

18. Ryan, William
North Carolina

S. 7436

This man was a private in the company of Captain O'Neal, North Carolina for an 18 month enlistment beginning in 1780. He was granted a pension of \$60 per annum to begin 4 March 1831 paid by the State of North Carolina

William Ryan swore that he was born 17 September 1762 in Guilford County, North Carolina and that he knew that this was his age because he had seen his birthdate recorded in his fathers bible. He stated that he had resided in Guilford County since his birth and he appears to have lived in the same county after the war

until his death. He was still
in Guilford County in
1833

On 22 August 1832 he
filed an affidavit to the effect
that he was first drafted for
three months. He apparently
was listed. He first marched
into Rowan and Chatham
counties in North Carolina,
in the company of Captain
O'Neal, in pursuit of Tories,
then marched to General
Rutherford's camp in Mecklenburg
County, North Carolina, eventually
joining the American Army
commanded by General Gates
and the Baron de Kalb shortly
before the defeat of Gates at Camden.
He was with Gates at the defeat, and
shortly later was discharged.

He volunteered for as long
as troops were required for
the defence of the country. Was
assigned in a troop of cavalry
commanded by Captain David
Gillespie. There is considerable
detail of the nature of actions seen
by him in this file.

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