1786, married General Joseph Reynolds, who resided in Cortlandville, New York, in 1839. L Hew as a member of the 24th Congress.

Robert Rion born March 11, 1791.

Mary Rion born June 13, 1796.

John Rion born April 23, 1798.

Elizabeth Rion born April 25, 1801.

David Ron born February 18, 1804.

Jonathan Rion born September 8, 1808, in 1838, he was living in Virgil, New York.

In [1828? Blurred] one Joseph Reynolds was judge of the court for Cortland County, New York, but it was not stated whether or not he and General Joseph Reynolds who married Catherine, daughter of the soldier, were one and the same person.

In 1820, the soldier stated that one member of his family at that time was "a mother names Mary Sterns who age is ninety six years". No relationship of Mary Sterns to soldier and his wife was shown.

In 1839, Elizabeth Marsh, aged seventy-five years and a resident of Chautauqua County, New York, stated that she was a sister-in-law to Elizabeth Ryan, widow of Robert Ryan, but she gave no further data in regard to the relationship.

Elizabeth Ryan, widow of Robert Ryan, Certificate No. 609, issued July 1, 1848, rate \$80 per annum, commenced March 4, 1848, Act of February 2, 1848, New York (Albany) Agency.

Robert Ryan
W.C. 957

The data which follow are obtained from the papers on file in War of 1812 claim for pension, W.C.957, based upon the military service in that war of Robert Ryan.

The date and place of birth and the names of the parents of Robert Ryan are not shown.

Robert Ryan enlisted at Niles, New York, and served from August 23, 1814, to November 29, 1814, as a private in Captain Watson's Company of New York Militia.

He died December 29, 1848, at Niles, New York.

The soldier married December 25 or 26, 1813, at Virgil, Cortland County, New York, Elenor Hanna (her name appears, also, as Hannahs and Hanners). The date and place of her birth and the names of her parents are not shown.

Soldier's widow, Elenor, was allowed pension on her application executed April 13, 1871, while residing in Niles, New York. She gave her age at the time as seventy-four years. In 1850, she had stated that she was aged fifty-six years and in 1855, fifty-nine years. She was living in 1887 at "Dutch Hollow", with post-office at New York, Cayuga County, New York, and then it was stated that she was aged ninety -three years and that she "was a very smart old lady for her age, quite active and very sprightly in conversation."

The only name of a child of Robert and Elenor Ryan that is designated is daughter Margaret Ryan, who was aged eighteen years in 1850 and made affidavit in Cayuga County, New York.

In 1855, William and Jonathan Ryan were residents of Niles, New York. In 1871, John Ryan was aged seventy-three years and lived in Virgil, New York. L No

relationship of any of the above persons with surname Ryan to the soldier and his wife was shown.