

no 15. Ryan, Michael (navy)

S. 45133

New Hampshire

This mariner claimed a pension under the act of 18 March 1818. The pension was granted. Born in 1753 he was 77 years of age at the time he claimed pension in 1820. He stated that he had no family in 1820 and had been a laborer and was without means of income.

In September 1777 he entered on service as a mariner on board the Continental ship "Ranger" then lying in the harbor of Portsmouth, New Hampshire, and commanded by Captain John Paul Jones. The ship sailed in November of the same year. He states that it "went to France, cruised in

The St. George Channel, made  
a descent upon the coast of  
Scotland and, among other  
prizes, captured the British  
Sloop of War Drake, and returned  
to France, when Captain Jones  
left her". The said Michael  
Ryan returned to Portsmouth  
in the ship "Ranger" in 1778  
when he was discharged.

His affidavit was dated  
7 April 1818.

No other detail given.