

Pension Application for Jedediah Ayers or Ayres

S.44565

State of New York

Montgomery County SS

In conformity with the provisions of the Act of Congress of the United States of America passed 18th March 1818 entitled an act to provide for certain persons engaged in the Land and Naval service of the United States in the Revolutionary War – the following declaration in writing is made under oath by Jedediah Ayres—of the town of Johnstown in the County of Montgomery in the State of New York before the Hon. James Hildreth Esquire one of the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas in and for the County of Montgomery in the said state in which the said Jedediah Ayres doth reside that is to say.

I Jedediah Ayres—aged Fifty Seven on the 15th day of December last of the town of Johnstown in the County of Montgomery and State of New York on this 20th day of May 1818—

Do solemnly, sincerely and truly swear and declare that I served against the common enemy in the Army of the Revolution for six years & one month on the continental establishment, and that I am a resident citizen of the United States to wit in the town, county and state aforesaid, and that by reason of my reduced circumstances in life I am in need of the assistance of my country for support, that I served in the said Revolutionary War in the capacity of a Fifer.—

That I enlisted at Springfield—in the State of Massachusetts into the company commanded by Captain albert [blank] Colonel Barnabas Seer's [blank] Regiment and Massachusetts Line on or about the 15th day of one thousand seven hundred and seventy seven and continued in said corps until on or about the 15th day of November one thousand seven hundred and seventy nine—when I was discharged from service at White Plains—in the State of New York.

That I immediately on the same day enlisted into the company commanded by Captain Day, Colonel Davies or Davidsons Regiment and Virginia Line being known and distinguished by General Washington's Guard and continued in said Corps untill the conclusion of the War in June one thousand seven hundred and Eighty three when I was discharged from service at the head of Elk River in Maryland.

That I have been in the Battles of White Plains, Monmouth & York town at the taking of Cornwallis and a number of skirmishes in different parts of the United States.

That my discharges have been casually lost or destroyed and that I have no other evidence now in my power of my said services.

In witness of the truth of the declaration I have subscribed the same in the presence of the said Judge and have solemnly deposed to the truth thereof on the day herein before for that purpose specified. (Signed) Jedediah Ayers

Sworn before this 20th day of May 1818. James Hildreth, Judge of the Court of Common Pleas of Montgomery County.

Letter in folder dated October 12, 1927, written October 12, 1927 in response to an inquiry.

I have to advise you from the papers in the Revolutionary War pension claim S.44565, it appears that Jedediah Ayres (pensioned Ayres) was born December 15, 1760, place not stated.

He enlisted at Springfield, Massachusetts, in June or July 1776 and served three months as a fifer in Captain Albert's Company, Colonel Barnabas Sears' Massachusetts Regiment; and immediately enlisted in Captain Day's Company, Colonel Davies or Davidsons' Regiment in General Washington's Life Guards. He was in the battles of White Plains, Monmouth, Morristown and Yorktown and was discharged June 1783.

He was allowed pension on his application executed May 20, 1818, while a resident of Johnstown, Montgomery County, New York.

In 1820, he referred to his wife, Experience as aged fifty-three years, and to the following children-Daniel, aged sixteen years; Judith, aged fourteen years; Morgan Lewis, aged ten years; and Maria, aged eight years. There are no further data as to family.