Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of Francis Ayers (Ayres) R26086
Transcribed and annotated by C. Leon Harris. Revised 24 June 2014.

[A printed form with handwritten entries shown in italics]

No Old War

ORIGINAL PENSION OF MINOR CHILDREN.

Children, Sarah Sowards
Guardian _____ Soldier, Francis Ayers
P.O., Nebo Rank, Private
County, Pike Company, Captain Thomas Snead’s Co.
State, Illinois Regiment, 9 Virginia Regiment
Continental Establishment Revolutionary War

Rate, $____ per month, commencing____ and $2 a month additional for each child, as follows:

{Born _____}
{ } Commencing____
{Sixteen _____}

Payments on all former certificates covering any portion of same time to be deducted.

RECOGNIZED ATTORNEY.
Name, C. W. Patterson Fee, $____, Agent to pay.
Post-office, Pittsfield Ill. Articles filed

APPROVALS.
Submitted for Rjct August 4, 1905, Pearce Thompson, Examiner.
Approved for rejection on the grounds that the claim falls within the prohibition of Section 4742 R.S. US.
which forbids allowance to Children or other descendant of Revolutionary war soldier where such
soldier or his widow died without having established a claim for pension.

IMPORTANT DATES
Enlistment, February 1776 Minors’ claim filed, ______
Discharge, November 30, 1777 Guardian appointed, ______
Other service, ______ Former marriage of soldier, ______
Death,____, 1845? Death or divorce of former wife, ______
Invalid claim filed, None Last marriage of soldier, ______
Invalid paid to ______ Death or remarriage of widow, ______
Widow’s claim filed, None Former marriage of ______ wife, ______
Widow paid to ______ Death or divorce of former husband, ______
Claimant does ______ write. No M. C.

[The following is from rejected claims in the Library of Virginia.]

The deposition of Robert Russell Sen [pension application W5753] aged about seventy two years, who
being first duly sworn deposes and saith, that he was well acquainted with Francis Ayres and Henry
Ayres, who both as well as this deponent enlisted in Capt Thomas Sneads Company of Infantry in the
Ninth Virginia Regiment on Continental Establishment in the Revolutionary War That the said Henry
Ayres died in the service in the State of New Jersey; That the said Francis Ayres served the time for
which he enlisted, as well as the deponent [illegible word] he thinks was three years, that he believes the
said Francis served longer than the time of his enlistment, but of that he is not positive as this deponent
was taken a prisoner
Sworn to and subscribed before me this 4th day of March 1831    Robert hisXmark Russell Sr
Levin L. Joynes

NOTES:
    Capt. Thomas Snead’s company was raised in Accomack County VA.
    According to a typed summary, Sarah Sowards was 77 on 14 July 1905 when she applied for the
pension as the youngest daughter and only living child of Francis Ayers. It states that the wife of Francis
Ayers was named Mary, and she died about seven years before her husband.