

Pension Application for Stephen Ryerson

W.6107 (Widow: Mary Kime Ryerson) Married March 1793 in the County of Bath in Virginia. Stephen Ryerson died December 10th 1849. Mary stated she had 10 children born of her body, and all were "now living".

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For Service in 1812, (N.C.) Col. Atkinson En Nov 1814 to Mch 1815.

State of North Caroling

County of Stokes

On the 16th day of October personally appeared in open court before the Judge of the Supreme Court now sitting Stephen Ryerson a resident of the said County of Stokes & State of North Carolina aged sixty nine years on the ninth of February last who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed June [?] 1832.

That he entered into the service of the United States of America as a soldier in the revolutionary war and served as herein stated.

That in the fall of the year 1777 (the precise time he cannot recollect) in Dutchess County State of New York he enlisted under Captain Ludenton of the New York State troops or he [?] for the period of eighteen months in the regiment commanded by Col. Ludenton brother to his captain the regiment was attached to the command of Genl Penchaly whose appeal [?] was of the Continental Army but or already [?] he is not confident and cannot say with certainty whether his service was merely in the state or upon Continental Establishment. That upon his enlistment the company and regiment to which he belonged were required to serve and did serve by reconnoitering the British forces, then in the City of New York and its vicinity.

That in performance of this duty he with his company and regiment was occasionally stationed in New Rochele the White Plains, TarryTown & other places in the neighborhood or not very far from the City of New York.

That about four months after his enlistment – he with about [sixty?] others of the soldiers of said regiment—went under the command of Capt Simpson & Lieut Willis in order to reconnoiter the [?] of the enemy near Tarry Town when the entire detachment was surprised by the British and after a short skirmish deponent with about forty others all that survived the attack was taken prisoner and [?] in a prison on guard ship to the Town of Plymouth in England where he and his companions in captivity were declares for about six month when he & they were exchanged and returned to their country.

That at the time of his return to the United States the British were stationed in considerable force about one mile above the City of New York at or above Kings Bridge between Hudson & East River.

That upon his release he again enlisted into the service and remained for the balance of his enlistment under his aforesaid Captain during which time he remained in the same part of the state of New York engaged in the same [?] & service. That upon the conclusion of the term of his enlistment he was discharged in writing by

Captain in the State of New York. He has since lost or mislaid his discharge so that he cannot produce the same.

He states that he has no written or documentary testimony of his service nor does he know of any one now living by whom he could prove the same or any part thereby.

In answer to the interrogatories of the Court he father states that he was born in the County of Dutchess State of New York, in the year 1763 on the 9th of February that he has no record of his age. That he lived in said County of Dutchess when he joined the service, that he lived in Rockledge County State of [?] at the close of the Revolutionary War that he now resides in the County of Stokes State of North Carolina where he has lived for thirty three years and upwards.

That he is well known to James Deareny & James Daws Esquires who reside in his neighborhood and who will testify their belief of his having been a revolutionary soldier as he has stated.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and he declares that his name is not on the pension roll of any agency in any state whatever. (Signed with his mark) Stephen Ryerson

Sworn to & subscribed in open court the day & year aforesaid. Thos T. Armstrong, clk

State of North Carolina
County of Stokes SS

On this sixth day of September AD one thousand eight hundred and fifty five personally appeared before me a Justice of the peace within and for the County & State aforesaid Mary Ryerson aged about seventy five years a resident of Stokes County & State of North Carolina who being duly sworn according to law, declares that she is the widow of Stephen Ryerson deceased who was a private in the company commanded by Captain John L. Houser of the 10th Regim't of North Carolina Militia commanded by Colo Atkinson in the war with Great Brittain [Britain] declared by the United States the 18th June 1812.

That her husband the said Stephen Ryerson Dec'd went into service as a substitute for a certain James Davis and continued in actual service in the said war from sometime in November 1814 untill peace was made in February 1815 and was honorably discharged at Norfolk in Virginia.

That she has heretofore made application for county land under the act of September 28, 1850 and received a land warrant (No not recollected) for Forty acres which she has since legally disposed of and cannot return, she makes this declaration for the purpose of obtaining the additional bounty land to which she may be entitled under the act approved the 3d day of march 1855, her name was Mary Kime before her marriage to Stephen Ryerson aforesaid and continues unmarried his widow.

That her husband the aforesaid Stephen Ryerson died in Stokes County N. Carolina on the 10th day of December 1849.1 She begs the department to refer to the proof she produced in obtaining the aforesaid forty acres, also to her obtaining a

pension No. 6316 dated the 23d January 1855 signed by Robt McClelland Secretary of the Interior for Services of her said husband in the War of the Revolution.

She hereby constitutes and appoints Isaac N. Coffin to receive her land warrant when issued & forward it to Charles Banner. (Signed with her mark) Mary Ryerson

Sworn to & subscribed the day & year first above mentioned before me the above [??] made before m. J. F. Riddick J.P.

This is from the Department of the Interior, Bureau of Pensions. Washington DC, in response for a statement of the military history of Stephen Reyerson.

Dates of Enlistment or Appointment	Length of Service	Rank	Captain	Colonel	State
Fall of 1777		Pvt	Luddington	Luddington	NY
After serving	4 mos, he was detached under Capt.Simpson; was in a ssskirmish near Tarrytown, NY was captured and carried to Plymouth, England, where he was held 6 mos, then exchanged, returned to the army and colpleted the term of 18 mos for which he had enlisted.				
Nov 28, 1814	Feb 22, 1815	Pvt	John LawrenceHouser	Atkinson	N.C.

Battles engaged in, see above.

Residence of soldier at enlistment, Dutchess Co., N.Y.

Date of application for pension, Oct 16, 1832. His claim was allowed.

Residence at date of application, staokes Co.1, N.C. where he had lived 33 years.

Age at date of application, b. Feb 9, 1763 in Dutchess Co. N.Y.; he married in Bath Co. in Vir in March 1793, Mary Kinne, he died in Stokes Co., N.C. Dec 10, 1849 and she was allowed pension on an ap [application] ex [executed] Dec 11, 1850 while a resident of Stokes Co., N.C. aged 74 years. Children in 1850: James 52 years; Elender 50 years; Bethany 48 years; Margaret 46 years; Elisha 44 years; Elijah 42 years; Charles 40 years; Stephen Jackson 37 years; Winston 35 years; William G. 36 years.