

**Pension Application for William Ayer or Ayers or Airs**

W.15722 (Widow: Mary) Married June 9, 1778. He died June 6, 1827.

Letter in folder from the Department of The Interior, Bureau of Pensions, Washington, D.C. Dated September 10, 1895.

Replying to your request for the military history of William Ayres, a soldier of the Revolutionary War, you are advised that his widow made an application for a pension on April 3, 1837, at which time she was residing in Fishersfield, N.H., and seventy-eight years of age, and from her papers it appears that the soldier enlisted at Haverhill, Mass, in the year 1776, to serve one year as a private in Capt McFarland's Co., and that during a portion of this term of service he acted as a waiter to one of the officers of the Massachusetts troops (perhaps Capt. Timothy Eaton). The next year he served one tour of four months duration and one of three months; enlisted at Haverhill, Mass., but officers names not stated; Sept. 4, 1779, enlisted at Haverhill, Mass., and served nine months as a private in Capt. Merrill's Co., Mass. Troops. It was stated by the widow that he was at the surrender of Burgoyne and by one of the witnesses that he was in the battle of White Plains.

He married Mary Runels on June 9, 1778, and died June 6, 1827.