

1. <sup>ms</sup> Ryan, Richard

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In an affidavit pension claim dated 22 November 1827, Richard Ryan then residing in Ohio provided details of his biography and military service.

He was born in Orange County, North Carolina on 3 September 1756. His birth date is recorded in his father's bible which (in 1827) was in the possession of his son Richard in Preble County, Ohio. This bible was kept by Richard's brother, Peter, until it was turned over to Richard's son, another Richard.

At the time of his enlistment in 1777 at Middleton, South Carolina, he was residing in Columbia County, Georgia.

He enlisted in an Arpaubrey  
Company under Captain Joseph  
Duncan for a term of two years.  
He remained in service for the  
full two year period. This  
company was in a regiment  
under the command of Colonel  
John Stewart initially and later  
under Colonel Elijah Clark.

Captain Duncan was killed in  
action and was replaced by  
Lieutenant Middleton. This  
regiment was in a larger  
group under command of  
General Elbert. This unit was  
at first involved in skirmishes  
with the Indians. He was in the  
Florida Expedition which stopped  
at the St. Marys (?) River by  
sickness of the troops. He was at  
the siege of Savannah, and at

Boyd's defeat at Kettle Creek.

At the end of his two year enlistment he was discharged in Augusta, Georgia. This was a verbal discharge because, due to illness he could not be present at the discharge ceremony.

He stated that after his enlistment expired he remained at the call of service in Georgia and South Carolina. He was called back several times for several weeks each. It was at this time that he served six weeks at the Siege of Savannah under General McIntosh and Lafayette.

After the revolution he lived in the state of Georgia until 1808. At that time he moved to the state of Ohio, Preble County where he was located when he first

claimed a pension on  
22 November 1827. Approximately  
in 1828 he moved to Tippecanoe  
County, Indiana where he lived  
until June 1832. He then moved  
to Lawrence County, Indiana  
with his son, Richard. He was  
still there in 1833 when he  
filed a new statement of his  
service requesting that his  
pension payments be made  
in Indiana. At that time he  
was 77 years of age.

There is a letter in his  
file dated 2 December 1837  
signed by James K. Polk, then  
Speaker of the House of Rep-  
resentatives stating that Richard  
Ryan wished to be transferred  
from the Pension agency of  
Indiana to that of West Tennessee.

The intervention of Palk was required because he was apparently experiencing difficulty proving that he was entitled to Pension in Tennessee. On 10 February 1837 he had filed claim in Tennessee stating that his wife had died and that he had come with his son, Richard, who wished to live in Tennessee in Williamson County where he was apparently a farmer.

Ich does not state when he died. His pension was \$80 per annum.

