

CAPTAIN THOMAS RANKIN

Rankin Thomas

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ASSOCIATORS AND MILITIA.

Thomas Rankin is a documented Soldier by D.A.R. His record states Thomas was born in Ireland c. 1724, and his wife was Isabel Clendennen (1724-1836). The D.A.R. record gives Thomas' date of death as 1810; however, descendants give his death on October 2, 1812. The stated source of this information is a Family Bible. D.A.R. shows Thomas Rankin drew Pension; however, given his year of death, the Pensioner was most likely his widow, Isabel. A man of this name received a North Carolina Land Grant for 150 acres on Dumplin Creek [Jefferson County, TN].

APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP.

National Number _____ State Number _____

ISSUED BY AUTHORITY OF THE NATIONAL BOARD OF TRUSTEES.

Buffalo N.Y. Sept 26 1922

TO THE BOARD OF MANAGERS OF

THE EMPIRE STATE SOCIETY

OF THE

SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION.

I, Alexander Taylor Rankin being of the age of twenty-one years and upwards, to wit, of the age of Forty One hereby apply for membership in this Society by right of lineal descent in the following line from Thomas Rankin who was born in Derry County Ireland on the _____ day of _____ 1724 and died in Jefferson County Tennessee on the _____ day of _____ 1810 and who assisted in establishing American Independence.

I was born in Buffalo County of Erie

State of New York on the 30 day of August 1881

(1) I am the son of William Rankin born 1838, died 1919, and his wife Mary L. Wilson born 1848, died 1904, married 1866

(2) grandson of Alexander Taylor Rankin born 1803, died 1885, and his wife Mary M. Lowry born 1810, died 1841, married 1829

(3) great-grandson of Richard Rankin born 1756, died 1827, and his wife Jane Steele born 1764, died 1846, married _____

(4) great-great-grandson of Thomas Rankin born 1724, died 1810, and his wife Mary Isabelle Clendennen born _____, died _____, married _____

(5) great-great-great-grandson of _____ born _____, died _____, and his wife _____ born _____, died _____, married _____

(6) great-great-great-great-grandson of _____ born _____, died _____, and his wife _____ born _____, died _____, married _____

and he, the said Thomas Rankin (No. 4) is the ancestor who assisted in establishing American Independence, while acting in the capacity of Soldier (Private Captain) Washington County, Penna. Const. Serv.

ANCESTOR'S SERVICE.

"SECTION 1. Any man shall be eligible to membership in the Society who, being of the age of twenty-one years or over, and a citizen of good repute in the community, is the lineal descendant of an ancestor who was at all times unflinching in his loyalty to, and rendered active service in, the cause of American independence, either as an officer, soldier, seaman, marine, militiaman, or minute man, in the armed forces of the Continental Congress, or of any one of the several Colonies or States, or as a signer of the Declaration of Independence, or as a member of a Committee of Safety or Correspondence, or as a member of any Continental, Provincial, or Colonial Congress or Legislature, or as a recognized patriot who performed actual service by overt acts of resistance to the authority of Great Britain."—Constitution of National Society S. S. R., Article III, Section 1, adapted June 2, 1917.

Membership is based upon one original claim; when the applicant derives eligibility by descent from more than one ancestor, and it is desired to take advantage thereof, separate applications, to be marked "Supplemental Application," should be made in each case and filed with the original.

State fully such documentary or traditional authority as you found the following record upon, and also the residence of ancestors, with dates of birth and death, if known.

By order of the Board of Trustees, May 1, 1911, the recipient of a certificate granted on this application agrees to surrender his certificate upon failure to pay his membership fee, unless his membership shall cease by reason of death or actual disability, to be determined by the Society of which he is a member.

My ancestor's services in assisting in the establishment of American Independence during the War of the Revolution were as follows:

Thomas Rankin and his four oldest sons served in the Revolutionary War from Pennsylvania Archives 5th Series Vol. 4 #1494-725

Thomas is believed to be one of the founders of the Timber Ridge Presbyterian Church in 1786. Revolutionary War Soldiers, Richard Rankin and William Rankin are thought to be his sons.