

John Ryan

Randolph Co., Va. On this 22nd day of October, 1832, personally appeared in open court before the justices of the court of Randolph County, JOHN RYAN, a resident of said county aged 73 years to make declaration to obtain the benefits of the Act of Congress passed June 7, 1832—that he entered the service of the U.S. under the following named officers and served as herein stated: That in the month of Aug. in 1778 or 1779 he cannot say which with certainty, on Patterson's Creek a branch of the Potomac in the county of Hampshire in the State of Va. He entered the service as a volunteer in a company commanded by Capt. Abraham Johnson and marched under him to Fort McIntosh near the mouth of the Big Beaver on the Ohio soon after he reached McIntosh's fort, it was thought proper that some of the troops should advance further into the enemies county (the Indians) he volunteered under Capt. Josiah Swearingen for this expedition and was marched to the Tuskaraway River and aided in building Fort Laurens. Remained at Fort Laurens for about 3 months, while there the Fort was commanded by Col. Gibson, General McIntosh was also at the fort, he also thinks that an officer by the name of Brodhead was there but his rank is not recalled. Col. Harrison of Rockingham Co.Va., and Col. Morrow of Berkeley Co. Va. were also there. While at Fort Laurens a considerable number of Indians appeared near the fort and remained some time. A treaty with them was mutch talked of but does not recollect whether a treaty was concluded or not. From Fort Laurens he was marched back to Fort McIntosh and about the 1st of Feb., he thinks 1780, was discharged. He reached home about the 1st of March, having been gone from six to seven months, his discharge he has lost.

Before Archibald Earle, Clerk of the Court of Randolph Co. John Ryan placed on the roll at \$41.66

John Ryan was born in Hampshire Co., Va., in 1759 and lived there at the commencement of the war.