

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of Francis Ayers (Ayres) R26086

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[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 deposed 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 possitive 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.