Pension Application of Henry Ayres W445
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State of Tennessee }
County of Robertson } On this 14th day of August 1832 personally appeard in open Court before the Court of Robertson County now sitting Henry Ayres a resident of the State of Tennessee in the County of Robertson aged about 79 years 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 7 1832 that he enterd the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated. I entered the service of the United States in Bedford County in the State of Virginia in the year 1775 in the month of September and remained in the service twelve months the company to which I belonged was commanded by William Campbell. I entered the service as a volunteer – subsequently I entered the service as a regular soldier under Captain Harry Terrill [Henry Terrill] of the 5th Virginia Reg't for the term of three years and remained in service during the three years and was regularly discharged by Major Henry Lee which discharge I have not now in my possession during the last term of service I was in a skirmish with the British on the 3rd September I think 1777 at red clay creek I think in Pennsylvania [sic: probably Battle of Cooch's Bridge near White Clay Creek near Christiana DE]. I was also in the Battle of Brandywine [11 Sep 1777] under Lt Colonel Richard Parker in the state of Pennsylvania. I was also in several skirmishes the place and time not now so well recollected. the last general engagement I was in was at the Battle of German Town [Germantown PA, 4 Oct 1777] then under the command of Col Josiah Parker and Lieutenant Col. William Davis [sic: William Davies]. I hereby relinquish every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and I do declare that my name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any state. Sworn to & subscribed in open Court on the sixteenth day of August in the year afforesaid [signed] Henry Ayres

State of Tennessee } This day personally appeared James Mitchell [pension application S2836]
Robertson County } before me Milton Bourne an acting Justice of the peace in and for said County and made oath in due form of law that he is well acquainted with Henry Ayres the within applicant who now resides in this county. I also knew the said Ayres in the United States army and that he remained in said army for three years and believe he was under the command of Gen'l. Mulinburg [sic: Peter Muhlenberg] and further believe that the statements in the foregoing declaration to be true.
Sworn & subscribed to before me September 10th 1832 [signed] James Mitchell

NOTE: On 30 May 1843 Susan Ayres, age 81 on the following 7 Aug, applied for a pension stating that she married Henry Ayres in Surry County NC in Jan 1781, and he died 22 Sep 1833. She stated that they lived in South Carolina for 14 years before moving to Robertson County TN. The file includes a letter referring to their son, Lemuel Ayres.